

NSWG Ref No: 02/2026

**MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE SIXTH NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS
WORKING GROUP (NSWG) HELD ON FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE 2026.**

The National Stakeholders Working Group (NSWG) met on June 26, 2026, at the Executive Conference Room, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Abuja.

Attendance

S/N	Name	Designation
1.	Sen. George Akume CON	Chairman
2.	Amb. Matthew Sunday Adoli MFR	Representative of North-Central Zone
3.	Mr. Olasupo Abdel-Jeleel Taiwo	Representative of South-West Zone
4.	Chief Israel Ikechukwu Ikwuegbu	Representative of South-East Zone
5.	Barr. Musa Abdullahi Lawan	Representative of North-West Zone
6.	Dr. Stephen Leo Akpan	Representative of South-South Zone
7.	Dr. Erisa Danladi Sarki	Representative of the Civil Society
8.	Engr. Nkechi Isigwe	Representative of Women/Geo-Scientists
9.	Mr. Nasir Jajere	Representative of NNPC
10.	Mrs. Lola Adelere	Representative of OPTS
11.	Comrade Williams Akporeha	Representative of NUPENG
12.	Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar	Executive Secretary/CEO

Apologies

13.	Dr. Nguumbur Lovette Ononuga	Representative of NRS
14.	Mr. Dele Ayanleke	Representative of Miners Association, Nig.
15.	Prof. Abubakar Mu'azu	Representative of North-East Zone

OSGF Attendance

16.	Dr Ibrahim Kana mni,	Permanent Secretary, General Secretary's Office)
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NEITI Staff in Attendance

❖	Mrs Jane Onwumere	Director Legal Services
❖	Mrs. Sadiya Gashinbaki	Assistant Director, Legal Services

- ❖ Mr Kingsley Chimaobi Ochasi Officer I, Legal Services
- ❖ Mr Ibrahim Abdulhadi Officer I, ICT

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1	1.0 OPENING: The Meeting commenced at 2:20pm with the rendition of the First
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3	2.0 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. NSWG Members reviewed the
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9	3.0 CHAIRMAN's OPENING REMARKS
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16	4.0 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S STATUS UPDATE
17	The Executive Secretary, welcomed NSWG members to the meeting. He informed the Board
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23	progress on corrective actions from the previous Validation.
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29	Regarding the 2024 Industry Audits, the Secretariat successfully conducted the Tripartite Reconciliation Meeting for the Solid Minerals Audit in Yobe State on 10 June 2026 to resolve

30	reporting discrepancies and improve data quality. The Independent Auditors are expected to
31	submit the first draft reports within two weeks of receiving outstanding payments. Following
32	internal and NSWG Committee reviews, the final audit reports are expected by the end of
32	July 2026, subject to timely funding.
33	The Executive Secretary also reported a series of courtesy visits to key stakeholder
34	institutions, including the NUPRC, PTDF, NMDPRA, and the Nigeria Revenue Service
35	(NRS). These engagements focused on securing support for the upcoming Validation,
36	strengthening collaboration on data sharing and regulatory disclosures, addressing funding
37	challenges, and enhancing transparency in extractive sector governance.
38	In conclusion, the Executive Secretary emphasized that the Secretariat is intensifying
39	stakeholder engagement and inter-agency collaboration to ensure Nigeria presents a credible,
40	evidence-based, and coordinated position for the EITI Validation. He stressed that the
41	continued support of the NSWG and all reporting entities remains essential to achieving a
42	successful Validation outcome and sustaining Nigeria's leadership in extractive sector
43	transparency and accountability.
44	Closed Door Meeting was held
45	5.0 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
46	The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th March and the emergency meeting held 10 th
47	June 2026 were moved to the next meeting for consideration in order to focus on the
48	pending EITI validation.
49	6.0 SUMMARY OF THE SECRETARIAT'S STATUS REPORT ON NIGERIA'S
50	2026 EITI VALIDATION TEMPLATES
51	The Director, Policy, Planning & Strategy and Chairman of the Validation committee
52	provided updates on preparations for Nigeria's 2026 EITI Validation. He stated that
53	the templates were substantially completed ahead of the 30 June 2026 submission
54	deadline. They were completed through consultations with government, industry and
55	civil society stakeholders, drawing on NEITI reports, Annual Progress Reports,
56	NSWG resolutions, policy studies, regulatory publications, constituency reports and
57	evidence of progress on previous Validation corrective actions.
58	He highlighted significant progress in implementing corrective actions from
59	Nigeria's third Validation, strengthening multi-stakeholder engagement, advancing
60	beneficial ownership disclosures and contract transparency, reconstituting the Inter-
61	Ministerial Task Team to implement EITI recommendations, expanding stakeholder

