

SAHARA GROUP URGES SUSTAINED GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS AS SDG CLOCKS ONE

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LAGOS, LAGOS, NIGERIA , October 11, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Achieving the 2030 target for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will require strategic and continuing multi-sectoral collaboration across the globe, says Tonye Cole, Executive Director, Sahara Group as the world marks the first anniversary of the SDGs. Officially branded “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the SDGs is a set of seventeen aspirational "Global Goals" with 169 targets between them. The goals include: ending poverty and hunger, improving health and education, making cities more sustainable, combating climate change, and protecting oceans and forests. The SDGs document was adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit September 25–27, 2015 in New York, USA.

Cole, who is also co-founder of Sahara, a leading African Power and Energy Conglomerate, said the SDGs platform had since become a veritable tool for addressing critical developmental issues globally. “Going by available records, a significant success trend is emerging and it is great to see unfolding collaboration amongst several stakeholders on interventions being midwived by the United Nations and its affiliates. It is imperative for governments, private sector, NGOs, international development agencies and global civil society to work together in a sustainable manner to ensure the targets of the SDGs are achieved by 2030.”

He noted that Sahara Group has implemented sundry SDGs compliant interventions and is currently supporting several partnership platforms that are setting the tone for accelerating the achievement of the SDGs across the globe.

Sahara Group and the SDGs

Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Sahara has empowered people of varied of orientation through its economic empowerment initiatives across the nation.

Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



The Food Africa Project: A very first of its kind, this is the product of a partnership involving Sahara Group, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals- Fund (SDG-F) and the Kaduna State Government aimed at empowering the people of Kaduna State and alleviating poverty through food security. The plan is to replicate this across Africa.

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages Sahara has upgraded primary health centers across Nigeria, and carried out eye surgeries, malaria and health awareness programmes.

Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all Sahara has implemented several Teacher training programmes, school infrastructure upgrades and scholarship programmes for indigent students.

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls Sahara is involved in skills training programmes to equip women and young girls with skills in selected vocations and empower them to become masters of skills, more financially independent and eventually start businesses of their own

Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Through the provision of mechanized water systems and hand pump boreholes Sahara has created access to potable water in rural communities, and through collaboration with WATER has eradicated guinea worm disease across West Africa.

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Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Sahara has encouraged the development of alternative sources of energy through partnership with ENACTUS and youths in institutions of higher learning in Nigeria. Sahara plans to replicate this model across other locations in Africa.

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Sahara Group's 'School Feeding Programme' has provided employment and considerable financial independence for farmers, caterers and traders within the beneficiary communities

Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions Sahara Group is spearheading a growing wave of



transparency and good governance principles across Africa's business space through its membership of the World Economic Forum community - Partnering Against Corruption Initiative (PACI). Sahara collaborates with global, regional and national organisations to promote sustainable development and transparency in business.

Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Sahara Group and other partners hope to integrate the entire food value chain – the farmer, wholesaler, retailer and consumer- through the Food Africa Project. This will facilitate a sustainable source of food security, poverty alleviation and eradication, skill acquisition and social inclusiveness. The Food Africa project aims to impact at least 500,000 beneficiaries (30% direct beneficiaries and 70% indirect beneficiaries) providing families with better nutrition and livelihood opportunities over a five year period.

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