



## **Report on the 1<sup>st</sup> National Youth Conference**

**Calabar, 12-14 October, 2007**

**Venue: West Africa Peoples Institute Calabar, Cross River**

**State- Nigeria**

### **Introduction:**

As part of the efforts to create in-person, national scale networking of youth efforts in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria. Creating Local Connections in West Africa-Nigeria (CLCWA) hosted a 3-day National youth conference in Calabar, Cross River State. This first National Conference on Building Sustainable Growth and Development in our communities- was held with the theme **“Youth Access and Participation”**

The conference took place at West African People’s Institute (WAPI) assembly hall with more than 90 young people in attendance.

### **Conference Objectives**

The conference provided delegates/participants the opportunity to hear and share experience with various stakeholders especially the youths. The conference was designed to encourage youth’s active participation in community development and to encourage the development and maintenance of productive relationship between governments/organizations and citizens/client and other stake holders.

Objectives of the conference included:

• Promote understanding of the concept of Youth Access and Participation in community development as well as the participative practice and its good governance  
• Explore what works: Showcase innovation and promote good practice in young peoples’ initiatives and participation in community development.  
• Discuss and develop conceptual and theoretical frameworks and directions for the future with key stakeholders,  
• Build understanding on evidence of leadership, capacity and capability issues for youths/community and governments/organizations,  
• Create ongoing national and regional networks collaboration and creating community interest around issues awareness.  
• The event will be used to select Volunteer State Coordinators for states like Akwaibom, Bayelsa, Edo, Abia, and Imo

## **Day I: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2007**

### **Arrival and registration**

Participants and Conference Facilitators/volunteers registered their names and introduced themselves and the Organization they represent.

**Conference Moderator:** The moderator of the conference was Victor Gotevbe of NIPRO, Nigeria

**e Remarks:** Mr. Gbenga Sesan who was called upon to give a welcome remark welcomed

participants and facilitators to the event. In his remark, he enjoined participants to use this opportunity to get inform and involve in the CLCWA project in the Country. He encouraged all the participants to be proactive in their communities and support the CLCWA project. In his speech he mentioned that all participants are potential change makers and we are all here not to discuss about computers but ask ourselves, how can I as a young person use ICTs for Development?

Excellence Uso, the coordinator of Young People Initiative (YPI), also welcomed participants to the event and enjoined them to be more informed, involved and inspired during these 3-day event.

The National Coordinator of CLCWA, Mr. Jerry Nwigwe in his remark thanked and welcomed all participants HE then gave a brief overview of CLCWA project in Nigeria. He stated that the project is aimed at realizing the great potential of Youths in West Africa as Development Actors through ICTs, The project he said is for youths that are ‘‘PHD’’ Poor in knowledge, Hungry to change the world and be leaders of today and Driven for opportunity, driven to aspire and He further mention that the Project is currently going on in five (5) other west African countries of Senegal. Liberia, Ivory Coast, and Guinea

**Opening Address:** The conference was declared open by the Hon. Commission of Youths who was ably represented by a Director in the Ministry in the person of Chief Chris Momnang. In his words ‘‘I am excited at this opportunity to address this gathering of stakeholders on youth development from all over the federation, to discuss relevant issues aimed at re-shaping policies and encouraging the positive and active participation of our youths in community development

efforts, especially in Niger Delta region” , He pledge the support of the Youth Ministry in the state to the CLCWA project and other youth led initiatives in the state.

**Goodwill Messages;** Good Will Message was received from the Hon Commissioner of Information Dr. Mrs. Silva Astu, who was accompanied by her communication officer, Mr. Benedict Ohashe. She welcomed all participants to Calabar and enjoined all participants to take what they had learnt seriously. She wished participants positive deliberation and pledge her ministry support to CLCWA Nigeria.

**Response by Civil Society Groups and others:** Ms Pamela Braide of **YES Nigeria Network** thanked TIG/CLCWA for the events and welcomed participants to the conference. In her words “I am very excited to be here because I like am passionate about people doing positive things that impacts people’s lives.”

Mr. Excellence Uso, the CEO of **Young people Initiative, (YPI) Nigeria**, gave a brief overview of the mandate of YPI Nigeria as a youth led organization that support sustainable development. YPI Nigeria is head office is in Calabar, Nigeria.

