

**Communiqué of the Stakeholder Road Show of the Nigeria  
Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative  
Port Harcourt, July 27-28, 2005**

The Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) held a stakeholder Road show involving about two hundred participants drawn from civil society organizations across the south - south zone in Port-Harcourt from 27-28 July, 2005.

Speakers and discussants were drawn from the NEITI National Stakeholder Working Group (NSWG) and Secretariat, Women's Group, Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Government Agencies, the NNPC Group, DPR, Development Partners (DFID, USAID & the World Bank) and the industry unions.

After extensive discussions and deliberations, the Session reached consensus on the following:

- The participants welcomed the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) to increase transparency in the Oil , Gas & Solid Minerals Sectors in Nigeria
- In this light, participants commended the road show/workshop as an important opportunity for Nigerians to understand and discuss the operations of this sector and the work of the NEITI
- Participants observed the need to deepen mechanisms that will institutionalize the EITI process beyond the life span of the incumbent administration in 2007
- In addition, participants called on the National Assembly to speedily pass the NEITI Bill.
- Participants were of the view that the NEITI communications strategy needs to be implemented in a form that the message can be easily accessible to all Nigerians.
- Participants called on NSWG to publish the preliminary audit report in a form that will enhance understanding and institute measures to increase the capacity of citizens and civil society to contribute to the process of transparency in oil and gas revenue streams and good governance.

- Participants called for full and continuous publication of information concerning extractive industry and the audit thereof; and that persons, companies and governments found engaging in corrupt practices be subjected to the rule of law
- Participants called for individual (by Company) disclosure of Oil Revenue paid to Government by the Extractive Industry
- Participants called for an immediate abrogation of all Confidentiality Clauses that restrict the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) and NNPC from publishing all revenue received from extractive companies
- Participants noted that to promote efficiency and transparency, professionals should be placed in their rightful positions in the Extractive Industry
- Participants suggested a review of the Land Use Act in a manner that enables payment of royalties to local communities.
- Concerning the cost of production of Oil, participants suggested that Government should consider reviewing the current perceived cost of oil production in line with global best practice
- Participants recommended the restructuring of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and the Department for Petroleum Resources (DPR) to reduce retrogressive conflict and overlap of responsibilities.
- In appreciating the road show, participants also observed the need to take the road show further down to the people by going to the states especially in the oil-bearing Niger Delta States.
- Participants urged for a critical review of the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between NNPC and Multinational Oil Companies in Nigeria in the light of emerging global realities
- Speakers and participants recommended that in continuing its work, NEITI should ensure that audits and frameworks are rigorously produced to ensure that they stand the test of time

- In considering compensation issues in the host communities, it was suggested that there is the need to review upward to a realistic value, the payment for land crops and other assets during compensation of host communities by Government and Companies
- Participants commended the Federal Government for the initiative, and appreciated the hospitality of the government and people of Rivers State.

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