

YALA MOVEMENT FOR EQUITY, JUSTICE, AND FAIRNESS

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PRESS STATEMENT

ZONING OF CHAIRMANSHIP POSITION TO SOUTH UKELLE IN YALA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF CROSS RIVER STATE

Yala Movement for Equity, Justice, and Fairness, is a non-political organization saddled with the responsibility of ensuring, equity, fairness and justice in the political activities in Yala Local Government Area of Cross River

The group has reviewed the on-going political discussions in Yala which has generated so much tension and deliberate confusion in the polity and resolve to stand by the 2010 zoning committee report of Yala Local Government area signed by Barr. Ogana Lukpata Chairman/member representing Wanihem Ward, Mr Omega Odo Member representing Okpoma Ward, Mr Mathias Oko Member representing Gabu Ward, Hon. Sam Anwegbe Member representing Igede/Izekwe/Okpodon Ward, Mrs Angelina Lifu Member representing Okuku Ward, Mr Joe Agida Member representing Echumofana Ward, Late Mr Otubala Omachi Member representing O'oh Ward, Hon Dan Ugbama Member representing Wanikade Ward, Hon Cyprian Uneji Member representing Ijiraga Ward, Chief Hon. Mrs Theresa Ezzama Member representing Yahe Ward, Mr Johnson Oгри Member representing Yache Ward, Late Hon. Augustine Ilom Member representing Wanokom Ward, Hon Emma Lifu Member representing Ugaga Ward and Chief Henry Onwe Secretary/member representing Mfuma/Ntrigom Ward which came up with formula for distributing the Chairmanship position among the five blocs in the local government area.

The zoning formula adopted splited Yala Local Government Area into five blocs as follows; North Ukelle; Wanihem, Wanikade, Wanokom, and Igede wards, South Ukelle; Mfuma Ntrigom and Ijiraga wards, Western Yala; Yahe, Okpoma, and O'oh wards and Eastern Yala; Echumofana, Okuku, Ugaga wards and Yache and Gabu wards as one bloc.

In view of the fact that That the entire caucus in 2010 agreed that position of Chairman of Yala should be held on a rotational basis among the 5 blocs, and in lieu of the fact that the last Chairman of Yala of Ukelle extraction was from north ukelle block, **THE GROUP HAS ZONED THE CHAIRMANSHIP POSITION TO SOUTH UKELLE AND THEREFORE REQUEST ALL POLITICAL PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE FORTH COMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION TO ENSURE THEIR CANDIDATES ARE PICKED FROM THE 2 WARDS IN SOUTH UKELLE.**

SIGNED



Hon Edwin Odey Aboyi
Chairman



Pastor Paul Usang Ekwok
Secretary