**Paper Presentations:** Mr. Belejit Ikuru of NLNG (Nigeria) Youth Development Dept. presented a paper on **Sustainable Youth Engagement, the NLNG Experience**. In his presentation, he stated that community engagement framework entails consultations all ways and always, participatory learning and planning with stakeholders, leveraging on Expertise and resources, stakeholders’ identification with their project and local capacity building and empowerment of men, women and youths.

According to him, the challenges of sustainable youth engagement on the basis of access and participation include; Role of government/social cooperate responsibility, sustaining stakeholders interest, inter/intra communal conflicts, state of infrastructure and management of emerging issues.

Blessing Francis Ene of CLCWA peer-2-peer ICT Student Alumni persenated a paper on **CLCWA Project, My Experience**. During her presentation she thanked TIG/CLCWA for giving her the opportunity to get informed, involved and inspired. In her words “During the training I was made to understand that at my age I can change the world and by communicating with other youths in and out of the country, so I decided to form a group of 83 members” According to her, the group is subdivided into health, unemployment and education. In our country the less privileged has no money to go to clinics. She hope to change that reality.

**WORKING GROUPS SESSION:**

Below is a summary of the working group sessions that took place on the first day event. The first working group centered on *Youth Leadership and Community Participation*; which was moderated by the Bauchi state coordinator, Ms. Nancy Schwarmwen. She gave an overview of Leadership as speaking, listening and acting in way that mobilizes self and others to take effective action to realize dreams, visions and possibilities . Leadership is concerned about the future. Questions were used to generate ideas from the participants of this group. Such as:

**How do young people understand what leadership is? And they gave the following response as:**

As adult on top of the affairs  
Leadership is having ability to influence other people  
Responsibility, ability to carry along a group of people  
Getting into positions and being a servant not a ruler

**What role would young people play in the leadership of their community?**

Young people stand as advocates for other youths.  
Young people are creating changes in their various communities.  
Constructive criticism of our leadership.  
Young people are educators.  
Young people are models to other young persons.

**What challenges do young people face in this role?**

Age discrimination: Adultism – Nobody wants to listen to be you are a young person.  
Your immediate family :- they are not encourage as most  
Finance: they face challenges.  
Gender issues-

**What are the possibilities of young people taking leadership roles in the Niger Deltas?**

The possibilities are high, but its important we develop ourselves, get informed and act as leaders, and have a clean state.  
The possibilities is we young people working with adults as colleagues, and for us youths to acknowledge as someone that has something to offer.  
Develop strategies.  
Let's make ourselves relevant so that they will see the need to call us.  
We develop ourselves thus we will have high chances of taking up leadership roles in all sector of life.  
Youths advocate for economic empowerment for all young people

### **Hostage taking, kidnapping and harmful protect- What young people are saying**

- It has become way of livelihood for youths in the Niger Delta so there is need for empowering youths positively
- Youth are advocating for a cause
- It is caused by inadequate security policies, marginalization, inadequate job opportunities
- All stakeholders should ensure better cooperate social responsibilities , create jobs, handle environmental issues more seriously such as good and effective flood strategies

### **Working group 2: *Rural youth ICT Barriers and Challenges***

**Moderator: Timothy Oghene-Delta State CLCWA coordinator**

**The rural areas are less developed with people who don't have access to certain privileges such as good roads, good health systems etc.**

#### **Barriers and Challenges**

- Accessibility of infrastructure /facilities
- Financial incapacity among majority of youths
- Poor infrastructures
- Misconception of what ICT is all about
- Lack of communication and awareness

### **Working Group 3: *Regional cooperation and peace building***

**Moderator: Dodeye Esua- DEDERC**

#### **Intro:**

Regional cooperation is the coming together of people. Communities, nations e.t.c for a common goal and objective.

Regional conflict has to do with disagreements, disharmony and disunity between different communities.

