

MINUTE OF MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE OF ENVIRONMENT HON DESMOND ELLIOT ON THE 3RD OF DECEMBER 2020.

Attendance

1. Honourable Desmond Elliot
2. Mr Taiwo Adewole
3. Folashade Adeboyejo
4. Chidebere
5. Obe Toyin
6. Mr Friday Oku

The meeting started at 1:00pm

The meeting started with an introduction of everyone present then Folashade who is representing Re-Thinking cities started by talking about the policy which is still in the works that talks about producers of products i.e manufactures taking responsibility of plastics they produce.

Hon. Elliot responded that he has spoken extensively with Mr Deji and he has a very good idea of this concept and the fact that this is the budget season and they are working in collaboration with environmental agencies to draw out and discuss the budget.

Folashade talked about the plastic waste management fund in Lagos state and talked about a fund dedicated for bye-back policy which is in the pipeline. She said the reason for this visit is to properly inform the Hon about this policy, secondly is to see how this policy can be driven so that the informal sectors can be included into the value chain. The Hon said there is an allotted amount in the budget for plastic waste. Folashade explained the bye-back policy and the Hon said this policy doesn't have much to do with the government but a partnership between the producers and the consumers but the government can only ensure the policy is working well and the consumers are paid or they have a middle man between both that will transport and sell to the producers and maybe get tricycles that will collect the plastic waste in the neighbourhoods to the collation site.

The Hon advised that we write a letter to the Lagos state house of assembly and to the speaker of the house of assembly hoping that they can use their legislative influence to make sure that this policy that regulates this sector can be looked at so that producers of plastics will be responsible and pay for the plastics when they are returned back. The speaker will then forward it to him which will make it easier to work on this then calls all the stakeholders involved to a meeting and discuss at length and will decide if it can be added into the law. He also advised that all the bodies present in the meeting should sign on the letter.

Mr Friday was introduced as a representative of the informal sector and he explained who they are and Folashade talked about how the informal sector can be included into the regulation and added into the value chain because they do 80% of the work and they do not get any incentives for this. The Hon said it still balls down to the letter he talked about initially.

The meeting ended around 1:30pm and we took group pictures.