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WRITTEN STATEMENT ON "WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT", 2018–2028

I am one of the contingent of the Preparatory Meeting of the UN 2023 Water Conference, I wish to add our voice to the Statement on the above subject, the subject of Water for Sustainable development can be linked to the fact that it captures issues that deals with portable water, it's storage and package while looking at disasters associated with water just like we currently have flooding in some regions in Nigeria. Not forgetting to mention water related diseases. The subject of water as regards its portability lacks sufficient data as most of the sources of water in Africa and in Nigeria in particular is through the stream as well as underground water in form of dogged wells, bore holes and the likes yet there is no sufficient data on how portable the water is without impurities before consumption. The storage of these water is another challenge, hence there may drift from the point of production to the storage which may alter the initial portable water. Most of the packed water is with plastics and due to large consumption, a lot of these plastics are generated and where there is no procedure for recycling, these plastics are disposed to water bodies and in turn form hazards to aquatic life and pollution as well. I was amazed to see the UN water bagged in a recyclable pack which may be advocated as the case may be.

The topic on flooding which is as a result of climate action and changes is another area of interest, there is insufficient data on the environmental factors that is associated with climate action that could be contributory, these should be considered in an inclusive approach with evidence based actions /interventions of societies that have overcome such challenges. The topic on diseases associated with water which are numerous is another interesting area especially after flooding disaster with corresponding displacement of persons, there is again insufficient data on the resultant water related diseases.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Onyetulem', is written over a large, light grey watermark of the SHCF logo.

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