



# Promoting Peace in the Niger Delta

**In 2010, Chevron set up the Niger Delta Partnership Initiative (NDPI) Foundation to help bring peace and economic stability to this region where we produce energy.**

## **Professor Obafemi Ajibola, New Nigeria Foundation**

Well you see, the Niger Delta, like all delta areas, is a very difficult terrain with a lot of creeks and rivers going from one place to the other. But the critical thing about the Niger Delta is that it also has a lot of oil.

**The Niger Delta is home to more than 30 million people, 70 percent of whom live in poverty.**

## **Dennis Flemming, Niger Delta Partnership Initiative, Chevron Nigeria**

Niger Delta Partnership Initiative is a special fund created by Chevron to try and establish new partnerships and new dynamics in the Niger Delta region. Chevron is putting in a \$50 million fund of its own but also challenging other donors to match those funds to create, potentially, a portfolio of projects worth \$100 million.

**In February 2011, USAID pledged \$25 million to the NDPI to improve living standards in the region.**

## **Dennis Flemming**

We want to create a positive environment where economic growth can flourish because we feel if we can generate more employment, if we can see more businesses arising in the Niger Delta region, not just those businesses that are working with the oil industry, but more businesses that are doing things outside of the oil industry – agricultural development, manufacturing, other economic opportunities – that kind of a scenario is going to be better for everyone.

## **Professor Obafemi Ajibola**

A lot of the stakeholders in the Niger Delta are recognizing Chevron to be genuinely interested in dealing with development issues. And they are genuinely interested in trying out things that can work.

**In 2014, Chevron committed an additional \$40 million to NDPI over the next five years, bringing total resources generated by the initiative to \$140 million.**