#### **Causes of regional conflict :**

- Ideological differences
- Inadequate allocation of resources
- Land disputes

- Human rights abuses
- Tribalism
- Poor Policy Implementation

#### **Strategies towards peace building and regional cooperation**

- Periodic Stakeholders meetings to address issues
- Adequate allocation of resources
- Adequate legislature toward land ownership
- Respect towards human rights
- Unity and oneness
- Integration of youths in Policy formulation and implementation

### ***Working Group 4: Youth Entrepreneurship and Microfinance***

**Moderator: Adeniji oluwatosin**

#### **Intro:**

#### **The Role of Young people in Entrepreneurship**

- To expand and develop potential
- Peer-to-peer training/capacity building
- To encourage Micro financing and refunding of loans
- Imbibe money-saving culture
- Mentorship and role modeling
- Youths can forms groups and produce action orientated initiatives
- Youths can advocate for more youth orientated Microfinance

#### **The Role of Government**

- Entrepreneurship training for youths should be included in schools curriculum
- Government should support youth initiatives
- Government should work on the supply of social services such as poer supply which is the life-blood of any society
- Government should ensure volunteer scheme because this build a cooperate social responsibility in people
- Microfinance policy should be revisited
- Bank policy on “ collateral issues” should be revisited in order to accommodate youths interests
- Government should endeavor to create more effective channel of communication for information exchange.
- Youths should be involved in policy making

## **Working Group 5: *Children & youths-Health and Development***

**Moderator: Kolawole Oruoluwa-Oyo State CLCWA Coordinator**

### **Intro:**

Young People and children are vulnerable groups to health issues. This is due to their physical immaturity and probably as a result of their environment

### **What are the health challenges that face young people and children in Nigeria?**

- Child Mortality (Polio, Malnutrition, malaria, cholera, measles)
- HIV' AIDS
- Substance abuse (drug abuse, alcohol, smoking)
- Hunger and Poverty

### **How does these challenges impede on development?**

- It reduces continuity of human progress
- Children with these problems can not contribute positively to the development of the community
- Reduction in the number of children and youth who are the potential future leaders.
- Money allocated for other aspect of development will be directed to fight these health challenges , thereby resulting in fall in the economy of the nation

### **What policies are there to protect children and young persons? What challenges face these policies?**

- Child Right Bill
- National Health Insurance scheme
- These policies are not been implemented in several State of the country
- If the police are there, it only a few that have access and participation
- Most parent don't know that these policies are available so they don't claim their rights
- Religious and cultural barrier especially in the north

### **What are the ways forward?**

- Public orientation
- Community engagement/mobilization through community based organization
- Community ownership
- Monitoring/Evaluation of the policies
- Youths should be involved in the policy formulation and implementation.

## Day 2

Day 2 of the conference started with an opening prayer and the recap of Day one activities by Mr. Victor Gotevbe of Nipro. The day's activity focused on providing the young people with case studies and tools for effective youth participation in development.

The first seminar was the '**ICT for Development**' which was presented by Mr. Gbenga Sesan; the Paradigm Initiative Nigeria (PIN) Executive Director. He gave a quick introduction on application of ICTs as well as giving an overview on what should be done before an ICT project starts. The examples on ICT applications are e-Health, Precision Agriculture, ICT for Peace, e-Business, e-DulnfoTainment, e-Mployment, e-Advocacy. He later gave an analysis of computer ownership, usage and IT learning obstacles. He challenged the youths to be innovative in their approach to information propagation. "Make some noise, let the world hear about your good!!". It could be through blogs, website, mailing list, Wikipedia, multimedia (e.g Video), You -tube, face book e.t.c. He gave instances on how innovative technologies have been contributing to change. We should start to use tech to solve problems, may be one of them could be an innovation. He used Nigeria's HIV/AIDS prevalent decline as a case study. What stopped us from using tools like flash or any animator to design a graph that can allow you to identify how HIV/AIDS prevalent drops in a country related to poverty so that anybody can download them and use it for planning.

The critical part of the project is a baseline study before you start a project. And also in understanding feedback. He challenged the youth to understand communities before setting up projects so as to be sure of its sustainability.

He linked access to community development and added that ". He concludes by throwing an insight on the need for Monitoring and Evaluation to be integrated in an ICT project. He said this will enable project reports and tracking to be easier. He later made a comparison between now and yesteryears in which he challenged youth to be more proactive and see what they can contribute to the nation through ICTs.

This was followed by a small summary of ICT in development presentation by the panelist made of Mr. Hanson, Razep Egbe Echeng, Ms Kemi Akejui chaired by Timothy Ogene.

