

# Promoting Evidence-Informed Policymaking in the Environment Sector in Lagos State: Experiences from the EUEPiN Project

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# THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development

**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



**13** CLIMATE ACTION



**14** LIFE BELOW WATER



**15** LIFE ON LAND



**16** PEACE AND JUSTICE STRONG INSTITUTIONS



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS





# AGENDA 2063

## The Africa We Want

### Aspiration 1

A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development

### Aspiration 2

An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance

### Aspiration 3

An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law

### Aspiration 4

A peaceful and secure Africa

### Aspiration 5

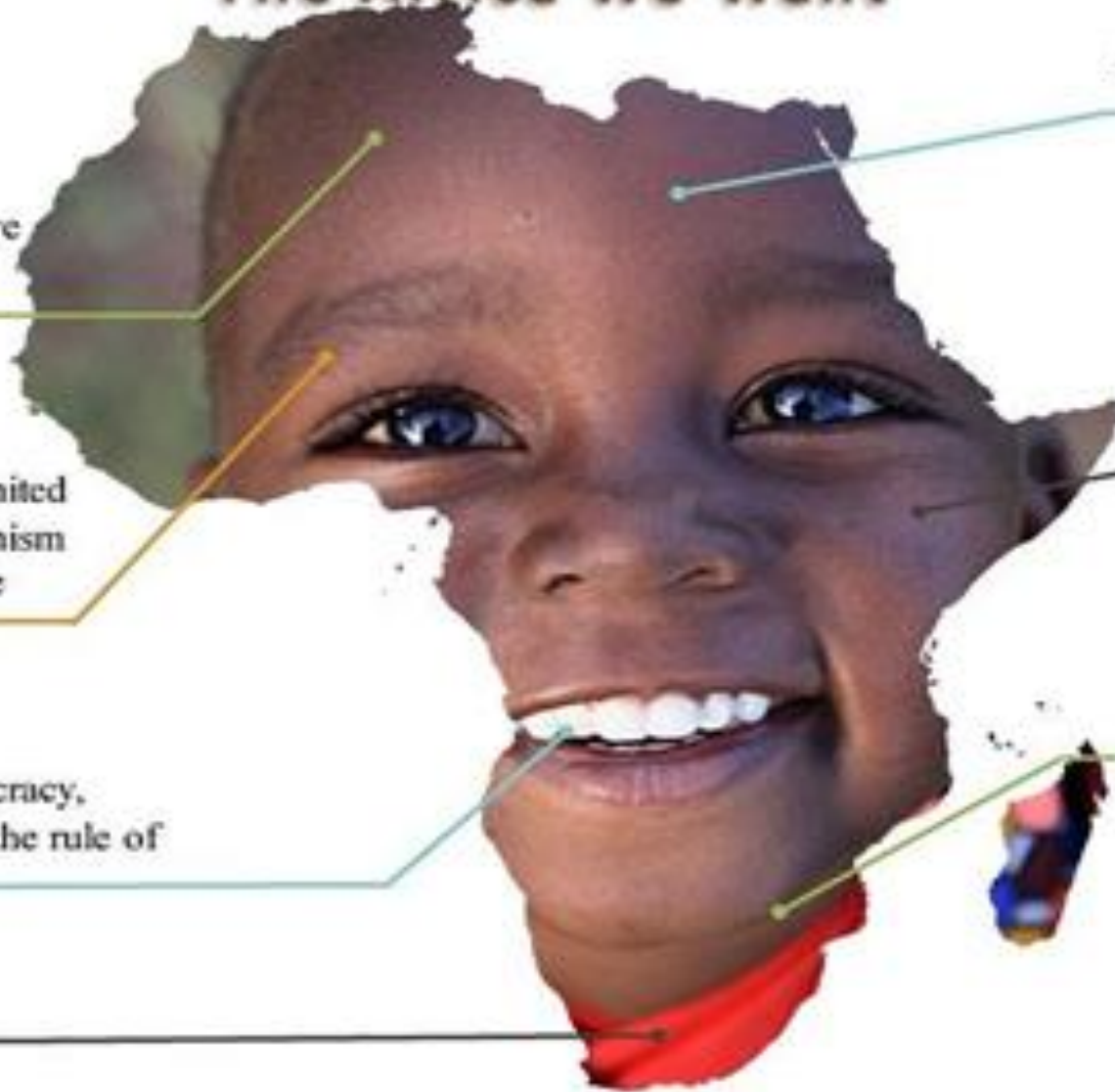
An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, values and ethics

