

WELCOME REMARKS BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF NEITI, DR. ORJI OGBONNAYA ORJI, ON THE COURTESY VISIT OF CHIEF VINMARTIN OBIORA ILO, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF SIGNATURE TV 4 FEBRUARY 2025 AT NEITI SECRETARIAT.

1. It is my pleasure to warmly welcome Chief Vinmartin Obiora Ilo, the distinguished Editor-in-Chief of Signature TV, and his esteemed team to NEITI. Your visit today is both timely and significant, given the critical role that the media plays in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance—values that lie at the heart of NEITI’s mandate.
2. At NEITI, we recognize that the media is not just a messenger but a strategic partner in our mission to ensure that Nigeria’s extractive sector operates with integrity, openness, and efficiency for the benefit of all citizens. The power of investigative journalism, public enlightenment, and agenda-setting is indispensable in holding both the government and private sector accountable. Through your work at Signature TV—one of the fastest-growing online and television networks—you have demonstrated a commitment to in-depth reporting, fact-based storytelling, and national development.
3. Over the years, NEITI has relied on the media to disseminate critical information contained in our industry reports, which expose revenue inflows, governance gaps, policy recommendations, and the impact of the extractive sector on Nigeria’s economy. The recent revelations in our 2022 and 2023 industry reports, including the staggering losses to oil theft, subsidy payments, and unremitted revenues, require sustained media attention to drive necessary reforms.
4. As we continue our work in shaping Nigeria’s approach to energy transition, combating corruption, and strengthening revenue mobilization, we seek the full support of the media, especially platforms like Signature TV, to amplify our findings and engage the public in meaningful discourse. We encourage investigative reporting, feature analyses, and special programming that will ensure citizens, policymakers, and industry stakeholders act on the data we provide.
5. In this regard, I look forward to a strengthened collaboration between NEITI and Signature TV. We are open to partnerships that will deepen public awareness of our work, expand media capacity on extractive sector reporting, and foster national conversations that will enhance transparency and good governance in the industry.
6. Once again, I welcome you, Chief Vinmartin Ilo, and your team, and I look forward to a productive engagement.
7. Thank you