

## **STOP KILLING THE LANDS: ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION**

If the lands could speak, they will scream, “**Stop killing us!**” Many human activities and choices promotes or damages to the environment. According to the United Nations, Nigeria loses around 350,000 hectares of land annually to desertification, particularly in the Northern regions. Besides the accruing health hazards and impact on biodiversity, this also diminishes agricultural yields. Hence, restoring the environment is both a health and socioeconomic necessity.

We can achieve this through effective waste management and recycling (to reduce pollution and protect marine life) and the establishment of a national waste management plan, which should start in our homes. The government must enforce laws against illegal tree cutting and promote alternatives to timber. Educating youth on sustainability will encourage eco-friendly behavior. The adoption of renewable energy sources, like solar and wind power are also vital in addressing climate change. Afforestation and reforestation will help absorb carbon dioxide, and restore the environment for a healthy future.

Summarily, **let’s stop killing the lands!**

**According to *Chinua Achebe*, “We come together because it is good for kinsmen to do so.”** Environmental restoration is everyone’s responsibility, The Future of our planet depends on the choices we make today.