NEITI Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

THE PRESIDENCY

2023

APPROVED COUNTRY WORK PLAN

WP NARRATIVE

Contents

Introduction

In line with Requirement 1.5 of the EITI Standard, the 2023 Nigeria EITI Country Work Plan is developed to support the ongoing reforms in the Nigeria extractive sector, led by the PIA implementation, and to influence accelerated revenue growth and development.

The 2023 workplan is the second in the series of the implementation of our 2022-26 strategic plan with the following objectives:

1: To strengthen extractive sector governance and reforms through policy research, strategic stakeholder engagement, communication, and inter-agency collaboration.

2: To sustain extractive sector reporting and relevance by focusing on national and international priorities

3: To achieve operational excellence in implementing the NEITI mandate through Professionalism, innovation, use of technology, resource management, and capacity building.

The implementation of the 2023 work plan is intended to consolidate the gains recorded in the extractive sector through policy reforms; improve citizens' confidence and participation in the transparency and accountability drive of government; support government core priority objectives in a period of political transition (2023 General Elections)using extractive industry data to shape the political discussion; support government's recovery and growth agenda through effective and timely remediation of industry issues; and meet up to international obligations and EITI validation requirement.

Our stakeholder engagement approach is designed to improve understanding and awareness among citizens and stakeholders on accountable management of mineral resources for the benefit of all citizens.

Key assumptions about implementation of workplan:

- ✓ Stability of the political environment demonstrated in a smooth transition to a new government in 2023
- ✓ Improve financial resource support from government and donors
- ✓ Improved human capacity support (New Staff)
- ✓ Stakeholders' buy-in
- ✓ Successful deployment of technology

National Priority Objective:

The 2023 priorities of government, tagged "Fiscal Sustainability and Transition", is designed to achieve the following strategic objectives of the National Development Plan 2021 – 2025

I. Facilitate macroeconomic stability, human capital development, and food security
II. Boost manufacturing performance
III. Improve defence and internal security
IV. Improve business environment and transport infrastructure
V. Ensure energy sufficiency
VI. Promote industrialization focusing on Small and Medium Scale Enterprises

International Priorities:

The International priorities is to broaden the scope of:

- Contract Transparency
- Commodity Trading Transparency
- Environmental Disclosures
- Opening Extractives
- Gender Reporting
- Energy Transition
- Beneficial Ownership Disclosure.

NEITI 2023 Work Plan Objectives

- Increase public enlightenment about the EITI process, and emerging global trends and enhance impact and relevance in Nigeria's extractive sector.
- Broaden & deepen Stakeholder Engagement in the EITI Process.
- Timely disclosure of information and data across the industry value chain
- Conduct Research and Studies to Strengthen Policy Reforms in the E.I Sector
- Facilitate public sector accountability through monitoring and evaluation of governance initiatives, internal control, and data-based coordination.
- Improve reporting on current and emerging issues through comprehensive data sources mapping
- Improve reporting through automation of data gathering process
- Enhance relevance of NEITI's work by focusing on National and international Priorities
- To maintain high quality accounting standards in the presentation of financial statement reporting
- Achieve operational Excellence in Implementation of NEITI mandate

Strengthen extractive sector governance and reforms through policy research, strategic stakeholder engagement, communication, and inter-agency collaboration.	
Broaden & deepen Stakeholder Engagement in the EITI Process.	The implementation of NEITI mandate hinges significantly on the continued commitment of different stakeholders and capacity of the different actors. (State and non-state actors) to hold government accountable for management of extractive resources. Effort is ongoing to review and revise the NEITI Stakeholders' map in line with our 2022-26 Strategic direction, develop a comprehensive framework for stakeholders' engagement and capacity building.

	Conscious attempt is made to consolidate and sustain the gains in the implementation of EITI requirement 7.3-4 (outcomes and impact) In anticipation to the PIA 2021 implementation. NEITI's renewed focus is on strengthening subnational and grassroots networks relying on the regional representatives on the NEITI Board (NSWG) and the Civil Society Steering Committee (CSSC), Legislators, relevant government agencies/institutions for effective synergy. The use of technology and social media platforms is considered as veritable engagement strategy for achieving Nigeria EITI's set objective.
Increase public enlightenment of the EITI process, and emerging global trends and enhance impact and relevance in Nigeria's extractive sector.	The 2023 plan for dissemination will be drawn from the new comprehensive NEITI Communication Strategy. The plan seeks to facilitate demand for accountability and desired reforms in the extractive sector through policy advocacy using a broader spectrum of stakeholders; provision of information, education, and enlightenment using traditional and new media channels to create awareness and enable the public to demand for better management of extractive industry resources and overall governance of the sector.
Timely disclosure of information and data across the industry value chain	NEITI will continue to sustain the progress in timely industry audits reporting in 2023. A plan is ongoing to break new grounds and complete the 2022 industry audit in 2023.
Conduct Research and Studies to Strengthen Policy Reforms in the extractive sector	To influence the policy space in 2023, NEITI will continue to monitor existing and emerging issues in the industry and come up with Policy Briefs, Quarterly Reviews, Occasional Papers, and other specialized studies that will be used as engagement tool for policy advocacy and reforms. The activities are aimed at providing empirical data for evidence-based recommendations to improve the governance of the sector.
Facilitate public sector accountability through monitoring and evaluation of governance initiatives, internal control, and data-based coordination	NEITI will monitor and evaluate reforms and overall governance initiatives by relevant institutions and provide support for such initiatives through generation of relevant industry data to facilitate decision making across extractive industry governance and anti-corruption institutions
Sustain extractive sector reporting and relevance by focusing on national and international priorities	
Improve reporting on current and emerging issues through comprehensive data sources mapping & Improve reporting on	To influence the policy space, NEITI will continue to monitor existing and emerging issues in the extractive industry such as Contract Transparency, Beneficial Ownership Disclosure, Energy Transition, gender and the environment.

