

# RCE MINNA PRESENTATION

## 1<sup>ST</sup> AFRICAN RCE YOUTH VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

*Theme: A Regional Perspective on Youth Empowerment and Vocational Training*

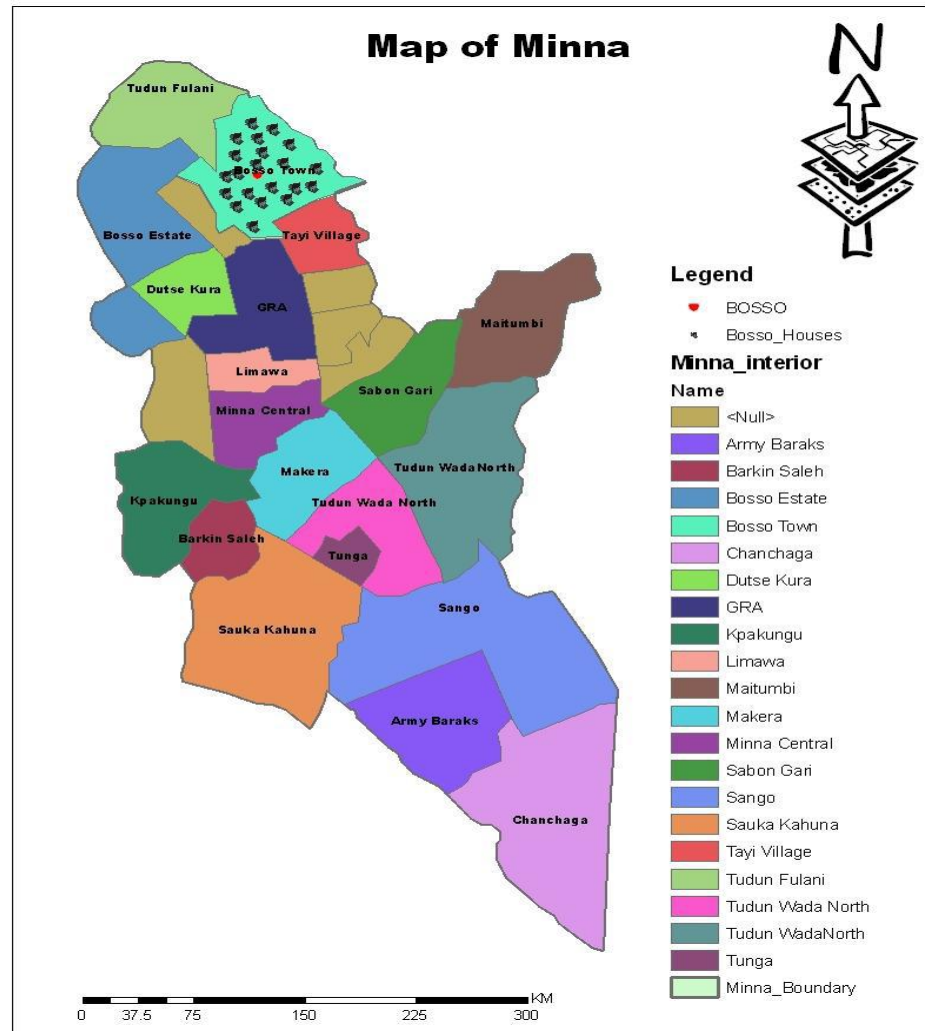
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# 1.0 DESCRIPTION OF MINNA

- **Name:** Minna
- **Location:** North Central Nig.
- **Position:** Capital city of Niger
- State.
- **LGA:** Chanchaga LGA.
- **Language:** Gwari, Nupe and Hausa.
- **Estimated Population:** 201,429 in 2006
- **Economy:** Farming, cattle rearing, Traditional industries, and civil service.
- **Education:** Minna is the sit of Fed. Uni. Of Technology, State College of Education etc.
- **Coordinates:** 9° 36' 50" N, 6° 33' 25" E
- **Distance to Abuja:** About 150km



**Fig1:** Map Of Minna Showing some selected Features  
**Source:** Huda-tech Computer Institute, 2013.

# 1.1 LOCOMOTIVE TRAIN



## 1.2 SOURCE OF ENERGY

➤ Majority of the energy generated and consumed in our region is gotten from hydro (water) source.