On her own aspect Razep Egbe Echeng of Cross River State University of Technology (CRUTECH) gave an overview on how she has been applying ICT in area of work; she said that the information revolution is not about technology, it is about people. This is increasingly recognized and has led to the convergence of major global development initiatives. Today, there

is a strong correlation in the quest for an inclusive and equitable information society and the effort to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). ICT provide an overarching enabling platform for development processes especially when it has to do with youth since they are the major player/users of the cutting edge technology. All leading experts in their field – leave no doubt that the power of ICT can most effectively be harnessed through participation and cooperation of all stakeholders and all sectors of society – government, civil society and the private sector. This can be done by combining their particular competencies and resources can the massive roll-out of innovative ICT-based services and the scale-up of youth-led development interventions be achieved which are necessary to make a lasting developmental impact.

This was followed by a presentation by Tope of APTECH. He gave an overview of what APTECH is doing in Nigeria and how youth could get involved. He went further to state the importance of certification which is internationally recognized. He said that part of training is to promote positive ICT culture in Nigeria.

The presentations were followed by contributions from those who are doing work in the area of ICT's and the feedbacks were handled by Victor Govtebe. After this, a networking session/break was given during which the participants shared jokes, experiences.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Session**

The second session on positive youth engagement was chaired by Belejit Ikuru , Head Economic Development and Empowerment from Nigeria Liquefied and Natural Gas (NLNG). The keynote speaker was presented by Oluwakorede Asuni on **the world under your feet**. He started by defining a community as a gathering of people, and with the participants as gatherings of young people. He linked communities as people who does not have boundaries. To get to where we desire and deserve There is need for ACTION! And not mere talk-talk is cheap very cheap. He said that development drivers are made up of People/community, Resources (Non human) and Platforms

He shared that youths are unique, endowed with strength, creative, have passion and drive and people listened to us more. *Some of this quality will wear off with time if they are not put into good use-you may lose relevance.* He later gave some examples of platforms for youths which includes; TakingITGlobal, Nipro and PIN

“You can create one/some for yourself (How to is the subject of another talk). We have no excuse(s), the world is ours to conquer. Just understand the bottom - up approach, to solving problems, where first we conquer our lives, then communities and then the world .Start change right there where you are and soon you will reach the whole world”

The presentation was followed by contributions from the panelist and the participants. Issues like funding youth initiatives, sustainability, partnership, advocacy and platforms were all handled effectively by the panelist.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Session**

The keynote speaker was Pamela Braide of YES Nigeria on a paper Youths engagement in policy advocacy- poverty reduction/job creation. This session was chaired by Nwoko Okeziem , Business Development Specialist, OIC International Nigeria. Pamela Braide started by asking participants their area of interest. And if they are aware of any policy concerning their area of endeavour. She challenged the youths to first of all identify the policies on their area of work so as to know where the gaps are. She define policy as a plan of action; a course or principle of action adopted by a government, party , business or individual.. A typical document outlines the problem or current situation, the Governments vision, mission and objectives, strategies for achieving objectives. From this document all strategies and programmes meant to deal with the issue are derived.

She explained that Policy Process brings about

- problem recognition
- Formation and refinement of policy proposals
- Politics

They can be created by crisis, they can be externally driven, people driven or development driven. She said that policies target problems from the perspective of policy? She used TIG as a platform that targets young action. She said that network and platforms target policies.Target at that level needs a lot of numbers and different perspective so that the can pay attention and invite people so that the can mainstream it at the end.

**She said that Advocacy** is a set of targeted actions directed at decision makers in support of a specific policy issue.” Speaking out in support of a cause

It is an umbrella term that describes various strategies which includes:

- Campaigning
- Lobbying

- Research/communication
- Alliance building

Advocacy is engagement aimed at bringing about change

### **Why Policy Advocacy**

- It engages youth in Governance in an enabling way
- Enables them to contribute to national development. She linked youth programmes success to identification of policy issues first.
- Thorough grasp of the existing policies is the strongest starting point for advocacy.
- Enables youth analyze policies and political agendas from their own perspective
- Enables collective action for change.

She gave an example with the national AIDS policy review some years ago, where youths were invited to review all aspects of that document to see if the documents represent youth interest.

