

# Publish What You Pay Coalition

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## NGO Coalition Statement On The NEITI Conference Feb. 14-17, 2005, Presidential Villa, Abuja

The Nigerian Publish What You Pay Coalition, is a coalition of 61 civil society organizations spread across the six geo-political zones, which are united in seeking to promote transparency and accountability in the extractive industry through an independent oversight role.

PWYP Coalition wishes to use this medium to congratulate the NEITI and the NSWG on the wisdom in organizing this conference and the invitation extended to the civil society representatives.

- We wish to call of the NSWG to develop concrete mechanism to deepen the engagement with civil society to make it more meaningful and sustainable.
- In furtherance of this, we recommend the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the NSWG and PWYP Coalition to detail a more clearer set of responsibilities for all stakeholders involved in the implementation of the NEITI process particularly NSWG/CSOs engagement.
- PWYP Coalition wishes to note that it is critical to agree to an effective model for the NSWG/CSOs engagement between now and the upcoming High-Level Summit in London to guarantee active role of the civil society in Nigeria.
- PWYP Coalition wishes to call on the NSWG to help fund and facilitate capacity-building programmes for civil society organizations to engage the process in a more meaningful and productive manner.
- PWYP also welcomes the NEITI Bill currently before the National Assembly. We, however, observe that there are areas that requires fine-tuning and we hope that we shall have an opportunity to make input into it at some point before it is passed into law.
- PWYP Coalition wishes to observe that after one year of Nigeria's signing onto the initiative and two years of the global implementation, there is still no clear benchmarks for what it means to implement the EITI principles. The EITI Reporting Guidelines and the draft EITI Source Book do not also adequately set out how the EITI's central concept will be applied. PWYP Coalition is therefore prepared and willing to partner with the NSWG to draw up enforceable standards to power the implementation of the EITI in Nigeria particularly as the country is fast becoming the reference point globally on the initiative. This is important so that the NEITI becomes a truly effective and credible model of measuring governance of the oil, gas and mining revenues in Nigeria which allows citizens to hold our government accountable.

Signed for and on behalf of Publish What You Pay Coalition, Nigerian Campaign

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