

Fw: NSWG Decision on IOC Divestments and Climate Accountability —Invitation to Collaborate on NEITI's New Framework

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Policy paper on neiti energy transition .pdf;

Good Morning

Please document this for validation.

Thank you.

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Subject: NSWG Decision on IOC Divestments and Climate Accountability—Invitation to Collaborate on NEITI's New Framework

The Executive Director

Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA Resource Centre)

Lagos, Nigeria

Attention: Mr. Olanrewaju Suraju

Executive Director, HEDA

**NSWG Decision on IOC Divestments and Climate Accountability—Invitation to Collaborate on
NEITI's New Framework**

Dear Mr. Suraju,

I bring you warm greetings from the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) and thank you once again for your unwavering commitment to transparency, environmental justice, and responsible resource governance.

You will recall the petition to NEITI from HEDA and six other allied civil society organisations, which raised important concerns about the negative environmental, economic, and social impacts of divestments by International Oil Companies (IOCs) on host communities. You also expressed concern over what was perceived as NEITI's limited engagement with these issues in our industry reporting.

Following NEITI's careful review of your petition, we took several steps to better understand and address the issues raised. These included formal written requests and responses exchanged with the **Nigeria Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC)**, the **Federal Ministry of Environment**, and the **National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA)**. These engagements informed a deeper institutional response, culminating in the development of a **Policy on NEITI Energy Transition & Climate Accountability Framework**.

This policy was formally presented to and adopted by the NEITI National Stakeholders' Working Group (NSWG) during its 6th Strategic Retreat and Board Meeting held in Umuahia, Abia State on the **6th of May, 2025**—a symbolic venue reflecting the resource-endowed communities at the heart of your concerns. A copy of the Policy Paper is attached.

The newly adopted framework is designed to:

- Mainstream environmental, social, and climate impact disclosures into NEITI's oil, gas, and mining audits starting with the 2024 industry reports.
- Track and report on the status and consequences of IOC onshore assets divestments, including transparency, process, accountability, environmental, legacy issues, remediation and host community liabilities.
- Establish climate accountability indicators aligned with Nigeria's energy transition goals and global frameworks such as the Paris Agreement.
- Generate data-driven recommendations for government and stakeholders on mitigation, adaptation, and remediation.

Your petition was a key trigger in catalyzing this strategic policy response. Accordingly, we invite **HEDA and its civil society coalition partners** to join NEITI in supporting the **implementation phase** of this framework. Your deep community roots, field-level intelligence, and advocacy capabilities will be vital in ensuring credible data collection, monitoring, and public accountability mechanisms.

NEITI is currently at the designing stage of implementation and will like to share with you a draft for your inputs as soon as it is ready. We believe this collaboration will offer an opportunity to elevate civil society's role in shaping a just, inclusive, and accountable energy transition in Nigeria.

Once again, we appreciate your constructive engagement and look forward to working with you in giving full effect to this landmark initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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