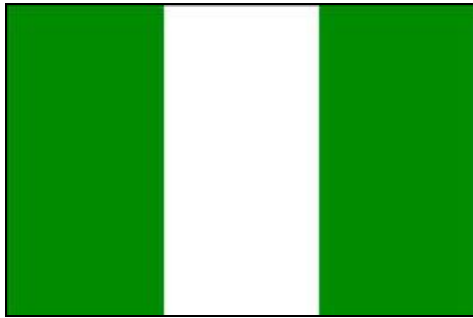




## What was your best CEPA activity in this triennium?

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<b>Your Position/Role and Country</b>	National Project Coordinator for Wings Over Wetlands and Living on the Edge
<b>Title of your CEPA activity/product</b>	Wings over Wetlands in Hadejia-Nguru Wetlands
<b>Other collaborators – please identify other organizations that assisted you or were your partners</b>	UNOPS, Dabar Magini, Matara Uku and Kasaga Communities
<b>Key stakeholder group(s) targeted by your product/activity (e.g. decision-makers, teachers, families, journalists etc.)</b>	Wetlands Resource user on the Hadejia-Nguru Wetlands
<b>What was your key message?</b>	Promoting greater community participation in wetlands resource management,
<b>When did this event take place/when was your product launched?</b>	October 2008- January 2010
<b>Brief description of your product/ activity / material you used</b>	In an effort to reduce the extent of typha in the area, the project supported the communities of Dabar Magini, Kasaga and Matafari/Matara Uku, to clear typha that had blocked and hindered free movement of water in Marma channel, which is a key channel that serves as the lifeblood to the people living in the mentioned locations, supplying them with flood water that is used for economic activities such as crop production, fishing, livestock rearing etc.
<b>What was your intended outcome from this product/activity? (e.g. change in behaviour of target group; volunteer help with a wetland project; newspaper article; fund-raising etc)</b>	The rationale of the demonstration project is to get local communities, who are in the best position, to control the immediate causes of wetlands degradation.
<b>What kind of impact did this activity/product have on the target audience?</b>	Project has impacted positively on their livelihoods, because they have seen a significant change and improvement in crop production, fishing, improved grazing areas and reduced environmental disasters like over flooding. As result of the exercise, the area's suitability as a habitat for migratory water birds was also observed.  Results of the water bird counts conducted by the project indicated an increase in the number of migratory water birds that patronized the area in the last two years, where a total of 57,042 from 48 species was obtained in 2008, 106,000 birds of 53 species in 2009 and 119,000 of 56 species in 2010.
<b>Is there a follow-up activity/product planned, if yes briefly describe</b>	Yes, The follow up activities is ongoing by the establishment of Living on the Edge project. It is focusing on alternative sources of energy and livelihood.
<b>Why do you identify this as your best CEPA intervention? What makes it stand out?</b>	The HNWS is the only Ramsar Site in Nigeria with a project seeking habitat restoration and sustainable livelihood. It also serves as a model for the participatory approach to wetland management.
<b>What was the source of your funding?</b>	The United Nation Office Operation, GEF , Co-Financing