

## Essence of Oil tweets – Sustainability

1. Sustainability is capacity of Niger Delta to endure impacts of oil activities on the people and ecosystems #EssenceOfOil
2. Sustainability assumes as stewards of the life and resources we meet on the planet we use them responsibly #EssenceOfOil
3. Responsible use of resources means we use them without depleting them or damaging them #EssenceOfOil
4. Some resources are renewable such as things we plant and harvest other are not – like oil & gas #EssenceOfOil
5. Non-renewable resources when we deplete them, can never be replenished again #EssenceOfOil
6. Sustainability means to profit today without hurting people, ecosystems or survival of future generations #EssenceOfOil
7. Niger Delta: extensive lowland forest & aquatic ecosystem with high concentration of biodiversity #EssenceOfOil
8. Niger Delta: Creeks, streams, swamps, sandy beaches and six main tidal channels entering Atlantic Ocean #EssenceOfOil
9. Niger Delta: Tropical forest, mangroves, freshwater system, exotic flora & fauna species in a flood plain #EssenceOfOil
10. Niger Delta: natural source of raw materials for cottage industries such as weaving, wood carving, rope making, etc. #EssenceOfOil
11. Niger Delta: abundant wild/aquatic life, fertile agricultural lands for range of produce + Oil & Gas #EssenceOfOil
12. Oil exploration on the brackish swamp, the mangroves and freshwater has led to degradation and destruction #EssenceOfOil
13. Pollution with drilling effluents, oily wastes, gas flaring & unsustainable exploitation of the communities #EssenceOfOil
14. Shell impacts with 94 producing oil fields, 86 production stations, & 3,700+ miles of pipelines in Niger Delta #EssenceOfOil
15. Shell's Bonga Field Oil Spill of December 28, 2011 spewed 40,000bbs of crude polluting 950+ sqkm of ocean #EssenceOfOil
16. Bonga spill contaminated the ocean, the riverine areas and estuaries, the fishing and aquatic ecosystems #EssenceOfOil
17. Okonta&Douglas~the widespread pollution destroys aquatic eggs and juvenile stages of finfish and shellfish #EssenceOfOil
18. The Niger Delta waters are poisoned, vegetation destroyed and agricultural lands wasted by oil spills #EssenceOfOil
19. So what should the old grandma do that must farm or fish before she can eat? #EssenceOfOil
20. What should the unskilled, unemployed youth do who see such wealth pumped out daily from his veins? #EssenceOfOil
21. What should communities do so see their means of supporting a livelihood thwarted daily? #EssenceOfOil
22. How should other Nigerians react to the news that every year Nigeria flares gas worth \$2.8b into the sky? #EssenceOfOil
23. With \$2.8b flared gas resource every year for 50years of oil, we have lost \$140b worth of development #EssenceOfOil

24. What health, environmental, social and economic costs do we incur for the gas we flare? #EssenceOfOil
25. Should we not insist gas flaring costs are computed and deducted from oil profits each year? #EssenceOfOil
26. Many reasons why gas flaring continues but one is that Nigerian govt is not regular paying its JV cash calls #EssenceOfOil
27. Experts say it is impossible to end gas flaring by end 2012 as envisage in one of the PIB versions #EssenceOfOil
28. Non-integration of gas from oil explorations into the local economy has led to the continued shortage of energy supply #EssenceOfOil
29. Nigeria has more gas than oil today but at the rate we are sucking it, oil estimated to run out in 40yrs #EssenceOfOil
30. Nigeria has not developed renewable fuels and the PIB is silent on that matter #EssenceOfOil
31. Nigeria has hardly diversified its economy away from reliance on a fossil fuel like oil and the PIB is silent #EssenceOfOil
32. Worldbank Nigeria head~Nigeria needs to prioritise non-oil sector for sustainable development for the future #EssenceOfOil
33. It means if you are 25yrs now, by the time you are retiring at 65yrs, Nigeria may have run out of oil #EssenceOfOil
34. If we choose to do nothing, what is your life likely to be like as the oil starts to run out? #EssenceOfOil
35. Why is there such reliance on oil and gas today? Ease with which individuals can amass legal/illegal wealth #EssenceOfOil
36. Have you asked yourself why State Governments do not generally own oil blocs but individuals do? #EssenceOfOil
37. If each State owned an oil bloc: development closer to the people or will it be decentralization of corruption? #EssenceOfOil
38. If each state built its own economy: development closer to the people or decentralization of corruption? #EssenceOfOil
39. What are the more sustainable ways of financing our existence within this geography called Nigeria? #EssenceOfOil
40. Last year Nigeria earned \$60b but spent \$46b as cost of government – Is this sustainable? #EssenceOfOil
41. What will the PIB do about sustainability of resources and oil & gas in particular? Research for yourself #EssenceOfOil
42. Watch out for the new portal on #EssenceOfOil which will be launched Monday July 23, 2012.