

Good-will Message

**The Youth Environmental Leadership Program (YELP) Workshop
Organized by Nigerian Salzburg Seminar Alumni and US Embassy**

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H.E. American Ambassador Robin Sanders
Alumni Co-ordinator Adeolu Odusote
Prof. Stella Williams
Honourable members of the council,
Honourable alumini of the Nigerian Salzburg Network,
Dear Participants,

My sincere greetings to all of you. Unfortunately, I am not able to be with you today, but I would like to reassure you all of our interest in the ongoing workshop on Youth environmental leadership.

The Salzburg Seminars can be seen as a platform to challenge present and future leaders to solve issues of global concern. The workshop is therefore exactly in line with this spirit:

Referring to the youth of today, who will become the leaders of tomorrow and discuss a major challenge of the world.

In Nigeria, you may find a number of problems directly or indirectly linked to environmental issues: Whether it is the situation in the Niger Delta, the Pollution of soil and water, the linkage between political, social and environmental issues in this region, the possibilities of Nigeria referring to the use of renewable energy, in particular water power, but also as wind or sun, which, by the way, can be seen put into practice right here in Abuja, illuminating street lights with sun energy.

In this context, Austria contributes to the solution of environmental problems and challenges with a whole range of products and ideas, reaching from water pumps