➤ Niger state is contributing immensely through the existing hydro dams at Shiroro, Jebba and Kainji dams. The fourth dam, at Zungeru is under construction.



**Jebba Power Plant**



**Kainji Hydroelectric Dam**



## 2.0 MAJOR SOURCE OF EARNINGS

Crude oil is my country major source of earning and the main stay of Nigeria economy thereby making almost every Nigerian dependent on government job. In fact, the international fall on the prices of crude is making it almost impossible for the current government to meet up with the yearnings and aspiration of Nigerians and Youths participation in the oil and gas sector is very minimal.



## 3.0 MAJOR SOURCE OF EARNINGS

- My country's major source of earning has not affected youth employment positively. According to a report by the central bank of Nigeria, about 46% of Nigerian sixty eight (68) million youths population are without job.



*Picture of unemployed Nigerian Youths at Nigeria Immigration Service Recruitment in 2014*



**Entrepreneurial Development Skill Acquisition Centres**

RCE Minna strongly believe that technical and vocational education will significantly reduce youths unemployment in our country.

## 4.0 ROLE OF RCE MINNA IN REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT AND ENCOURAGING TVET

- RCE Minna has developed a financial literacy framework to help promote small and medium scale businesses which will invariably reduce youths unemployment.
- We are in serious partnership with the Niger State Science and Technical schools Board to promote technical vocational education (TVET) for youths across secondary schools and those outside the four walls of class room.



# 5.0 MAJOR ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES



**Farming**



**Fish farming**



**Beads Making**



**Poultry**



## 5.1 RCE MINNA YOUTH WALKING THE TALK



Rukaya Bahago one of our volunteers, is running a modern catering service and providing mobile catering services called Purple Plate and she has big dreams of expanding the business.

Buliamin Oladayo who is a Yali fellow is making it big in bee farming and revolutionazing stocked meat popularly called Kilishi here.



## 6.0 RECOMMENDED SUSTAINABLE ENTREPRENEURIAL SCHEME



- We strongly recommend agriculture as a sustainable entrepreneurial scheme for youths in our region. This is so because agriculture is wide enough to accommodate more youths across the thirty six states of the Nigerian federation, and agriculture has far more reaching impact on youths as well as on the Nigeria economy.

## 7.0 EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON LIVELIHOOD, SECURITY AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Climate change has severely affected the livelihood of people in my region in terms of desertification, today people are migrating from their ancestral homes and abandoning their farm lands in search of green pasture that are not readily available, this has culminated into farmers/herdsmen saga, communal clash, cattle rustling, and the dreadful BOKO HARAM insurgency.



## 8.0 ROLE OF YOUTHS IN REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



We are planting trees in our community and encouraging others to do same. During the 2015 World Environment Day RCE Minna distributed over 200 seedlings to 10 pilot high schools. This year over 400 trees are planted across major streets and Muslim Prayer ground.

## 9.0 LIFELONG LEARNING





There is no established policy on lifelong learning, but at RCE Minna through our activities we are already engaging youths on the concept of lifelong learning through social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal development, self-sustainability, as well as competitiveness and employability. We are also looking forward to a serious partnership with Niger State government, well meaning individuals and other non-governmental organisations to promote lifelong learning in our region

## 10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS


- Government should take technical vocational education training, entrepreneurial and lifelong learning more seriously.
- Banks should grant loans with lower interest rate than what is presently obtainable.
- Government should take the issue of climate change more seriously
- Young people in Africa should pay more attention to the issue of climate change, entrepreneurship and TVET.
- RCE youths across all RCE regions must join hands with government and relevant partners to encourage the major thrust of the ESD and SDGS.




**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING**



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# 1<sup>st</sup> African RCE Youth Virtual CONFERENCE

Date: 3rd August, 2016    Time: 1:00GMT (2pm Nigerian Time)  
Venue: Online-Anywhere, Everywhere.

Theme: **A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

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