### Aspiration 6

An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of its women and youth

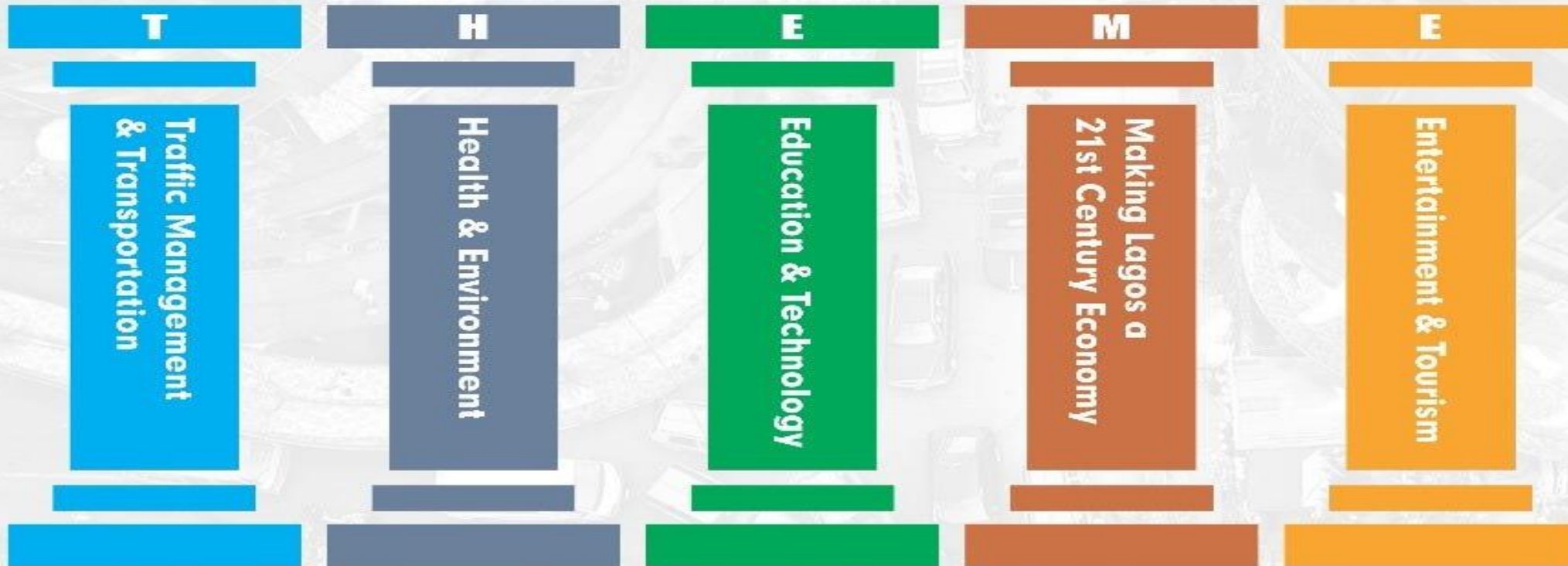
### Aspiration 7

Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner





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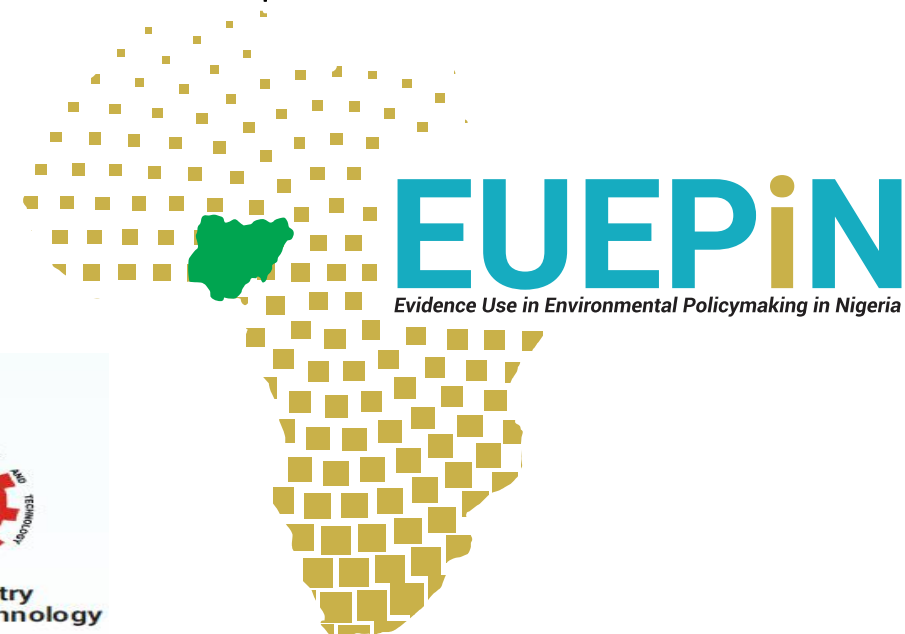
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Partners, Advisors and Funders

EUEPiN Project aims to establish a **formal forum** for the interaction of evidence producers (researchers) and evidence users (policymakers) in the environmental management space

This will provide a platform for **capacity building** and **engagement** for evidence-informed decision making (EIDM) and their implementation

## Project Partners



# The EUEPiN Project Objectives

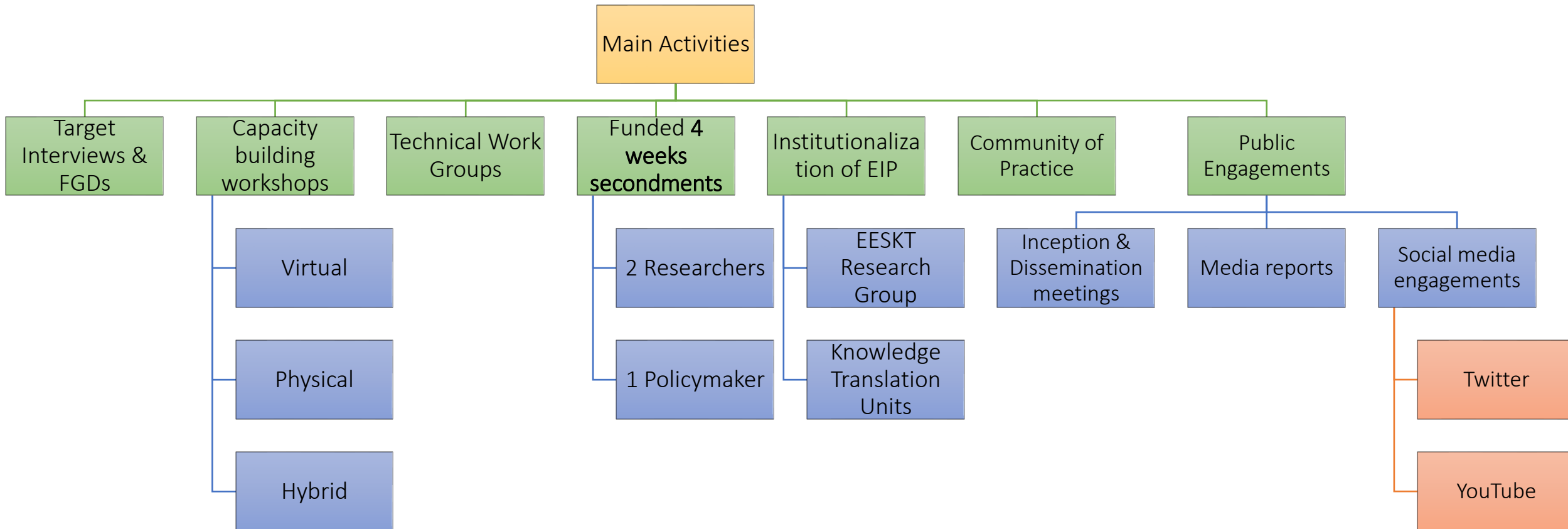
Knowledge, use and needs for **environmental evidence** by evidence users (**policymakers**).

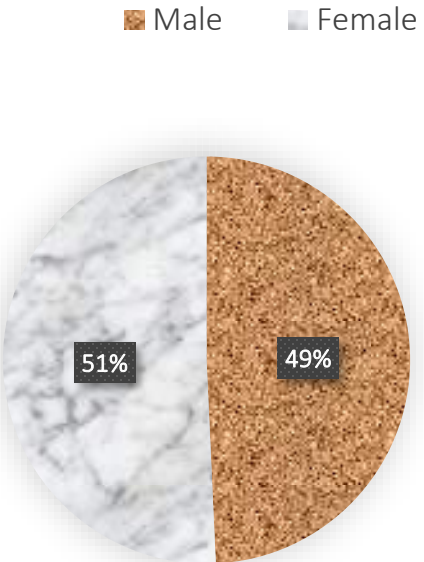
Drivers of **research agenda** by evidence producers (**researchers**) and experience of engagement with policymakers

Capacity building **workshops** on evidence use, synthesis and/or knowledge translation

