**REPORT ON THE 2014 CLEAN COOK STOVES FUTURE SUMMIT IN CONRAD, NEW YORK USA ORGANIZED BY GLOBAL ALLIANCE ON THE 20TH TO 21ST OF NOVEMBER 2014.**

**INTRODUCTION**

The summit on the Clean Cook Stoves took place in Conrad, New York on the 20th and 21st of November 2014. The program lasted between the hours of 7:30am to 7pm and it brought together about 400 participants from different countries and facet of life; private, public and non-profit organization to discuss, share experiences and reappraise the past achievement on the first face of the Clean Cook Stoves and also to mark the transition from phase 1 where about 20 million Clean Cook Stoves where distributed to 20 million households to phase 2 where about 100 million Clean Cook Stoves are proposed to be distributed to 100 million households where naked fire and traditional stoves are still in existence between 2015 and year 2020.

**WHY CLEAN COOK STOVES AND THE FUTURE IS NOW**

Both the president and CEO, UN Foundation, Kathy Calvin and Executive Director, Global Alliance For Clean Cook Stoves, Rhoda Muthian places emphases in their various addresses on the negative effect of the use of naked fire on women gender and children, illnesses caused by smoke and also the negative impact on the environment. They both pointed it out that the world globally records about 4 million death yearly from the negative effect of naked fire used in household and also from environmental hazards in terms of deforestation, air pollution etc.

The second phase of the Clean Cook Stoves, which is the future is therefore aimed at improving on the already existing face expecially in the aspect of improving market barrier that is currently affecting the production, deployment and use of Clean Cook Stoves and fuel especially in developing nations.

The Honourable minister of Environment, Mrs Laurentia Laraba Mallam, who was present at the summit amongst others, spoke on the future of Clean Cook Stoves in Nigeria. She noted that Nigeria as a country is doing so much in her capacity to see that the negative effect of the use of naked fire and environmental hazards are greatly reduced. She went further to state that the Federal Government as release about 1 billion Naira as a country to help support the realization of the Clean Cook Stoves to rural areas and also to empower women. She further solicited for help from international communities on behalf of Nigeria.

The following are some of the topics discussed amongst others.

1. Why the future is now : The Need to Scale Rapidly.
2. Clean Cooking : The Burden, The Imperative and the Progress.
3. Clean Cooking and the Public – Private Model in Development.
4. Advances in Standards and Testing; Driving Innovation and Ensuring Results.
5. Driving a Market for Clean and Efficient Cooking Solution : The Supply Side.
6. Lighting a Fire Under Consumer Demand for Clean and Efficient Cooking

It was also advised that women be more involved in the designing and production of Clean Cook Stoves since they are the ones who are more involve in the usage, thereby knowing where improvement is needed.

Different samples of Clean Cook Stoves from different part of the world where exhibited of which Nigeria’s Project Gaia was one of them. The Clean Cook Stoves exhibited by Project Gaia are of two different types which involve the use of ethanol.

In summary, the summit is pointing it out that cooking should not kill and that a global commitment should be focused at reducing the rate of death illnesses and environmental hazards especially in developing nations. The Global Alliance for Clean Cook Stoves is thereby soliciting that the world should help join and to eradicate this menace and help get the 100 million Clean Cook Stoves to 100 million households come year 2020.

Find attached the pictures of various Clean Cook Stoves displayed at the summit.