current and emerging issues through comprehensive data sources mapping	We intend to influence the policy space in 2023 through research and studies on industry governance and come up with a policy recommendation that will support the desired reform. The basis will be the comprehensive industry data source mapping.
Improve reporting through automation of data gathering process	NEITI plans to sustain the regular reporting and continue to improve on the timeliness of its reports above and beyond EITI reporting deadlines for the industry audits – oil & gas and solid minerals – in 2023. In line with NEITI's Strategic Objective 2 above, the following activities will be implemented. • Oil and gas Reconciliation Report 2021 • FASD reconciliation report 2020 • Solid Minerals reconciliation report 2021 • Automated Data Gathering Process • Gender and Environmental Reporting.
Enhance relevance of NEITI's work by focusing on National and international Priorities	Aligning our strategic objectives to our National & International priorities, Nigeria EITI will in 2023 focus on deepening transparency in the entire Extractive Industry value chain, more importantly Nigeria will strive to sustain a satisfactory validation status in the 2023 EITI validation. Also top on our priority is the Contract Transparency which Nigeria has taken a global lead in the process and backed up with a legislation (Petroleum Industry Act 2021) The PIA implementation is one of Nigeria EITI's Priority. Other Key priorities Will include enhancing Beneficial Ownership disclosure through the Open Extractives initiative, Energy Transition, environment, and gender reporting.
Achieve operational excellence in implementing the NEITI mandate through Professionalism, innovation, use of technology, resource management, and capacity building	
Maintain high quality accounting standards in the presentation of financial statement reporting	NEITI will maintain a high-quality accounting standard in its operations by sustaining the IPSAS and IFRS financial reporting guidelines. Development of sustainable funding strategy is currently ongoing as a priority to address current challenges in funding of Nigeria EITI's policies and programmes.
Achieve operational Excellence in Implementation of NEITI mandate	NEITI plan to sustain and enhance operational capacity in the implementation of the EITI in Nigeria through continuous human capacity development for management, staff and stakeholders carrying out accountability functions in extractive industry governance. The plan will also promote organisational learning and deploy critical ICT infrastructure in other to take advantage of innovations in information and communication technology. NEITI will also continue to institutionalize monitoring and evaluation to keep track of set goals and objectives in other to achieve planned outcomes.

	We have just acquired a four-storey building in the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja) which is being remodelled to support the objectives of enhancing efficiency and productivity.

Methodology and Funding

The workplan is a product of extensive Multi Stakeholders' consultation; it reflects the inputs of the broader constituencies in the EITI implementation in Nigeria such as companies Forum (CF), the Civil Society Steering Committee (CSSC) and the government agencies.

The process of developing this workplan conforms with the EITI standard 2019 and the national economic and anti-corruption objectives of the Federal Government of Nigeria. The plan will be funded through annual Federal Government of Nigeria budgetary allocation and support from donor partners.

The implementation of this work plan will be monitored in accordance with the FGN priority objective and the EITI requirements 2019.

The table below represent a summary of the workplan financials with the attached details annex 1.

Work plan Costing

Strategic Objective	Total	FGN proposed	Donor	Gap
Sustain extractive sector reporting and relevance by focusing on national and international priorities	450,100,000.00	182,900,000.00	147,200,000.00	120,000,000.00
Strengthen extractive sector governance and reforms through policy research, strategic stakeholder engagement, communication, and inter-agency collaboration	514,500,000.00	258,500,000.00	32,000,000.00	224,000,000.00
Achieve operational excellence in implementing the NEITI mandate through Professionalism,	1,102,516,644.00	991,516,644.00		111,000,000.00

innovation, use of technology, resource management, and capacity building.				
Total cost of implementation:	2,067,116,644.00	1,432,916,644.00	179,200,000.00	455,000,000.00