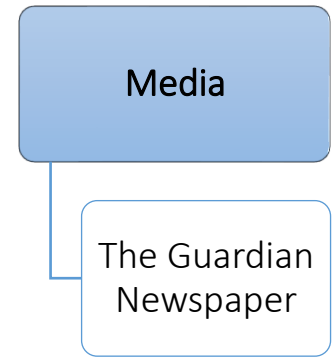
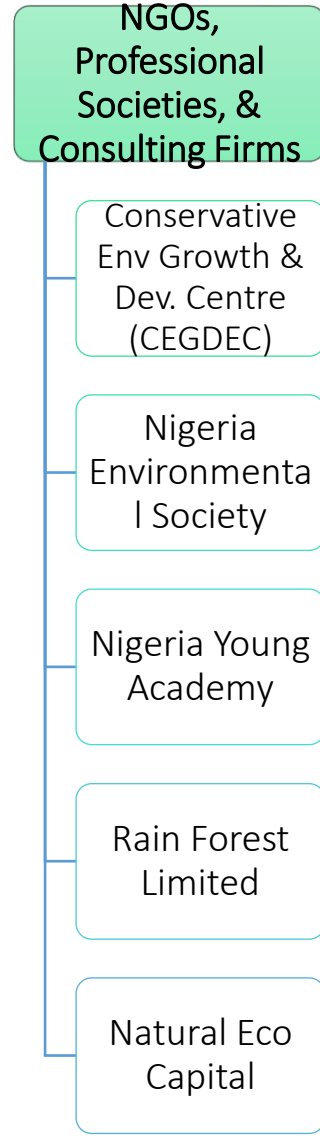
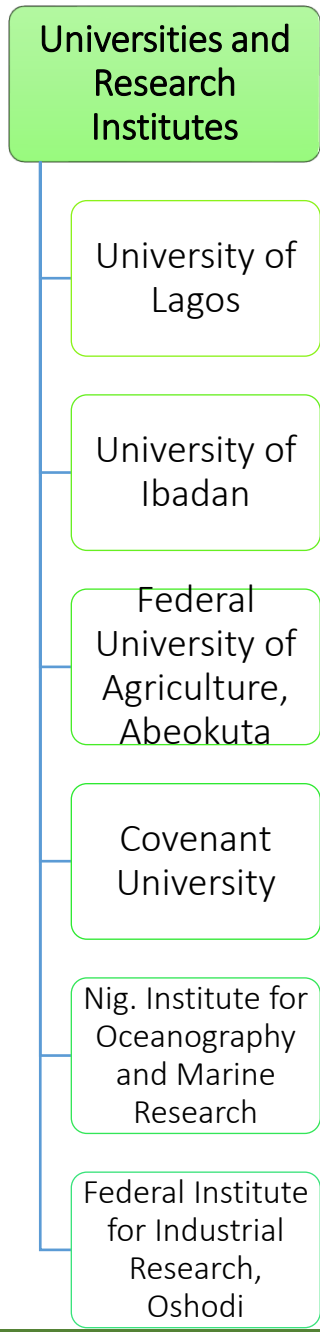
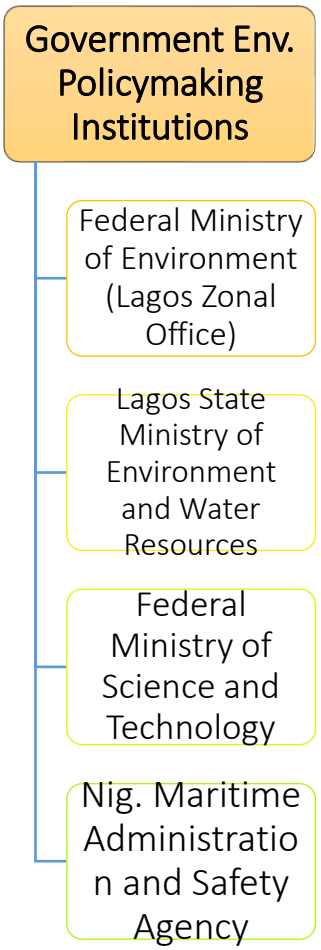
Community of **Practice (CoP)** to facilitate network and **exchange of knowledge, expertise and ideas**

