





*“The oil companies, particularly Shell Petroleum, have operated for over 30 years without appreciable control or environmental regulation to guide their activities.”*

- United Nations Development Programme, Niger Delta Human Development Report, 2006 © Kadir van Lohuizen/NOOR

### Shell's involvement

The oil industry in the Niger Delta involves both the government of Nigeria and subsidiaries of multinational companies. The Shell Petroleum Development Company (Shell), a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell, is the main operator on land. The majority of cases reported to, and investigated by, Amnesty International relate to Shell.

Shell's response on Amnesty's report—issued on 8 July 2009—has been disappointing. Shell appears to want to talk about the complex issues in the Niger Delta as if they were an onlooker—but do not want to acknowledge that the company's operations are a contributing factor.

Help Amnesty's campaign to ensure:

- The protection of human rights
- The effective regulation of the oil industry in Nigeria through the enforcement of laws and regulations
- Assessment and disclosure of the human rights impact of oil operations in the Niger Delta
- Clean up of pollution in the Niger Delta

## TAKE ACTION NOW

Sign our postcards, our pre-prepared letter or send your own to:

**Minister of Environment, Housing and Urban Development,  
Mr John Odey  
Federal Ministry of Environment, Housing and Urban Development  
340 Independence Way, Central Area,  
Abuja  
Nigeria**

Seeking assurances that there is no legal block to either communities or NGOs being given a copy of all relevant information on the impact of oil operations on the environment and human rights in the Niger Delta.

And write to:

**Mr Peter Voser,  
Chief Executive  
Royal Dutch Shell  
P.O. Box 162  
2501 AN The Hague  
The Netherlands**

*Dear Mr Voser,  
I am concerned about the devastating impact that pollution and environmental damage, associated with the operations of Shell, is having on the human rights of people in the Niger Delta, Nigeria.*

*Shell has failed to take effective measures to address the impact and environmental damage of its activities in the Niger Delta. I urge you as the Chief Executive of Royal Dutch Shell to:*

- *Undertake a comprehensive clean-up of all oil pollution in consultation with affected communities;*
- *Disclose all information on the impact of oil operations on the environment and human rights in the Niger Delta.*



Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand—EDeN (Environmental Defenders Network) campaigns on grave human rights abuses linked to unsustainable environmental activities and on behalf of the Human Rights Defenders who are environmental activists.

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