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Dear peacebuilders,

Welcome to the October edition of the P4P Newsletter!

October has been a month of growth, learning, and renewed commitment within the **Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta Network**. Across the region, our chapters have continued to deepen community engagement and strengthen internal structures to make peacebuilding more inclusive and sustainable.

This edition celebrates the creation of **new sub-chapters** across several states, a proof of P4P's expanding footprint and the growing passion of peace actors who continue to take the message of peace to the grassroots.

It also highlights the **Akwa Ibom State Chapter's 2-Day Fundraising Masterclass**, an inspiring initiative designed to build the capacity of member organisations to mobilise resources and sustain their interventions.

In Bayelsa, P4P held community sensitization sessions for **Host Community Development Trusts (HCDDTs)** on understanding the **Petroleum Industry Act (PIA)** and its role in promoting peace and accountability around resource governance.

We invite you to explore the stories within, celebrate the progress made, and stay connected to the shared vision that drives our work, building stronger, more peaceful communities across the Niger Delta.

Welcome once again, and happy reading!

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TAKING PEACE TO THE GRASSROOTS: P4P EXPANDS ITS NETWORK ACROSS THE NIGER DELTA.



October was a remarkable month for our network, as the movement for peace reached deeper into communities with the creation of new sub-chapters across several states. These new structures mark an important step in strengthening local peace systems and giving communities a stronger voice in shaping their own security and development

Across the region, the story was the same; community halls filled with eager participants, traditional leaders welcoming the message of peace, and local actors embracing the chance to be part of something bigger.

From Sagbama and Amassoma in Bayelsa, to Mbo, Ukanafun, and Uruan in Akwa Ibom, from Nsiala Ngwa in Abia,

Ukwani and Isoko North in Delta, to Egbu, Ukwuinyi, and Umuezeala-Ama in Imo State, the peace train rolled on, carrying with it the P4P vision of inclusion, participation, and collaboration.

In each community, the P4P team met with diverse groups; youth, women, elders, and persons with disabilities, sharing insights on the aims and values of the P4P Network

Photos from our sub-chapters creation



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Guided by the official P4P training manual, sessions were held on **leadership in peacebuilding, volunteerism, conflict management, and early warning and response systems**. Participants learned how to use the **Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU) platform** to report early signs of tension, ensuring that local concerns feed into the wider peace architecture of the Niger Delta.

The energy in the rooms was unmistakable. In **Imo State**, where the exercise took place in **Egbu, Ukwuinyi, and Umuezeala-Ama**, community leaders expressed gratitude that P4P had come to their doorsteps. During a courtesy visit to **His Royal Highness, Eze Aloy Igwe of Umuezeala-Ama**, the monarch shared his personal experience with insecurity in the area and described P4P's presence as "a welcome light in a time of uncertainty." His heartfelt words captured the hope that ran through every community the team visited.

Beyond the formalities, there was a spirit of ownership in every interaction. Participants spoke about the need to protect what peace they have, while others volunteered to lead local initiatives. By the close of each session, new leadership teams were inaugurated, membership registers were handed over, and the communities proudly took their place in the growing P4P family.

More than just an expansion, the sub-chapter creation exercise reaffirmed P4P's belief that **lasting peace begins where people live, work, and relate daily**. With these new chapters now active, the network has grown stronger, not just in numbers, but in reach, diversity, and local wisdom.

As one participant in Imo State put it, "Peace feels closer when we are part of building it ourselves"



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EMPOWERING HOST COMMUNITIES: P4P SENSITIZES SOME HCDTS IN BAYELSA STATE ON THE PIA AND PEACEBUILDING.



As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen understanding and accountability within host communities, the **Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta** organised a **community sensitisation program** on **Tuesday, 21st and Wednesday, 22nd October 2025** in Bayelsa State.

The sessions, held in **Peretorugbene community** for the Foukereggha 2 Host Community Development Trust (HCDT) and in **Obunagha community** for the Gbarain/Ekpetiama HCDT, focused on helping participants understand the **Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) 2021**, particularly the structure and responsibilities of HCDTs, and how these relate to peacebuilding and community development.

The training, facilitated by the **P4P** team, brought together **youth and women groups, community chiefs, and members of the Advisory Committees of the HCDTs**. It was an interactive and eye-opening experience that unpacked key aspects of the **PIA**, how funds are managed, how trustees are selected, and how communities can ensure transparency and inclusion in decision-making.



Discussions also centred on the connection between **peace, good governance, and sustainable development**, with participants identifying ways to use the PIA framework to prevent conflict, promote accountability, and strengthen trust between communities and oil companies.

Participants expressed appreciation for the clarity and knowledge gained during the sessions, describing them as both enlightening and practical. Many requested that P4P extend similar sensitization efforts to other communities and make the training materials widely available.

Through this engagement, P4P strengthened community confidence and understanding of their roles under the PIA, helping host communities take ownership of their development trusts and build a more transparent and peaceful relationship with oil operators.

BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY: P4P AKWA IBOM STATE CHAPTER HOLDS A 2-DAY FUNDRAISING MASTERCLASS



The **Partners for Peace in the Niger Delta, Akwa Ibom State Chapter**, took a major step toward strengthening organizational sustainability by hosting a **two-day Fundraising Masterclass** for its organizational members, Executive Committee (EXCO) members, and the Resource Mobilization Team.

Held on the **9th and 10th of October 2025** at **Peace House, Amathy Peace Pheromones Foundation (APPF)**, Uyo, the training was facilitated by **Lawal Africas, PIND consultant**, who led participants through an engaging and practical learning experience.

The sessions focused on building the fundraising capacity of network members and equipping them with the knowledge and tools needed to design effective fundraising strategies. Topics explored included:



According to **Amb. Imaobong Nnsewo**, the **P4P Akwa Ibom State Coordinator**, the key takeaway from the Masterclass is the importance of intentional planning, creativity, and collaboration in sustaining community-based peace efforts. She reaffirmed the chapter's commitment to applying the lessons learned to strengthen the network's reach and impact.

- Mastering the fundraising environment
- Donor mapping and the principles of effective fundraising
- Storytelling for impact and fundraising with AI
- Grant writing, partnerships, and networking
- Leadership, planning, and sustainability practices
- Securing local funding and cultivating donor relationships

The training combined theory with hands-on activities, allowing participants to exchange experiences, brainstorm ideas, and build confidence in navigating the fundraising landscape.

Participants described the sessions as “eye-opening and practical,” noting that the Masterclass helped them see new possibilities for mobilizing resources and sustaining their peacebuilding work.

The Fundraising Masterclass marked a new milestone for **P4P Akwa Ibom**, positioning the chapter and its members to pursue greater independence, visibility, and long-term sustainability in advancing peace across the state.

