

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NSWG/NEITI HELD IN  
ABUJA ON TUESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2005.**

A meeting of the NSWG/NEITI was held at the Rockview Hotel Abuja on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2005.

In attendance were:

S/N	Name	Organisation
1	Oby Ezekwesili	SSA-P Coordinator NEITI
2	Bright Okogu	Oil & Gas Acc. Unit/MOF
3	Olusegun Adeniyi	Thisday
4	Rotimi Amaechi	Rivers St. House of Assembly
5	H. Assisi Asobie	Transparency in Nigeria
6	Jay Pryor	Chevron-Texaco
7	Apo Okigbo	Secretary, NEITI
8	Stan Rerri	NEITI Secretariat
9	Gbite Adeniji	Adegbite Adeniji & Co
10	Orji Obgonnaya Orji	NEITI Secretariat
11	Phil Chukwu	Napims
12	Gwen Nwachukwu	Budget Office
13	David Goldwyn	Goldwyn Int. Strategies
14	Michel Tellings	Goldwyn Int. Strategies
15	Wilfred Nzewi	Goldwyn Int. Strategies
16	Stanley Ukaga	Goldwyn Int. Strategies
17	Chris Mailander	Goldwyn Int. Strategies
18	Dr Aboki Zhawa	MSMD
19	Stanley Lawson	NNPC
20	Chris Haynes	NLNG
21	Trevor Akindele	SAK Resources
22	Tony Chukwueke	Off. Of the Special Ad on Pet. Resources

Apologies

1	Dr Imo I tsueli	Dubri Oil
2	Dr. Louis B. Ogbeifun	PENGASSAN
3	Mal. M. Hayatudeen	NESG
4	Dr Edmund Daukoru	SA-P Petroleum
5	Chief O. Ugochukwu	NDDC

6	Mr. B. O. N. Okafor	CBN
7	Chairman, Nigeria - Sao Tome & Principe	
8	Mr Joseph Ajiboye	AGOF
9	Senator Maeba Lee	Nat. Assembly
10	Hon. Cairo Ojougboh	Nat. Assembly
11	Hon. Kawu Peto Dukku	States Legislature
12	Mr. Basil Omiyi	Shell
13	Engr Funsho Kupolokun	NNPC
14	Mrs Lawan Ali	DPR
15	I fueko Omoigui	FIRS

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1. The meeting was chaired by Obiageli Ezekwesili, SSA-P BMPIU & Coordinator, NEITI and started with prayers from Olusegun Adeniyi of Thisday. The meeting kicked off with introductions as the NSWG Advisory Team Goldwyn International Strategies were present at the meeting. The Group reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, adopted it and directed that all absentees/ apologies should be recorded.
2. Matters arising included a discussion on the claim by certain Civil Society (CS) persons in Paris that they were being left in the dark as to what was going on with NEITI. These persons claimed they were not being involved. The Group agreed that it was a problem that needed tackling and wanted to know how the Chairman of the NSWG CS Team would address the issue, particularly, the inability of the 5-man action team to meet.
3. In response, Dr H. Assisi Asobie, Chairman of the NSWG CS Team informed the Group that it had been a tough duty trying to harmonize CS and it was an issue he would address shortly. The Group made it clear that it would not allow certain CS persons to hijack the NEITI programme because if things go wrong, the Group would be blamed not civil society, so something has to be done to address the problem.
4. The Group directed the NEITI Secretariat to write to civil society organisations being engaged in the NEITI implementation, reminding them that the Group is still awaiting their plans and to copy all the CS organisations, particularly the groups that attended the last CS interactive session. **Letters sent to Civil Society**
5. The Group then listened to a presentation by David Goldwyn of Goldwyn International Strategies. He commended the Group for their will and commitment to transparency in Nigeria. He informed the group of the criteria used in the assessment of the firms that

submitted Proposals. He went on to add that they wanted a firm/s with experience and not one that would be learning on the job. He added that all proposals were read and scored accordingly and Akintola Williams Deloitte emerged as the best firm for all three audits. GIS informed the group that they were awaiting authorization from the NSWG to issue out an invitation to Deloitte for negotiation.

6 The Group commended the work of GIS and agreed that they went through a good process to get the results. The Group agreed that the whole document be made public knowledge so that the process can stand the test of scrutiny anywhere. The Group reiterated the fact that NEITI had a timeline and decisions no matter how difficult, had to be made.

7 In conclusion, the Group directed GIS to distribute the process and score sheets, inclusive of detailed criteria for the selection to fully inform the NSWG on how Deloitte won all three audits. The Group stated that if any objections emerge from the members, it would need to be declared by 9 a.m. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2005, Otherwise, the Group gives GIS go ahead to start negotiations.

**GIS currently negotiating with best three companies Akintola Williams Deloitte, Hart/Afemikhe and Intertek Caleb Brett**

8 On the comments of the Advisor, GIS on the NEITI Bill currently at the National Assembly, the Group directed that the bill be passed to the Legislative Team for their perusal, action and subsequent feedback to the NSWG.

**Updated NEITI bill sent to Legislative Team members**

9 The Group scheduled the next meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2005 at 3p.m. and asked the Secretariat to communicate any changes to Members.

10 The meeting closed with prayers from Mrs Gwen Nwachukwu, Director Revenue, Budget Office, MOF