

## Report of Rivers State Rasper Training conducted by CEDP

The training targeted at technicians and machine operators has the intent of empowering and improving their knowledge on machines operation, maintenance and repairs. It was scheduled to start by 10am on Wednesday November 4, 2009 but could not start until 11.45am due to delayed arrival of trainees as they were variously held up in traffic.

It commenced with introduction of representative of SPDC (Mr. Lasisi) and the Resource persons (Eze Iroecheonwu from Enugu, Uchenna Enyiazu from Aba and Prince Kayode from North South Development); and a brief explanation of the objective of the training



**Okarter giving an overview of the training**

The resource persons for the machine operation, maintenance and repairs (Uchenna Enyiazu and Eze Iroecheonwu ) took over from the introduction and ran through all the common problems in machines and how to trouble shoot them



**Eze explaining to trainees some issues on a cassava grater**



**Uchenna on fixing bad grater plates**



**Uchenna on fixing problems in dryers**

At the end of the machine and equipment maintenance and repairs training Prince Kayode took over the stage and handled the discussions on effect of packaging on product marketing. This session was initially designed for core beneficiaries but on a second thought I allowed it for everybody that attended. Prince Kayode likened poor packaging to a brilliant applicant who dressed shabbily to an interview. His excellent qualities will be dwarfed by his scruffy appearance. Packaging must maintain national standards and regulations e.g. NAFDAC numbers and NSO stipulations.



**Prince Kayode talking on good product packaging**

Before the departure of SPDC rep he exchanged pleasantries with the resource persons and thanked them for good presentations. He admonished trainees to go out there and put into practice all they have learnt during the training.



**Mr Lasisi exchanging pleasantries with the resource persons**

Mrs. Emiri in her vote of thanks appreciated SPDC and IITA for their assistance and contributions toward food security. She urged SPDC to capitalize on IITA reliability and always partner with them. "I personally cherish the partnership" she proclaimed.