# EUEPiN Project Cohort 1 (2020) Achievements

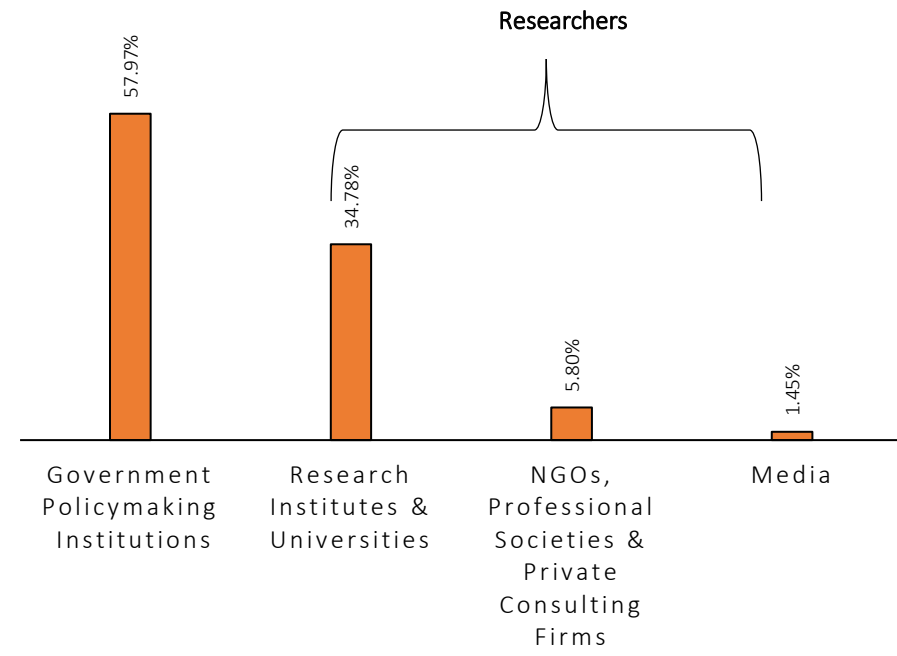




# EUEPiN Project 1 Participants



40 – 50 Persons : Middle to Top Level Rank





# Project Inception Meeting

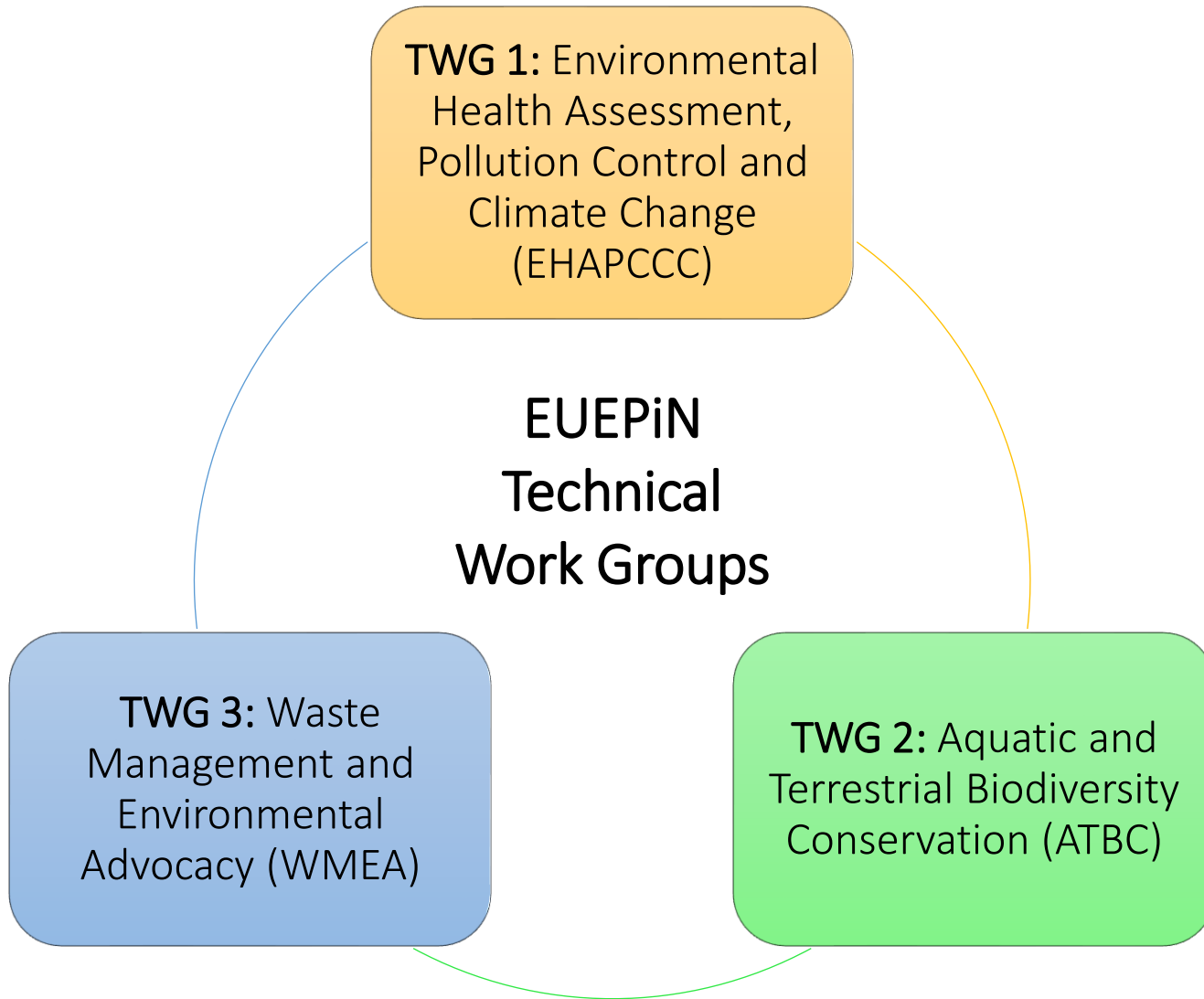




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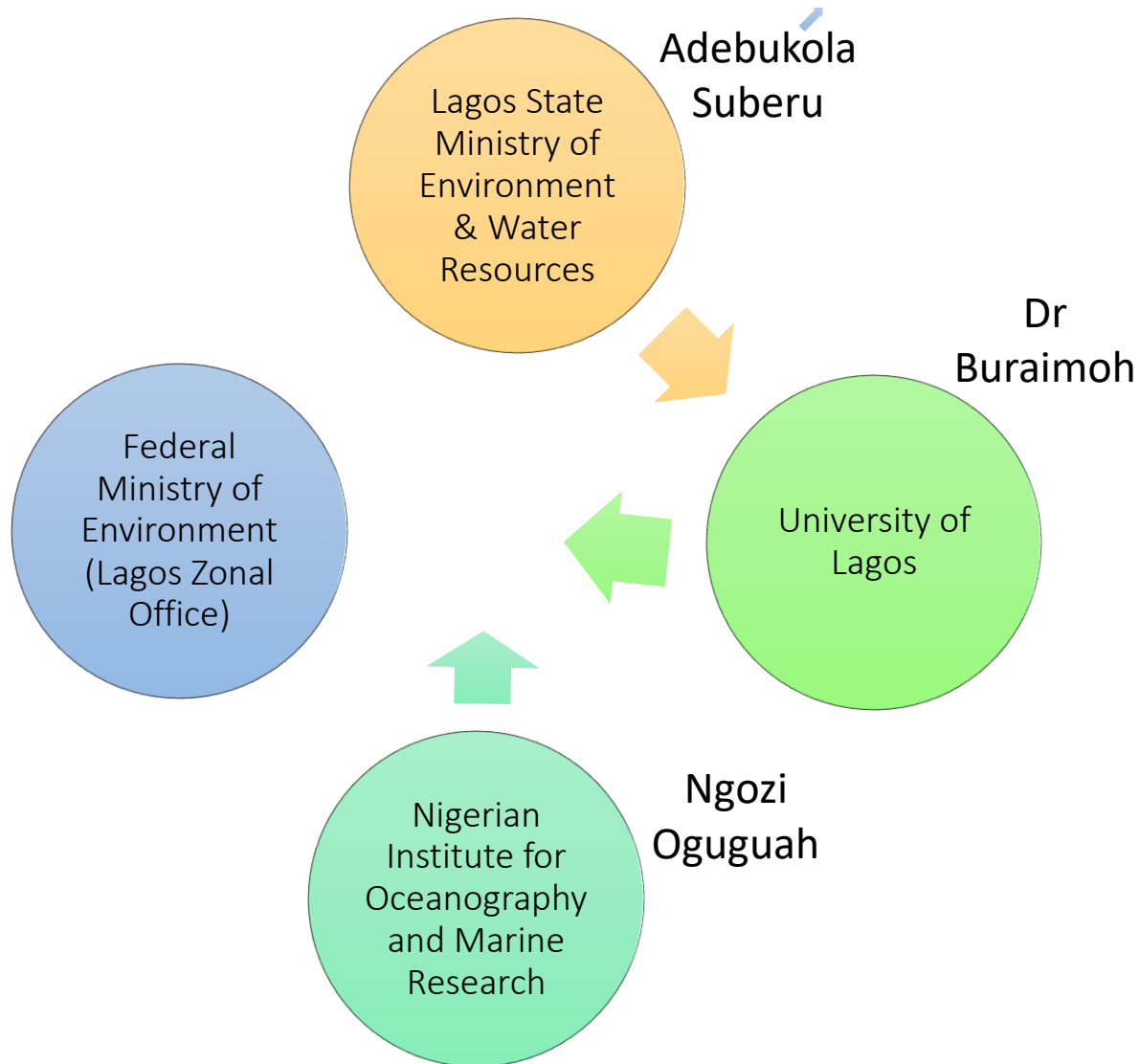
# The EUEPiN Technical Work Groups Achievements



