**ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, MUHAMMADU BUHARI, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA DURING THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF A COMPENDIUM OF ECOLOGICAL PROJECTS HELD**

**AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STATE HOUSE ABUJA,**

**WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY, 2022.**

**Protocols:**

It is my pleasure to launch A *Compendium of Ecological Projects* approved and executed by this Administration through the Ecological Project Office.

2. During the period under review (2015 and 2022), I approved *Three Hundred and Thirty-Two (332) ecological projects,* out of which *Two Hundred and Sixty-Six (266) have been completed and the remaining Sixty-Six (66) are at different stages of completion.*

3. The enormity of Nigeria’s ecological problems and inherited infrastructural deficit in general, has the tendency, like the proverbial drop in the ocean, to always drown our achievements in addressing ecological challenges and infrastructural deficit at large. It is against this background that publications like the one being launched today, become very important and a useful tools in correcting the negative public perception, that government has not done anything in addressing these challenges.

4. The documentation and publication of these achievements in our modest effort to tackle ecological problems is therefore predicated on our quest to improve communication in governance, as a tool for keeping citizens well-informed and helping them to hold government accountable.

5. This is the most significant implication of the *Ecological Project Office’s* initiative in publishing this compendium. Hopefully, the Compendium will bridge part of the information and communication gap between Nigerians and the real-time performance of this Administration by portraying the specific locations of ecological projects, with pictorial evidence as well as proofs of handing over the projects to the beneficiaries.

6. I commend the Secretary to the Government of the Federation and the Management Team of the Ecological Project Office, for the judicious use of available resources for the effective implementation of approved projects, as well as the initiative for this publication.

7. In order to leverage the benefits accruable to government from the commendable efforts of the Ecological Project Office, and the effective communication of these efforts through this kind of publication, I encourage all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) which have not done so to showcase their performance and achievements to the public.

8. I urge States and Local Governments, on their part, to judiciously use their shares of the ecological fund, strictly for ecological projects towards addressing the ecological problems in their areas.

9. I hereby unveil this *Compendium of Ecological Projects (2015-2022)* for the reading pleasure and knowledge of Nigerians.

10. I thank you and God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.