62	outreach, progressing the review of the NEITI Act, and increasing attention to energy
63	transition, environmental sustainability and gender inclusion.
64	He also highlighted issues requiring NSWG attention before submission. These
65	include validating supporting evidence, endorsing assessments on the completeness
66	and reliability of disclosures, finalising cross-references and hyperlinks amongst
67	others. He cautioned that failure to submit the Validation Templates by 30 June 2026
68	could adversely affect Nigeria's Validation outcome and weaken the country's ability
69	to demonstrate compliance with the EITI Standard and progress on previous
70	corrective actions.
71	Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the NSWG urgently review and
72	verify the templates, approve the completed documents and annexures, authorise the
73	Secretariat to incorporate agreed amendments (if any) and conduct final editorial
74	reviews. Approval was also sought for submission of the templates to the EITI
75	International Secretariat, publication on the NEITI website, and to direct
76	stakeholders to provide any outstanding evidence required to complete the
77	annexures.
78	In conclusion, he emphasised that the period leading up to 30 June 2026 is critical
79	and expressed confidence that the Validation Templates provide a credible basis for
80	demonstrating Nigeria's progress under the EITI Standard. He stressed that timely
81	NSWG review, approval and sign-off are essential to ensure a successful submission
82	of a unified national position on the validation.
83	7.0 MEMO TO THE NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS WORKING GROUP
84	(NSWG) FOR CONSIDERATION, APPROVAL AND SIGN-OFF OF
85	NIGERIA'S 2026 EITI VALIDATION TEMPLATES
86	The Secretariat presented a memo seeking the consideration, approval and formal
87	sign-off of Nigeria's 2026 EITI Validation Templates and supporting annexures by
88	the National Stakeholders Working Group (NSWG), in line with the requirements of
89	the 2023 EITI Standard.
90	The NSWG was informed that the templates have been substantially completed
91	through stakeholder consultations and contain evidence of reforms, disclosures and
92	implementation activities. However, several sections require the NSWG's
93	confirmation and endorsement, particularly where the EITI Standard requires
94	documented Multi-Stakeholder Group discussions, assessments and decisions. The

95	Secretariat also emphasised that responsibility for reviewing and approving the
96	templates rests with the NSWG as the governing body overseeing EITI
97	implementation in Nigeria.
98	Accordingly, the Secretariat recommended that the NSWG urgently reviews and
99	approves the completed templates and annexures, formally sign off on the
100	documents, authorise submission to the EITI International Secretariat and
101	publication of the templates and annexures on the NEITI website on or before 30
102	June 2026.
103	COMMENTS TO THE MEMO
104	The South East Zonal Representative raised concerns about the NSWG not having
105	sufficient time to extensively interact with the templates in view of the refusal of the
106	extension request which has put enormous pressure on the Board to quickly finalize
107	and sign-off before the deadline.
108	The South-south Zonal Representative enquired what the impact on the validation
109	would be if substantial gaps remained even after submission of templates.
110	It was explained that the document is a live and working document which
111	incorporates information, links and data from both internal and external
112	stakeholders. The NSWG will have an opportunity to review the templates and make
113	inputs even after it has been uploaded.
114	The Representative of the Civil Society highlighted the need for the Board to sign
115	off the templates and approve that the templates are made available to the EITI and
116	on the NEITI website on or before June 2026. She however highlighted the need for
117	the NSWG to continue to engage with the documentation as the validation
118	progresses. She called on the need to continue to hold sessions o the templates and
119	requested the Secretariat to organize the sessions urgently.
120	After deliberations, all members of the Board agreed on the need to sign off and
121	forward the templates and annexures to the EITI Secretariat and upload same on the
122	website before the deadline.
123	BE IT RESOLVED that:
124	The NSWG hereby approves and signs off on Nigeria's 2026 EITI Validation
125	Templates and Annexures and authorises the Secretariat to undertake all actions
126	necessary for the submission on or before 30 June 2026.

127	9.0 Any Other Business (AOB)
128	Letters of Introduction to Governors
129	Representatives of the South-west and North-central geopolitical zones reiterated the need
130	for letters of introduction to be finalized by NEITI and the Office of the Secretary to the
131	Government of the Federation, and forwarded to state Governors introducing zonal
132	representatives on the Board. This will assist in the discharge of their duties.
133	The Chairman stated that the letter of introduction will value to NEITI and he is prepared to
134	endorse 37 letters to each State Government introducing members of the Zonal
135	representatives as Board members.
136	Board Retreat
137	The Executive Secretary stated that plans were made to initiate a retreat either in Makurdi,
138	Benue state, Lafia, Nasarawa state or Yobe State, where reconciliation meetings took place
139	earlier. However, due to challenges in funding releases, the retreat has been postponed and
140	would hold subsequently when NEITI gets funding. In conclusion, he stated that subsequent
141	Board meetings would address pending issues with action plans and feedback.
142	10.0 CLOSING REMARKS
143	The Chairman thanked members of the NSWG for their active participation and
144	valuable contributions. He expressed appreciation to Members for their cooperation,
145	and declared the meeting adjourned. A motion for adjournment was moved by the
146	Representative of the NNPC and seconded by the Representative of Gender/GEO-
147	Scientist.
148	The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

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Musa Sarkin Adar (Hon)
Executive Secretary



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Jane O. Onwumere
Director Legal Services