## Highlights

- The **goal of the TWGs** is to promote sound environmental policies and environmental sustainability through impactful EIDM Initiatives
- Each TWG is made up of **researchers** and **policymakers**
- TWG 3 has applied for 2 grants
- TWGs 1 & 3: contributed to the LSMOEWB Plastic Policy

# The EUEPiN Project: Secondments



## Recommendations from the 4 Weeks Secondment Programme

- increase the **visibility of policies** to stakeholders and the general public;
- strengthen **environmental advocacy**;
- conduct more **original research** that tackle **local challenges** and provide baseline data on local environmental issues;
- **establish advisory teams** to provide quality evidence for guiding policy formulation, implementation and evaluation
- **sustain and support the secondment programme**





# The EUEPiN Project Website

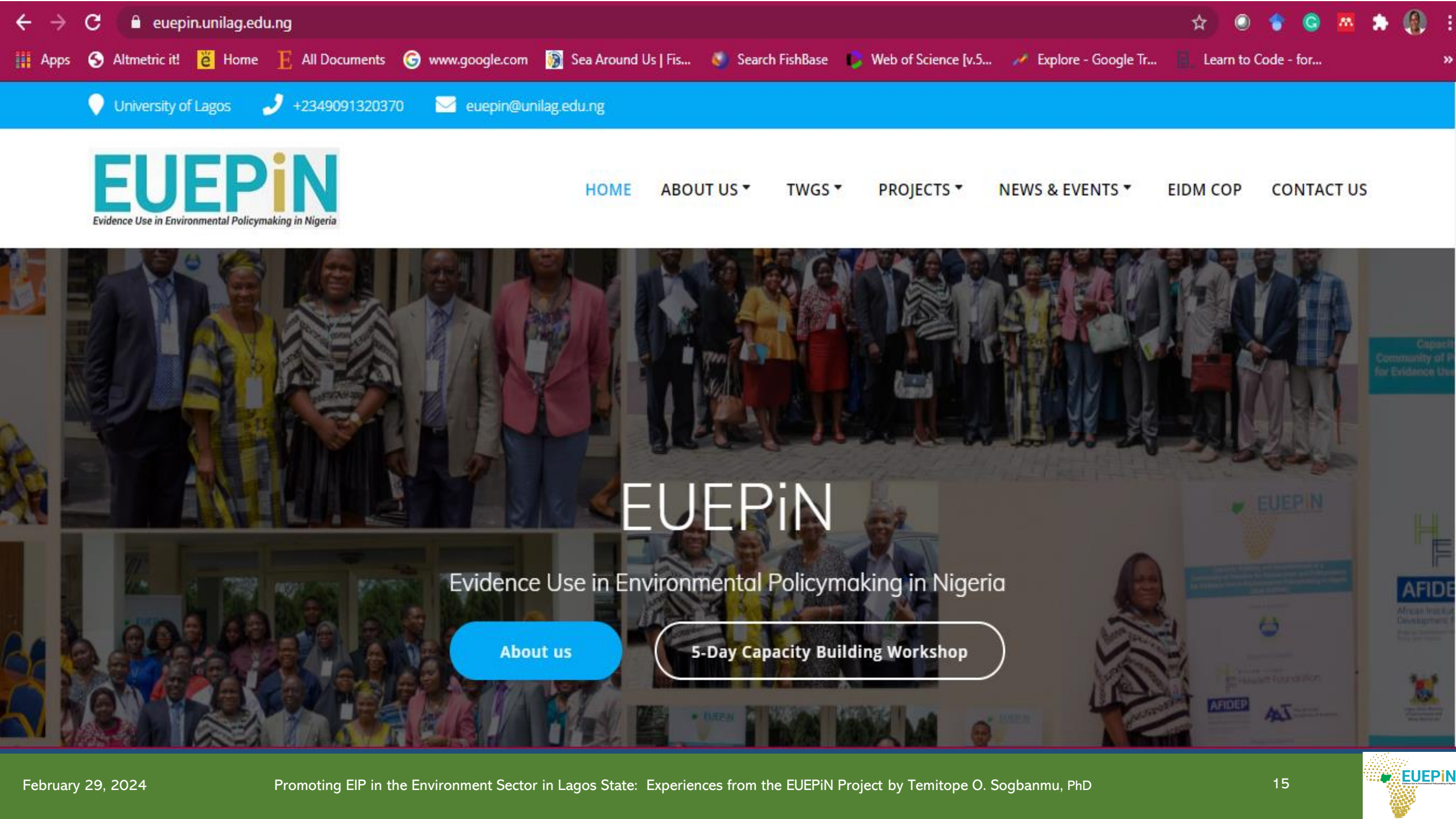


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The EUEPiN website – facilitates bridging of the gap between environmental evidence producers and evidence users in Nigeria through:

- Networking
- Access to free resources: training slides, videos, news, photos, policy papers, ... contextual to environmental pollution and management in Nigeria