***When you see something that's wrong, no matter how big the problem is, think***

***“Who else would like to change this? How can we work together?”***

*UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan*

She advised youth to adopt this in their area of work.

- Identify a policy issue to work on
- Focus on the area you can make the best impact
- Enroll other like minds to the cause
- Research! Research! Research!
- Create action plan
- Identify strategic allies

Pamela finally concludes by saying that the factors that give rise to unemployment and poverty are complex it may be difficult to target one policy instrument that can effectively deal with the

deal with the issue. However as youth in this area there are some policy documents we must familiarize ourselves with which includes NEEDS, SEEDS e.t.c

Pamela encouraged the you to **Participate! Participate!! And Participate!!!!**

She further said

- You have a right to contribute to policy processes
- If you don't offer your perspective it will not be included
- Policies affect your life whether you contribute or not.
- In policy work the change can start with one but will be actualized by many
- Keep yourself informed
- Keep your issue on the front burner
- Timing is of the essence in policy advocacy
- Get to know your political representatives
- Be very very patient
- Policy making bodies are not the enemy, they are simply the arena for battle

At the end of the presentation, issues like job creation, advocacy, and bottom –top approach in advocacy were properly addressed by the panelist.

#### **Session 4**

This session bridging the gaps on poor health practices through sustainable youth engagement policy was chaired by Emeka Nwosu, the Director of Youth Empowerment & Child Labour Elimination Project. (YCEP).

The key note speaker was presented by Dr. Ani Etokidem. He started by defining **Health as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. He also gave some criticism of the definition.**

**He later listed some factors that affect Health of youths which includes**

Socio-cultural factors, economic and political; which is mainly Lack of or inadequacy of representation and lack of political will in matters concerning the youth.

He listed how youth can remain healthy by eating balanced diet. He first quoted Thomas Jefferson that says “If there is one sin you should never repent of , it is the sin of eating too little”

- ✦ NEED FOR A BALANCED HEALTHY DIET
- ✦ Carbohydrates, proteins, fats and oil, vitamins and minerals and fluids.
- ✦ Essential nutrients to avoid deficiencies and promote optimal growth
- ✦ Excessive amounts of any nutrients increase the risk of chronic diseases
- ✦ Safe
- ✦ Food combinations

He said that most junks and fast foods are fast in pushing youths to the grave. He further listed the disadvantages of junk food which are as follows;

- ✦ Low nutritional value
- ✦ Cost and its implications
- ✦ Too fatty/oily/the frying process
- ✦ Too salty
- ✦ Too sugary
- ✦ Too much preservatives
- ✦ Too much flavorings
- ✦ Too much colorings

Dr. Ani encouraged the youth to learn how to manage stress at every point so as to remain healthy. The youthful period is replete with stressors and the youth who desires a healthy future must be equipped with the skills to manage stress.

The understanding of stress, its causation and management is important . The National Health Safety & Environment Manager (UK), 80 percent of all modern diseases have their origin in

stress . He concludes by touching some areas on reproductive health as well as substance abuses and cultism.

He pointed the way forward that parents should ensure both a better future for your children and better children for the future. Communities should discard certain aspects of cultures that are detrimental to health, Facilities for recreation should be introduce in our communities. The government should also introduce policies and programs that are youth-focused, youth-oriented, youth-friendly &youth-managed. He advised the youths to avoid ephemeral pleasures that will lead to permanent damage. ALWAYS REMEMBER, ALL SWEET THINGS ARE EITHER

\*\*\*ILLEGAL

\*\*\*IMMORAL OR

\*\*\*NOT GOOD FOR HEALTH.

At the end, issues on health were raised and it was handled by the panelist.

The last session was the introduction of participants to TakingITGlobal site which was handled by the National Coordinator of CLCWA; Jerry Chibueze Nwigwe. He started with all the basic information about TakingITGlobal and the concerns of the new users. He was able to provide hands on training on how to sign up as a member, contribute resources, join existing networks, join or start groups and project pages as well as the benefits especially where one has an initiative and have not been able to showcase them online or register it on the web.

