

NEITI
COUNTRY
WORKPLAN

2018

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Introduction

The 2018 NEITI Work Plan is developed in line with the FGN key priority objectives under the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) and to consolidate on the implementation of the NEITI Strategic Plan 2017-21. The NEITI strategic plan is also targeted at deepening the implementation of the EITI in Nigeria with the following strategic goals.

- (1) **Strategic Goal 1:** Deepen openness in the extractive sector through timely audits and other impactful studies.
- (2) **Strategic Goal 2:** Shape extractive sector and overall governance reforms through policy engagements, thought leadership and inter-agency coordination.
- (3) **Strategic Goal 3** – To strengthen accountability in the use of extractive revenues through strategic communication with critical stakeholders and empowerment of accountability actors.
- (4) **Strategic Goal 4** - To develop operational capacity, legitimacy and support through effective administration and human resource management and adequate funding.

National and Core Priority Objectives

The National priority objectives of the FGN include:

- Economic Diversification
- Corporate Governance and Anti-corruption
- State and Regional Development
- Infrastructure and Social Development
- Environmental Protection.

The Implementation of the NEITI strategic goals in the 2018 work plan is designed to achieve the core priority **objectives** in pursuance of the 2016 EITI revised standard and the NEITI national mandate under the NEITI Act 2007.

The following are priority areas:

1. Industry Audit reporting.
2. Dissemination of NEITI Industry Audit Report findings to strategic stakeholders, broaden and deepen engagements.
3. Ensure optimum regulation & compliance to NEITI mandate based on the NEITI Act and the EITI requirements.
4. To provide operational, administrative and logistic support.
5. Evaluate governance and anti-corruption initiatives at all levels of governance and provide data-based coordination.
6. Effective implementation of internal control mechanism through continuous monitoring & evaluation, internal auditing & procurement process.

Priority Activities

The key activities to support the achievement of the core objectives for 2018 will include:

➤ **Regular Audit reporting in line with EITI Guidelines**

The 2018 top most priority activity in the year will be to sustain the regular reporting and cover the arrears of the Industry Audits - Oil & Gas and Solid Minerals for year 2016 as a key requirement of the NEITI Act and the EITI. Key activities to be implemented will include:

- Develop and deploy a framework for continuous data gathering and automation of data collection.
- Conduct regular audit of the oil and gas and solid minerals sectors.
- Develop a framework for beneficial ownership reporting in the extractive sector.
- Develop a framework for enforcing provisions of NEITI Act on statutory and timely disclosure by covered entities.
- Develop a framework for remediation with active participation of TUGAR in collaboration with anti-corruption agencies.
- Coordinated legislative outreach, engagement and advocacy on NEITI reports remediation.
- Conduct regular empirical studies aimed at improving the management of mineral resources.

- Publish Policy Briefs, Quarterly Reviews and Occasional Papers.

➤ **Dissemination, Education & Public Enlightenment**

These require a robust implementation of the NEITI comprehensive communication strategy to guarantee that NEITI reports are put in the hands and minds of the citizen to be used as tools to hold government and companies accountable.

This will require deepening and broadening the stakeholder's base, provision of information, education, and enlightenment to create awareness required by the public to use the audit reports as tools to demand for good governance of extractive resources and accountability.

The work plan therefore seeks to:

- Conduct stakeholder mapping to determine information needs of diverse stakeholders and their preferences
- Review, develop and implement a robust stakeholder communication and mobilisation strategy.
- Mobilise grassroots support for implementation of NEITI mandate.
- Deepen engagement with policy makers and stakeholders.
- Expand engagement to subnational levels.
- Facilitate effective support to stakeholders in the implementation of the strategy.
- Create effective feedback mechanism, petition and recourse platforms.

➤ **Ensure optimum regulation & compliance to NEITI mandate**

During the 2018 financial year, NEITI will initiate actions aimed at overcoming this challenge and strengthening the enforcement of recommendations from the Audit reports. These will include:

- Initiate process for amendment of the NEITI Act to include enforcement and sanctions by the National Assembly.
- Develop efficient legal modalities to enforce violation of NEITI act.