# EUEPiN

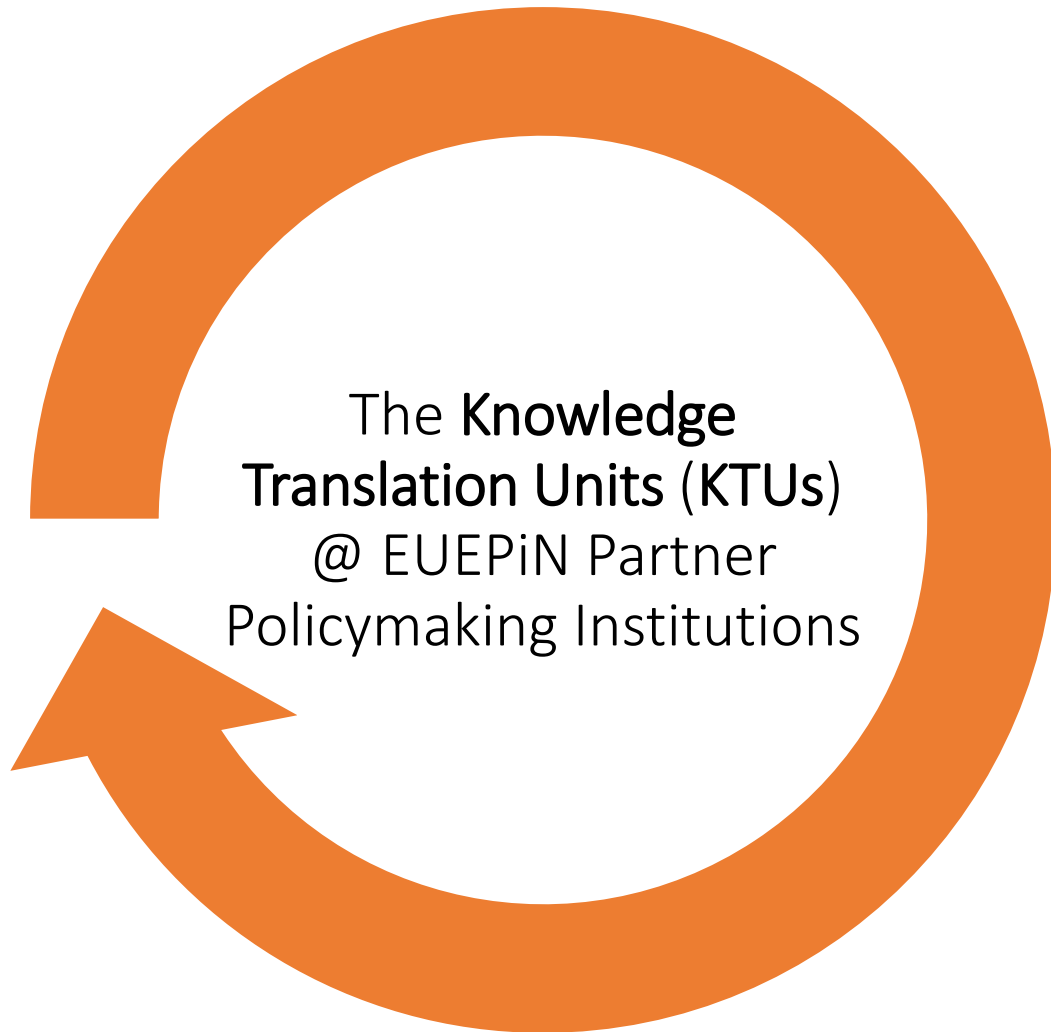
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# EIDM Institutionalization Activities



## Project Partners



## Main Objective

to promote the mainstreaming of the **best available scientific evidence/research** in concert with contextual factors to **inform environmental policy and practice** by the institutions



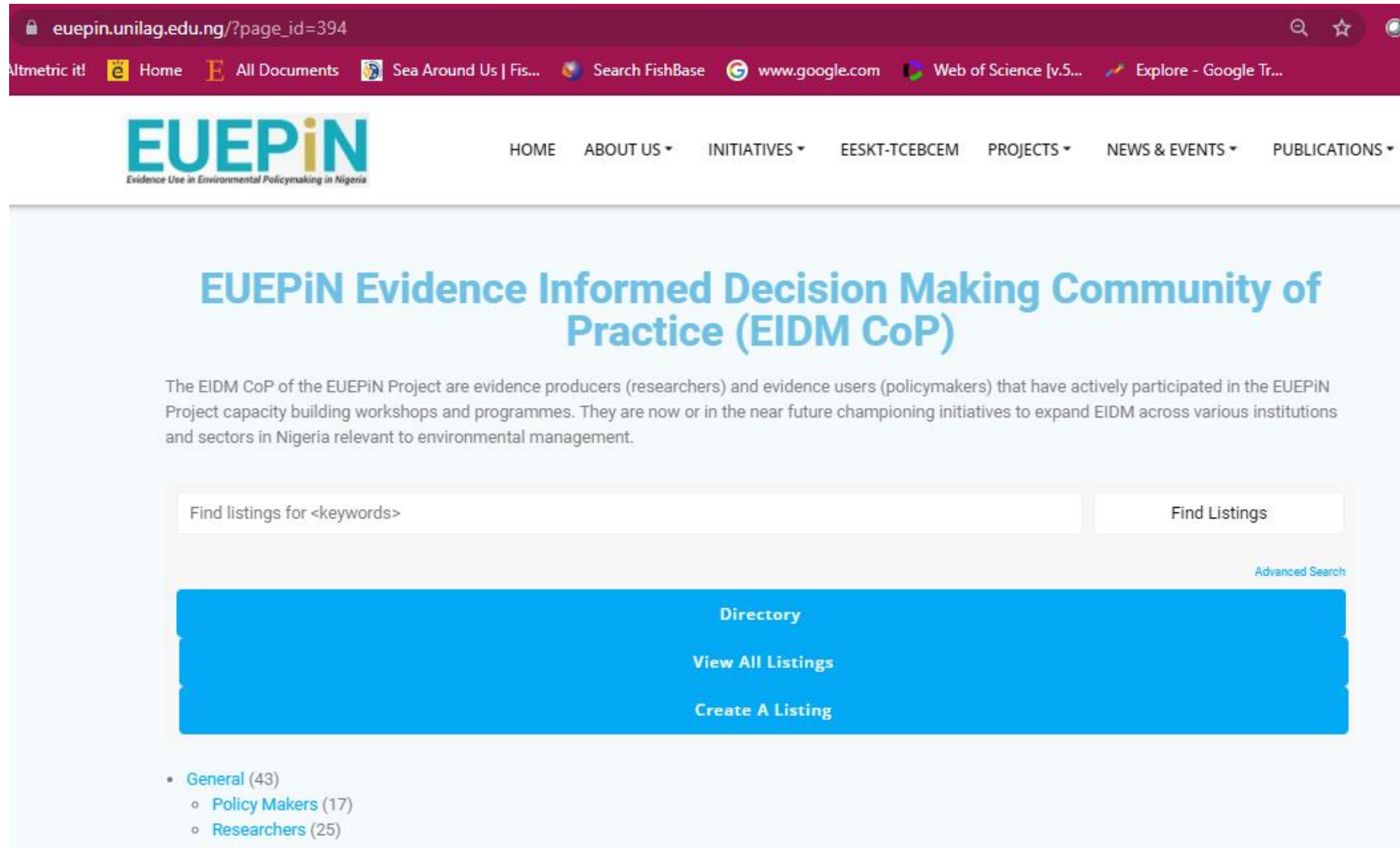
# EIDM Institutionalization Activities, Cont'd



Focus is on

capacity building, generation, co-production, synthesis and dissemination of high quality environmental evidence to guide decision/policymaking processes in Nigeria, among others.

# EIDM Community of Practice (Environment)



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## EUEPiN Evidence Informed Decision Making Community of Practice (EIDM CoP)

The EIDM CoP of the EUEPiN Project are evidence producers (researchers) and evidence users (policymakers) that have actively participated in the EUEPiN Project capacity building workshops and programmes. They are now or in the near future championing initiatives to expand EIDM across various institutions and sectors in Nigeria relevant to environmental management.

