

West Africa EITI Conference
10-12 September 2008
ECOWAS Secretariat, Abuja, Nigeria

Theme:

Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in West Africa: Challenges & Strategies

Day 1: 10 September 2008

15:00 **Registration**

19:00 **Welcome Cocktail**

Day 2: 11 September 2008

08:00 **Registration**

Opening Ceremony

10:00 **Introduction/Recognitions by MC**

10:15 **National Anthem**

10:20 **Welcome Address**
Dr. Aliyu Modibbo, FCT Minister

10:30 **Opening Remarks**
Professor Assisi Asobie, NEITI Chair

10:40 **Goodwill Messages**
Mr. Jonas Moberg, Head, EITI Secretariat
Andris Piebalgs, European Commissioner for Energy EU
Lord Malloch-Brown, Minister for Africa UK
Mr. Onno Ruhl, Country Director World Bank
Dr. Ibn Chambas, President, ECOWAS Commission
Mr. Tore Nedrebo Norwegian Ambassador
Arie van der Wiel Netherlands Ambassador
Alberic Kacou, Resident representative UNDP
M.H. Khalil Timamy, Executive Director, AU

11:00 **Keynote Speech**
Mallam Umaru Yar'Adua (GCFR)
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

11:30 **Vote of Thanks**
Mallam Haruna Yunusa Sa'eed, ES, NEITI

11:35 Tea-break

Session 2

Theme: The Nexus between Extractive Revenue Transparency & Sustainable Development

12:00 **Opening Remarks by Session Chair**
Dr. Ibn Chambas, ECOWAS President

12:05 **Keynote: Extractive Transparency & Sustainable Development**
Ambassador Babagana Kingibe, Secretary to the Government of the Federation

12:45 **Panel 1: Extractive Revenue Transparency & Corporate Citizenry: Imperatives & Challenges**
Mr. Basil Omiyi, MD Shell Nigeria

13:00 **Panel 2: Extractive Revenue Transparency as a Tool for Achieving the MDGs in Africa**
Mrs Amina Ibrahim, MDG Office Nigeria

13:15 **Panel 3: Beyond Resource and Revenue Transparency**
Diarmid O'Sullivan, Global Witness

13:30 **Comment/Questions from the floor**

13:50 **Responses/End of Session**

14:00 **Lunch**

Session 3

Theme: Challenges of Implementing EITI at Country Level

15:00 **Opening Remarks by Session Chair**
Mr. Jonas Moberg

15:05 **Country Experiences in EITI Implementation
Lessons and Challenges from:**

Ghana - Franklin Ashiadey
Liberia - T. Negbalee Warner

Nigeria - Haruna Y Sa'eed, Executive Secretary NEITI
Sao Tome & Principe - José Pedronho Carvalho Lima
Guinea - Dr Sid Mohamed Nabe
DRC- Jean Pierre Muteba
Mauritania - Ba Papa Amadou

- 16:15 **Comments/Questions**
- 16:35 **Responses**
- 16:55 **Closing Remarks by Session Chair**
- 17:00 **Tea Break**

Session 4

Theme: Perspectives & Roles of Regional Organizations in EITI Implementation

- 17:15 **Opening Remarks by Session Chair**
Turhan Saleh, Country Director UNDP
- 17:20 **AU: Perspectives and Roles**
AU Representative
- 17:40 **ECOWAS: Perspectives and Roles**
Souleyman Zeba, ECOWAS Representative
- 18:00 **SADC: Perspectives and Roles**
SADC Representative
- 18:20 **Q/A**
- 18:40 **End of Day 2**

Day 3:	12 September 2008
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Session 5

Theme: Best Practices for Resource & Revenue Transparency

- 09:00 **Opening Remarks by Session Chair**
Jonas Moberg
- 09:15 **Presentation on Country Best Practices**
Norway - Mr. Jonas Moberg
Botswana - Mr. Gabaake Gabaake, Permanent Secretary, Ministry
of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources

- 09:35 **Presentation on Transparency Tools**
Doris Basler, Transparency International
- 09:55 **Presentation on Approaches: Kimberly Process or IMCC**
The Chairman, Kimberly Process
- 10:15 **Comments/Questions**
- 10:35 **Responses**
- 10:45 **Tea Break**

Session 6

Theme: Embedding Civil Society into EITI Implementation

- 11:00 **Opening Remarks by Session Chair**
Michel Roy, Secours Catholique
- 11:05 **Presentation on EITI & Civil Society: The Missing Links**
Mr Christian Monzeo, PWYP Congo
- 11:25 **EITI & Civil Society: Imperative of Knowledge-based Advocacy**
Comrade Shehu Sani, NEITI/ Rev. David Ugolor, Publish What You Pay Nigeria
- 11:45 **EITI & Civil Society: Drilling Down to the Community Level**
Kumi Naidoo, Honorary President, Civicus
- 12:05 **Comments/Questions**
- 12:25 **Responses**

Session 7

Developing Strategies for National and Regional Effectiveness

- 12:45 **Syndicate Working Groups**
- Group 1: **EITI Principles: Validation & Enforcement**
- Group 2: **Strategies for Regional Engagement**
- Group 3: **Strategies for Sub-national Engagement**

Group 4: Strategies for Sustainable Frameworks, Synergies & Partnerships

14:45 **Group Lunch**

Session 8

Report to Plenary

15:30 **Opening Remarks by Session Chair**

15:35 **Report of Group 1**

15:45 **Report of Group 2**

15:55 **Report of Group 3**

16:05 **Report of Group 4**

16:15 **Comments/Questions**

16:20 **Responses**

16:30 **Tea Break**

Session 9

Closing Session

16:45 **Opening Remarks by Session Chair**
Prof. Assisi Asobie, Chairman NEITI

16:50 **Presentation of Draft Communiqué**

17:10 **Comments/Observations**

17:30 **Final Communiqué**

17:45 **Closing Remarks**

18:00 **End of Conference**

20:00 **Closing Dinner**

Day 4: 13 September 2007

Departures