



## **Regional Conference on Africa's Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources for Development: The Role of Legislators, Civil Society and Media**

**11 to 13 May 2010 – Dar es Salaam**

The “Regional Conference on Africa’s Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources for Development” is jointly organized by the African Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO), the National Advocacy Coalition on Extractives (NACE), the Parliamentary Centre, Policy Forum, and Revenue Watch Institute (RWI). Support has also been provided by GTZ and IBIS

### **Objectives of the Conference**

1. Providing delegates with **knowledge** through training as well as sharing of learning and experiences about oversight of oil, gas and mining. Participants will gain a better understanding of:
  - Issues and trends in oil, gas and mining in Africa and in participating countries
  - Oversight issues along the value chain of extraction
  - Oil, gas and mining laws, with emphasis on how to maximize the country’s take and how to use revenues from extraction well
  - Contracts and how to access them
2. Increasing channels and opportunities for **sharing and collaboration** between delegates of the same country and of different countries
3. Increasing access to intellectual and training **resources** and expertise on extractives

### **Participants**

The conference will see the participation of approximately 40 delegates from **parliaments, civil society and media** from **Ghana, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Uganda** as well as international experts.

*Breaks*

- Lunch is from 13 to 14 unless otherwise indicated in the agenda
- There will be half-hour coffee breaks every morning and afternoon

*Special events:*

- A welcome cocktail will be served on Monday 10 May at 7pm
- A dinner for all participants will be offered on Wednesday 12 May at 7.30pm

**Draft Agenda**

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**DAY I - TUESDAY 11 MAY - INTRODUCTORY DEBATES ON EXTRACTIVES**

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Facilitator for the day: Vanessa Herringshaw, RWI

**Introduction**

Time: 9-10.30

Lead: Vanessa Herringshaw, RWI

- Welcome remarks
- Introduction of participants and expectations
- Overview of the conference objectives and program
- Setting Groundrules
- Setting feedback mechanisms

**Session I - Extractive Industries and their importance in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Africa in general**

Time: 11-14.45 (with lunch break from 13 to 14)

Lead: Matteo Pellegrini, RWI

Approach: video viewing, presentation, working groups and debates

- 1 EI and national development – why they matter
- 2 Comparative overview of Extractive Industries (EI) in the World, Africa and Tanzania, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Uganda
- 3 Selected Trends in Extractive Industries

**Session II - The Role of Parliament Civil Society and Media and the Value Chain**

Time: 14.45 – 17.30 (with break from 15.30 to 16)

Lead: Angela Mugore, RWI.

Approach: debate

- The role of MPs, CSOs and media

- The role of oversight along the value chain of extraction

**Dinner** (Meetings of all country groups to discuss the flow of country panel discussions)

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## DAY II - WEDNESDAY 12 MAY – REFORMING OIL, GAS AND MINING LAWS

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Facilitator for the day: Vanessa Herringshaw, RWI

### **Session III – Reforming Extractive Industry Laws**

Time: 9-13.00

Lead: Dr. Eva Thorne, Brandeis University

Approach: presentation and debate

- 1) Maximizing your Country's Take
  - o Fiscal tools, contracts and fiscal balance
  - o Loopholes
  - o Progressive fiscal regimes
  - o Ease of Administration and enforceability of fiscal tools
- 2) Spending Revenues from Extractive Industries well
  - o The specificities of EI revenues: volatility and finite nature
  - o Tools for better revenue management
  - o Issues in re-distribution of revenues

**Lunch** (Tanzania and Ghana country panellists to meet with facilitators to discuss country panels flow)

### **Country panel discussion I – Tanzania**

Time: 14 - 15.30

Lead: Semkae Kilonzo, Policy Forum

Approach: Panel discussion followed by Q&A

- Semkae Kilonzo, Policy Forum: Overview of extractive industries in Tanzania and current legislative debates on Extractive Industries
- Panel discussion: experiences of oversight engagement
  - o Hon. Zitto Kabwe, Chairman of the Parastatal Organizations Accounts Parliamentary Committee and member of the “Bomani Commission: reforming the Tanzanian mining sector – the mandate and work of the “Bomani Commission”
  - o Hon. MP from Energy and Minerals Committee: the experiences of parliamentary oversight in the sector, the committee’s perspectives on

the recommendations of the 'Bomani Report', the experiences of engagement with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals during the drafting of the new Mining Act

- Amani Mhinde, HakiMadini: The role of and approach of CSOs during the mining legislation process, challenges involved and key lessons learned.
- Q&A and discussion

### **Country panel discussion II – Ghana**

Time: 16- 17.30

Lead: Abdulkarim Mohammed, Parliamentary Center

Approach: Panel discussion followed by Q&A

- Abdulkarim Mohammed: Overview of extractive industries in Ghana and current legislative debates on Extractive Industries
- Panel discussion: experiences of oversight engagement
  - Hon. Joseph Kofi Adda, MP, Ranking Member, Mines & Energy Committee
  - Mr. Vitus Azeem, Executive Secretary, Ghana Integrity Initiative
  - Mrs. Hannah Owusu-Koranteng, Director of Monitoring & Communication, WACAM
  - Mr. Issah Shaibu, Chief Editor, Ghana Radio
- Q&A and discussion

**Dinner offered by the organizers at hotel venue, with keynote speech by Hon. Bah on the EITI.**

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## **DAY III – THURSDAY 13 MAY – ACCESSING AND REVIEWING OIL, GAS AND MINING CONTRACTS**

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Facilitators for the day: Vanessa Herringshaw, RWI and Silas Olan'g, RWI

**Breakfast** (Uganda country panellists to meet with facilitators to discuss country panel flow)

### **Session IV – Accessing and Reviewing EI Contracts**

Time: 9- 10.30

Lead: Susan Maples, Columbia University.

Approach: presentation, working groups and debates

1. Part One: Legal Framework: Laws, Regulations, and Contracts
2. Part Two: Essential Contracts Basics
3. Part Three: Presentation of Preliminary Findings of Research on Parliamentary Access and Review of Contracts

### **Country panel discussion III – Uganda**

Time: 11.30- 13

Lead: Dickens Kamugisha, African Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO)

Approach: Panel discussion followed by Q&A

- Dickens Kamugisha and Francis Tumusiime, AFIEGO: Overview of extractive industries in Uganda and current debates on access to, and review of, contracts
- Panel discussion: experiences of oversight engagement
  - o Hon. Patrick Ochieng, Hon. Tom Kyahurwenda and Hon. Winnie Matsiko. The Parliament's experiences in engaging in accessing Production Sharing Agreements (PSAs)
  - o Bazira Henry, WGI and Robert Kugonza, NAPE. Initiatives by civil society to access oil agreements from government (litigation process and trainings to stakeholders, community empowerment, etc)
- Q&A and discussion

**Lunch** (Sierra Leone country panellists to meet with facilitators to discuss country panel flow)

### **Country panel discussion IV – Sierra Leone**

Time: 14.00- 15.30

Lead: Cecilia Christiana Mattia, National Advocacy Coalition on Extractives (NACE)

Approach: Panel discussion followed by Q&A

- Cecilia Christiana Mattia , NACE: Overview of extractive industries in Sierra Leone and current debates on access to, and review of, contracts
- Panel discussion: experiences of oversight engagement –topics and panellists being confirmed
- Q&A and discussion

### **Session V - What have we learned? What more can we do?**

Time: 16-17.30

Lead: Matteo Pellegrini, RWI

Approach: discussion and presentation

- o Presentation of additional venues and opportunities for learning
- o Reviewing learning from this conference and possible applications in own country
- o Closing of the conference