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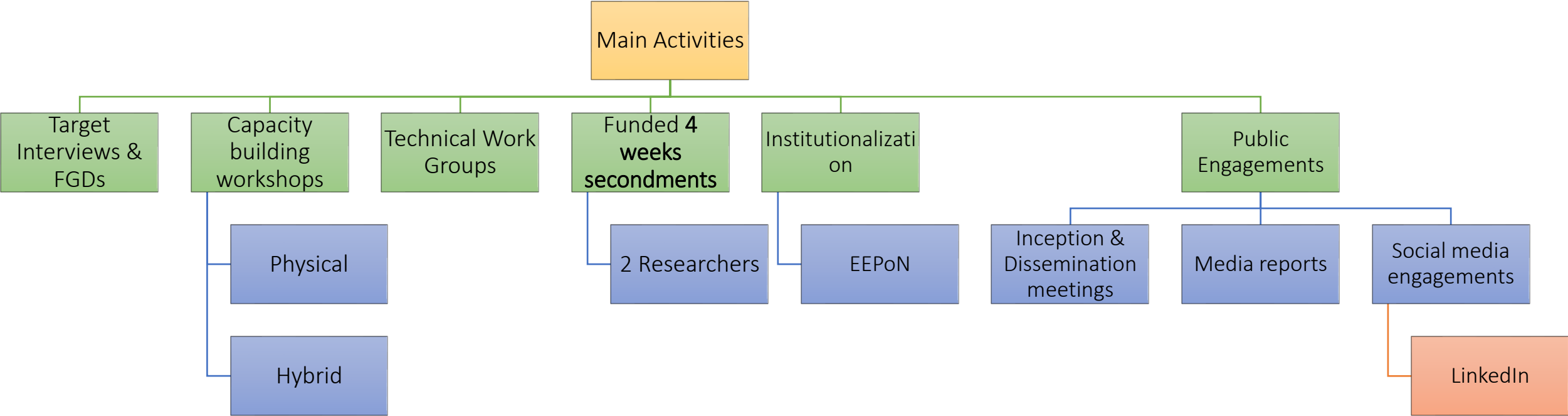
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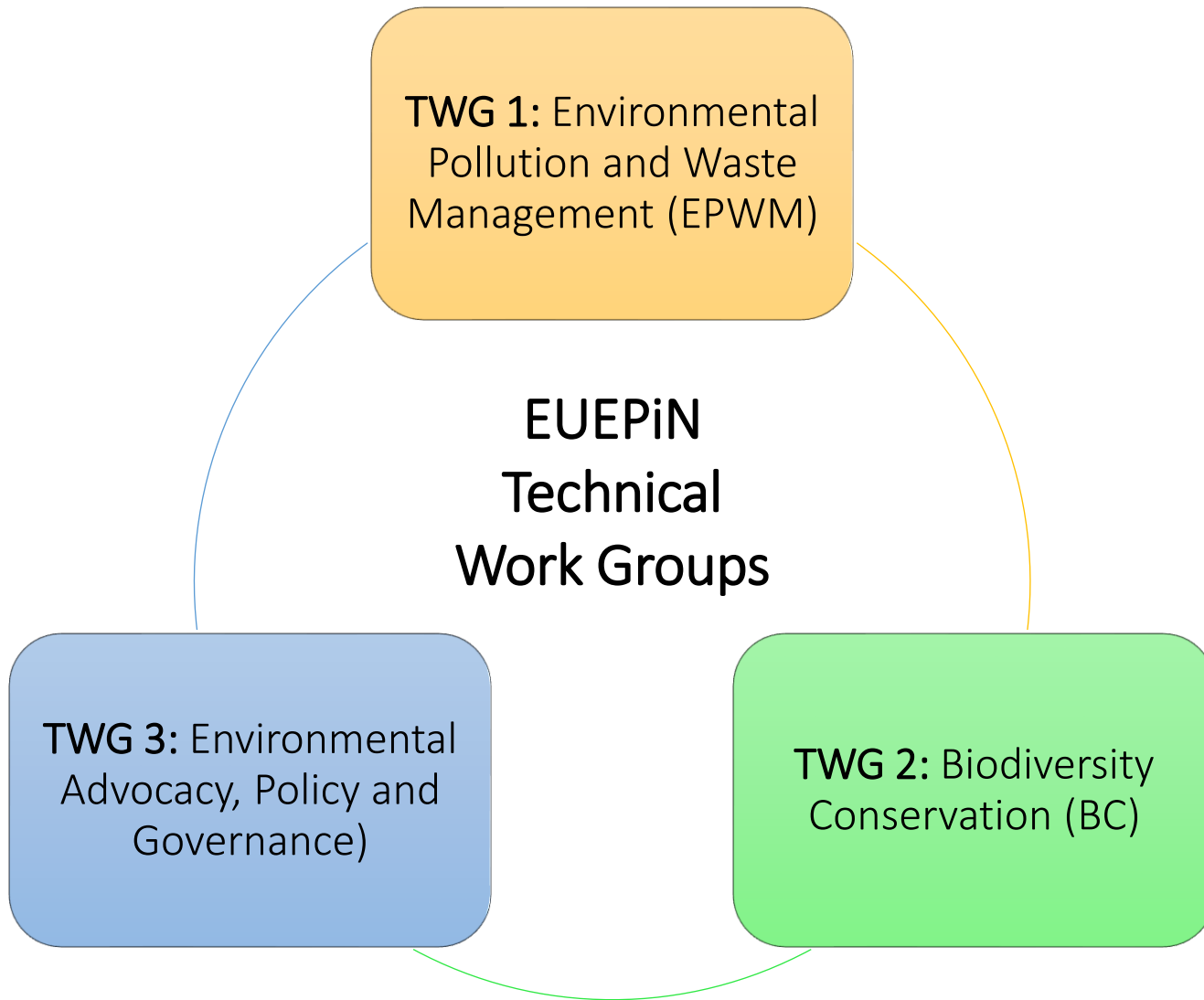


# The EUEPiN Project Cohort 2 (2021) Achievements





# The EUEPiN Technical Work Groups (2021)



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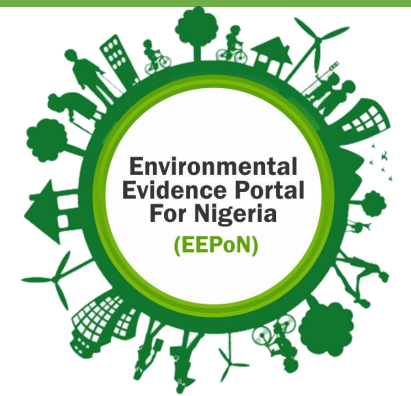


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# The EUEPiN Project – EIDM Champions



## EIDM Champion Spotlight

- **Mrs. Suberu** is one of the inaugural Awardees of the EUEPiN Secondment in 2020 deployed University of Lagos, Nigeria.
- A professional with over 20 years of experience working in different Departments and Agencies of the LSMOEWB such as LASEPA & LASPARK.
- Her key **areas of interest** are:
  - Environmental Management & Protection
  - Ecological Project Planning
  - Biodiversity Conservation
  - Tree Management
- She has participated in training/workshops including ICLEI Cities Workshops at the UN Biodiversity Summit, Montreal, Canada and SIDS Technical Training, Singapore.
- Following her EUEPiN Secondment, she has taken part in two (2) GBIF-BID research projects, to promote the use of scientific evidence and knowledge translation in policy-making relating biodiversity conservation.