At the end of today's meeting, a national stakeholders meeting was convened about 9.00pm at the Stadium Hostel, where new state coordinators from Akwaibom, Bayelsa, Edo, Abia, and Imo were selected. The meeting also provided an ample opportunity to interact, synergized and plans for move the project. Various issues and areas were discussed and agreed on. The meeting was facilitated by Gbenga Sesan and Jerry Chibueze Nwigwe.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> day – 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.**

Today was used for orientation process and how youth can get involved in CLCWA. The National Coordinator took his time to address all important issues and answer all questions from the State coordinators. An implementation work plan was drafted for the state. This was followed by administration of questionnaires and closing remarks.

Group pictures were taken and the team left for Tinapa Business Resort for site seeing as a post conference activity.

### **The recommendations and action points arising from the Conference**

The recommendations and action points of the roundtable discussion, which were presented in the closing session: “Reporting on Key recommendations for follow-up actions”, by Mr. Jerry Nwigwe on behalf of all the panelists and participants at the, are outlined below:

- Ensure young people’s active participation in community development through e-citizenship and e-democracy. Initiate projects on the ground that will lead towards this.
- Ensure that e-governance implementation promotes and takes into account young people’s engagement and leadership in civic action.
- Facilitate the creation of content by young people, and thereby increase their ownership and control over ICT, and bring about greater benefits for them.
- Create spaces where young people are able to speak for themselves, take action, especially to break the culture of silence around their situations.
- Recognize that in implementing ICT projects - including training and capacity building - the socio-cultural barriers that prevent young people from fully accessing and benefiting from ICT must be addressed.
- Entrepreneurship training for youths should be included in schools curriculum
- Create platforms for exchange between different groups of young people, including adult through ensuring that they are part of networks for empowerment.
- Partner with adult so as to make sure that this paradigm shift becomes a reality
- Young people should be active in monitoring/Evaluation of the policies and projects and should be involved in the policy formulation and implementation.

## **Annex 1:**

Evaluation forms were returned after the conference. The below sections are a compilation of participants' responses.

### **EVALUATION FORM**

Congratulations on completing this conference. We would like to ask you a few questions in order to ensure that we receive your feedback and to ensure that future conferences are as good as they can possibly be. Thank you very much.

- 1- **What is the most interesting or useful thing you have learned during the event**
- 2- **What activity did you enjoy the most and why?**
- 3- **Are you leaving this event with new contacts, opportunities, and support network? Please explain**
- 4- **What type of action are you now going to get involved in?**
5. **What do you now feel like you can do to change your life or community?**
- 6- **What did you learn about ICTs and TakingITGlobal? How can that be of use to you?**
- 7 **what would you suggest in making this event better? Give a few examples**

### **FINDLINGS**

1. 50% of the entire participants said that what they have learnt during the event was how to use ICT for Development, while 30% learn more about TakingITGlobal and the remaining 20% how to be proactive in contributing to the development of their communities.
2. It was discovered that every participants enjoyed the group activity (work group sessions) most than other activities
3. 80% of participants went home with new contacts, opportunity and support network in different thematic areas
4. As a response to item 4, 50% of participants said that they will be involved in ICT research and advocacy as a development programs with the CLCWA Nigeria project component while 40% of participants mentioned different programmes ranging from Study Club in schools to advocacy activities.
5. At the end of the conference, participants felt more inspired, informed and involved in the development of their community and as such see themselves as development actors.
6. 60% agreed that TIG is a useful platform where resources/links are available for youths on ICTs and other areas where they get informed and involved

### **ISSUES RAISED/RECOMENDATIONS**

1. Resource mobilization: Substantial funds should be set at side for participants to prepared them on time for the events,
2. Government involvement: Government should be involved in CLCWA projects for sustainability

1. Conference Materials: IEC Materials and other conference materials should be ready on time for participants consumption much before the commencement of the conference
2. Time Management: Effective time management should be employed with allotment of more time to working group sessions and less time for presentations
3. Publicity: The publicity of CLCWA Nigeria must be stepped up with the involvement of the media and where more youths may be involved
4. More involvement of people during planning: Increased involvement of CLCWA State coordinators during planning, improve on contacting resource persons outside Lagos and Calabar

### **Annex 11: List of Attendance**

#### **DELEGATES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> CLCWA NIGERIA NATIONAL YOUTH MEETING IN CALABAR, CROSS RIVER STATE**

**OCTOBER 12-14, 2007**

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