- Strengthen MOU with other anti-corruption agencies.
- Continuous engagement with professionals and covered entities to deepen understanding of EITI principles, method and processes.

➤ **To provide operational, administrative and logistic support**

The implementation of NEITI mandate will require operational support by all stakeholders. The 2018 work plan is tailored to develop the human capacity within the organisation.

This Requires:

- Review NEITI Act to strengthen enforcement and remediation
 - Expand and diversify funding base for broaden operations
 - Build capacity of the Board, management, staff and stakeholders
 - **Review and align Human Resource and Organizational development policies, plans, and promote organizational learning.**
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- ✓ *Systems Review and implementation – IPSA/Internal Controls.* NEITI financial and internal control systems will be updated in line with International Public Sector Accounting Standards. Where possible the use of SAP accounting software will be required.
 - ✓ Create understanding of internal control systems and enforce compliance to such systems i.e Financial Management, Procurement, Internal Audit, Human Resources Management and monitoring and evaluation.
 - ✓ Organize sessions for knowledge sharing and learning. Fortnightly sessions will be organized for staff to enable sharing, learning and building capacity of others. It will be mandatory for every staff participating in any training to share lessons learnt and plans to implement such lessons for the benefit of NEITI.
 - ✓ Sustainable Donor partnership with NEITI: NEITI will explore more sustainable Donor partnership strategies to complement the funding

Gap in the NEITI work plan to ensure a sustained implementation of EITI in Nigeria.

- **Evaluate governance and anti-corruption initiatives at all levels of governance and provide data-based coordination.**

It is the primary objective of this strategy to enhance the effectiveness of these resources and reduce the vulnerability of Nigerian public institutions, private sector and society at large to corruption.

- Development and publication of the TUGAR Policy (White Paper) Series
- Implementation of the Integrity Plan in the MDG related MDAs of Water, Health and Education
- Review of Nigeria's Implementation of the UNCAC (2nd Cycle) and the Review of Mauritania
- Implementation of the Remediation Plan of the Review of Nigeria's Implementation of the UNCAC (1st Cycle)

- **Effective implementation of internal control mechanism through continuous monitoring & evaluation, internal auditing & procurement process.**

To ensure that NEITI remains committed to its responsibilities and remain focused on the strategic direction, continuous monitoring and evaluation of the work plan and sub activities is required to achieve the desired result.

To this end, NEITI implementing Departments will monitor the plan regularly while the NEITI Secretariat will undertake a quarterly review. The NSWG will ensure effective implementation of the work plan; quarterly meetings of the NSWG will review implementation and authorize changes where needed. Evaluation of the implementation will be based on the monitoring indicators as outlined in the detailed plan for implementation of specific activities. There shall be a mid-year review of the work plan in July 2018 while effective and efficient procurement plan is designed to ensure timely execution. The internal auditing will serve as a check and control tool for optimum allocation and utilization of resources.

Methodology and Funding

Through a stakeholder's consultative process our 2018 priorities have been developed and in line with the national priority objective of the FGN. The implementation of the plan will be monitored and evaluated. The attached work plan template provides details of funding, targets, cost, output and key indicators.

Work plan costing

Summary of core priorities and funding of the work plan include:

CORE PRIORITY	TOTAL	FGN	DONOR	GAP
Industry Audit Reporting	256,355,555.00	177,000,000.00		79,355,555.00
Dissemination, Education & Public Enlightenment	135,900,000.00	77,900,000.00		58,000,000.00
Effective implementation of internal control mechanism	103,700,000.00	103,200,000.00		500,000.00
Monitor and evaluate governance and anti-corruption initiatives	131,000,000.00	26,000,000		105,000,000.00
To provide Human Resource Management & Secretariat support	256,659,464.00	256,659,464.00		-
Financial Support Services	47,500,000.00	47,500,000.00		-
Grand Total	931,115,019.00	688,259,464.00		242,855,555.00