

**SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF NIGERIA EXTRACTIVE
INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (NEITI) ON A COURTESY VISIT TO
THE INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES
COMMISSION, 21ST OF JANUARY 2025**

Protocol

The ICPC Chairman, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN
Distinguished Directors and Senior Officials of the ICPC,
Members of the NEITI Senior Management Team,

1. I am pleased to be here today on this courtesy visit to Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) following my assumption of office as Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in November 2025. From inception, NEITI has recognised that transparency alone is insufficient without strong preventive mechanisms and institutional accountability, particularly in the oil, gas, and solid minerals sectors where corruption risks remain high.
2. This visit comes at a critical period as Nigeria advances preparations for its EITI Validation 2026, which requires clear evidence of anti-corruption measures, preventive actions, and follow-up on governance weaknesses identified through NEITI audits and disclosures. It therefore provides an opportunity to reaffirm NEITI's commitment to the existing Memorandum of Understanding between our two institutions.
3. NEITI's audits and policy recommendations consistently identify systemic gaps, control weaknesses, and corruption risks across the extractive value chain. These findings are intended not only to inform public debate but also to support preventive interventions, investigations, and institutional reforms, which fall within the ICPC's mandate.

4. In this context, NEITI seeks the ICPC's continued collaboration in utilising NEITI reports for preventive actions, enforcement where necessary, and monitoring of remedial actions arising from our findings. Such cooperation is essential to demonstrating Nigeria's commitment to accountability and integrity under the EITI Standard.
5. The upcoming EITI Validation exercise 2026 will assesses Nigeria's progress in implementing the **EITI Standard 2023**. It is important to apprise you of the Validation because it is not limited to NEITI but a validation of Nigeria as a whole. It covers three components which include Transparency, Stakeholder Engagement and Outcomes & Impact. As a critical stakeholder in the EITI implementation in Nigeria, we humbly seek your continued support and cooperation.
6. In light of the above, a template will be forwarded to your Agency to populate as part of our joint assessment. We also plan to hold further engagements on the validation exercise which we would communicate in due course.
7. I am confident that strengthening this partnership will contribute significantly to reducing corruption risks, improving sector governance, and safeguarding Nigeria's extractive resources for sustainable national development.
8. Thank you, and may this engagement further consolidate a sustained and impactful partnership between NEITI and the ICPC.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/CEO

Musa Sarkin Adar (Hon.)