

Welcome Address by Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, Hon. Chairman, ICPC, on the Occasion of a Courtesy Visit to the Commission by the Executive Secretary/CEO of Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to this Commission.

The relationship between the ICPC and the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) has always been characterized by mutual respect and strategic necessity. Your visit today reinforces our collective resolve to ensure that Nigeria's most vital resources are managed with the highest standards of integrity and accountability.

The ICPC views NEITI not just as a sister agency but as a critical vanguard in the fight against systemic corruption. Your commitment to transparency in the oil, gas, and mining sectors provides the data-driven foundation upon which we can build cases and implement preventive measures. Without the clarity provided by your audit reports, the task of identifying leakages in our extractive industries would be infinitely more difficult.

Our partnership is not merely on paper; it is defined by concrete action. I am particularly proud to highlight our recent joint project: the operationalization of the Special Extractive Industry Desk within the ICPC.

This dedicated desk was established specifically to act upon the findings of NEITI's audit reports. By combining NEITI's forensic data with the ICPC's investigative and prosecutorial powers, we have moved beyond simply "reporting" infractions to "rectifying" them. This synergy ensures that "remedial issues" identified in your reports are no longer ignored but are met with the full weight of the law. This desk stands as a testament to what we can achieve when we move from working in silos to working in sync.

Building on the success of the Special Desk, today's meeting offers us an opportunity to; enhance the real-time exchange of data on illicit financial flows (IFFs); collaborate on "System Study and Review" exercises within the solid minerals sector to prevent revenue loss; conduct joint training for our investigators and your auditors to better understand the evolving complexities of extractive industry fraud.

As we sit here this afternoon, the expectations of the Nigerian public are high. They demand that their natural wealth translates into national development. Our partnership is one of the most effective tools we have to meet those expectations. I want to assure the Executive Secretary that the ICPC remains an open and willing partner.

Once again, I welcome you to the Commission. I look forward to a very robust deliberation that will pave the way for an even more impactful year for our two organizations.

Thank you for listening. God bless Nigeria.