**Mrs. Adebukola SUBERU**

**Assistant Director**  
Conservation and Ecology  
Department, Lagos State Ministry of  
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(LSMOEWB), Nigeria

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### Environmental Evidence-Informed Decision Making (EIDM) Initiatives:

- Organised capacity-building training and workshop for Staff of the Ministry of the Environment on digitization and applications of biodiversity data for policy making in conservation.
- Stakeholders' engagements and Advocacy campaign on biodiversity Conservation.
- Policy brief on the application of biodiversity data.

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## EIDM Champion Spotlight

- Mr. Lasisi is a seasoned professional and administrator with the Lagos State Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, Nigeria.
- He holds a Masters degree in Environmental Resources Management from the Lagos State University (LASU). He has undergone several professional trainings both locally and internationally such as the Environmental Leadership training at University of California, Berkeley, USA, UNESCO-IHE, Delft, Netherlands, Global Environmental Centre Foundation, Osaka, Japan. A certified Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) trainer with over 20-year career as an environmental scientist.
- His work spans through various aspects of environmental management and protection such as: Solid Waste, Water Pollution, Climate Change, Environmental Governance, Environmental Impact Assessment etc.
- In the past years, he has taken part in more than 50 research projects, published >30 papers, authored 5 books and attended several technical and public reviews on Environmental Impact Assessment of developmental projects in Lagos state.
- In the last 10 years, he has formalized and carried out research on the need for community and public involvement in Environmental Impact Assessment process in Lagos State.



**Mr. Adedoyin K. S. LASISI**

**Deputy Director** (Scientific/Environmental)  
| **Head**, EIA Unit, Environmental Assessment  
Department, Lagos State Ministry of  
Environment and Water Resources, Nigeria

### Major environmental initiatives:

- Eko Envirotalk
- Continuous Professional Development Programme
- Stakeholders Engagement on EIA
- Public Participation on EIA via social media (Zoom, YouTube)

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## EIDM Champion Spotlight

- **Dr. Wakawa** is one of the first cohort of EUEPiN-trained policymakers in 2020 on "Capacity-Building for Environmental Evidence-Informed Policymaking (EIPM)".
- She has over 15 years of experience in:
  - Agricultural Economics Research & Policymaking in Science Policy & Innovation Studies (STI),
  - Evidence-Informed Policymaking, and
  - Technology Needs Assessment for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.



**Dr.(Mrs.) Rahila C. WAKAWA**

**Assistant Chief Research Officer |  
Climate Change Desk Officer**  
Science, Policy and Innovation Studies  
Department, National Centre for Technology  
Management (NACETEM), Nigeria

### Her EIDM Initiatives and Recognitions:

- Won an award in July 2021 by Abuja Enterprise Agency of Nigeria as an expert in Technology and Innovation promoting EIDM.
- Established the score-board data for Nigeria as African representative covering all sectors, including the environmental sector in a project jointly implemented by the ACTS, ARIN, AUDA-NEPAD, SPRU and OTB Africa.
- Participated in the review of the 2012 National Science, Technology, and Innovation (NSTI) Policy which birthed the NSTI 2022; and the ongoing implementation framework with key EIDM inputs.
- Projected EIDM at a workshop discussion and validation of climate change mitigation and adaptation technologies for sub-sectors in the "Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Nigeria" (TNA) Project.

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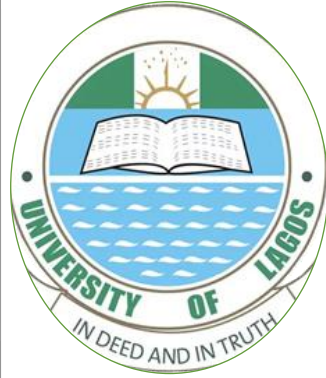
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Several trainings on EIDM undertaken by the Project PI (me)



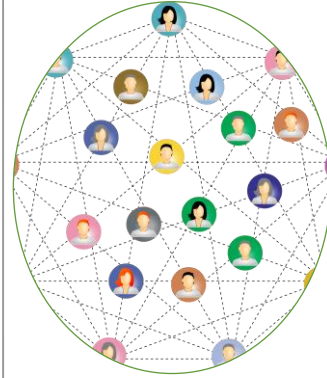
Optimum cooperation from Project Partners: FMENV, FMST, LSMOEWB



Optimum support and cooperation from University of Lagos Management



High interest in EIDM skills and knowledge application by stakeholders



Networks and collaborations across academies, professional societies which were leveraged



Social media & openly accessible resources curated within the project



Technical support and optimum cooperation from AFIDEP & Prof Uneke (Key Workshop Facilitator)



# The EUEPiN Project – Lessons Learnt

High and urgent demand for evidence by policymakers – Ex. Lagos State Plastics Policy, COVID-19 pandemic

Interest and gap in capacity building for EIDM especially in the environmental sciences in Nigeria and Africa

The EUEPiN secondments were an eye-opener – evidence demands by policymakers, collaborations,...

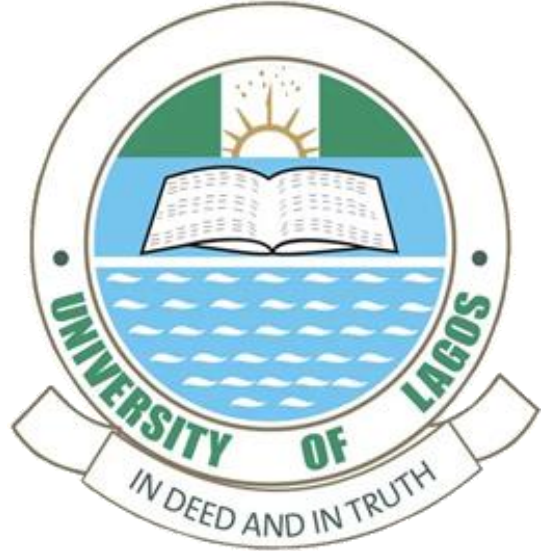
Major barrier to EIDM in Nigeria is the 'huge' communication gap b/w researchers (evidence producers) and policymakers (evidence users).

Lack of partnership/collaboration competencies - a major limitation to environmental evidence production and utilisation for decision making

Contextualised capacity building addressing environmental evidence synthesis, translation and utilisation in decision-making must be a continual initiative



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