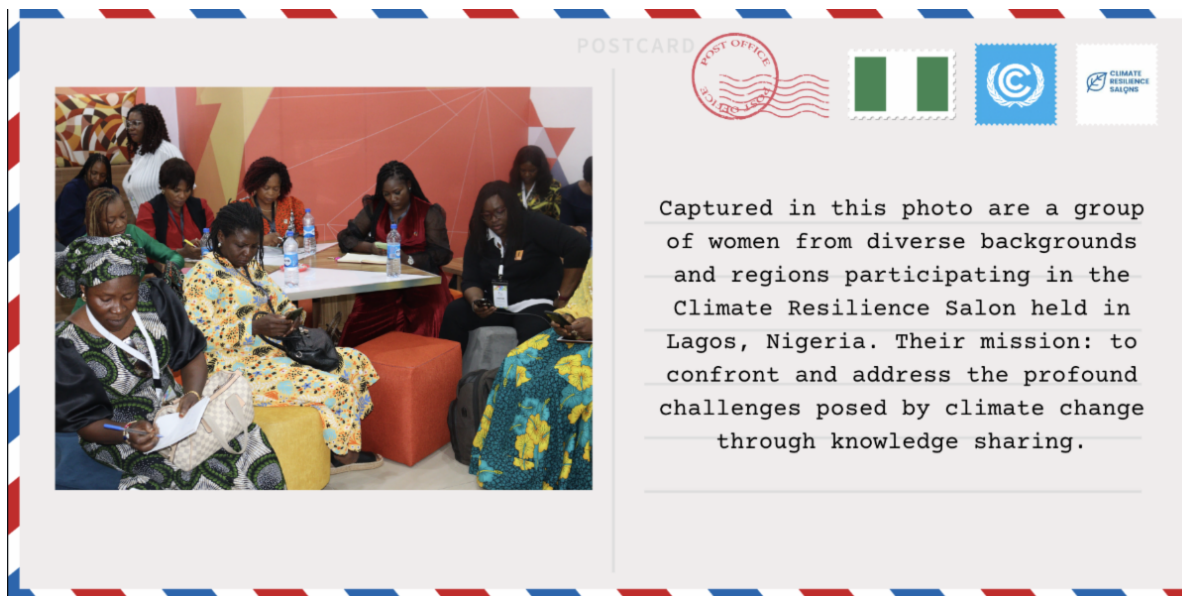


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## **Women Pioneers: Navigating Climate Challenges in Nigeria**



The women in this photo are completing a survey of the greatest challenges they face from climate impacts at Climate Resilience Salon that was convened in Lagos, Nigeria (26 July, 2023) by Shelley Taylor. The goal was to catalyze and amplify the solutions of women from women-led organizations with lived experiences of climate change and to elicit the support of other stakeholders to help them scale their solutions-for a total of 70 attendees. Among these remarkable delegates was Emmanuella Ikomon, representing Angel Support Foundation and hailing from the rural community of Guma LGA, Benue State.

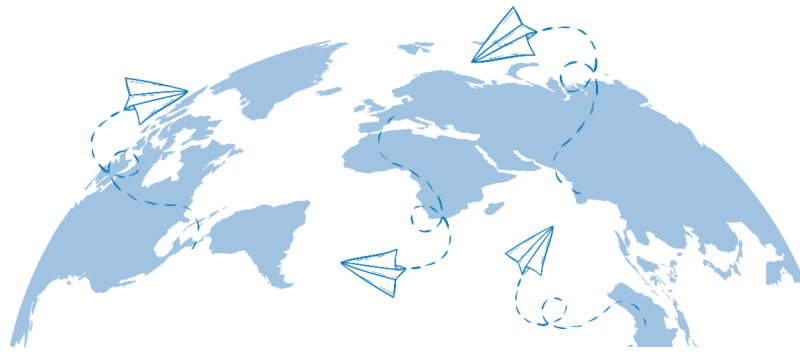
Emmanuella shared that her region, often known as "The Food Basket" of Nigeria, has been grappling with a glooming food crisis due to insecurity, land degradation, water scarcity, and poor infrastructure. Over the past three years, they have endured crises that displaced over 1000 people, leaving women and girls vulnerable to sexual exploitation.

For Emmanuella, the Climate Resilience Salon was a life changing event because it created a conducive environment to discuss the challenges of women; this spoke inclusion for her. She got the opportunity to learn from from the experts, non-profit organizations, and entrepreneurs who offered innovative solutions from within Nigeria. She shared that, "I returned home with a mission: to create a hub that amplifies the incredible work happening in our sector. It is a step towards visibility and collaboration, addressing the root causes of our challenges".

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