

**Welcome to the first edition of the Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Africa News Bulletin. This bimonthly electronic bulletin aims to keep PWYP Africa campaigners and partners updated on extractive issues and PWYP activities in Africa.**

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**1. News from the Regional Coordination**

- PWYP Africa Coordinator, Marie-Ange Kalenga will be leaving PWYP and Cameroon at the end of March to pursue new opportunities. "I feel privileged to have worked for PWYP and have enjoyed being part of this inspiring and unique campaign! I will continue supporting PWYP Africa during this transition and will be glad to help however I can", she said. The PWYP Africa Management Committee is working towards recruiting a new PWYP Africa Coordinator. During the period of transition, please direct your queries to Radhika Sarin, PWYP International Coordinator ([rsarin@publishwhatyoupay.org](mailto:rsarin@publishwhatyoupay.org)).
- From 29 January to 2 February 2010, PWYP Africa and PWYP Côte d'Ivoire jointly hosted a capacity-building workshop for francophone campaigners in Abidjan. The meeting brought together 43 participants from 23 countries, including francophone coalitions, representatives from Ivoirian civil society organisations (CSOs), and African and international experts and partners. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen francophone campaigners' capacity to campaign for increased transparency and accountability across the extractive industry value chain and discuss future strategic priorities. In their final statement, participants called on francophone countries in the North to do more to support francophone African coalitions as they

campaign to improve governance in the extractive sector and push for the adoption of transparency-friendly national legislation. For more information, see <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/events/atelier-francophone-de-pcqvp>.

- On 22–24 November 2009, a delegation of PWYP francophone coalitions accompanied by the Africa Coordinator travelled to Paris. The purpose of the visit was to strengthen the relationship between the French PWYP platform and PWYP Africa francophone coalitions and promote transparency and accountability issues in the policy dialogue between France and Africa. Highlights of the trip included a meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 'Mission de la Gouvernance Démocratique' (Mission for Democratic Governance), focusing on France's support to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and PWYP in Africa. For more information, contact Michel Roy ([michel.roy@secours-catholique.org](mailto:michel.roy@secours-catholique.org)) or see Gérard Warenghem's blog at <http://pcqvp.over-blog.com/>.
- About 40 African delegates participated in the PWYP international conference hosted by PWYP Canada in Montreal on 16–18 November 2009. The conference offered multiple opportunities for information sharing and networking among African campaigners and the broader PWYP membership. The Africa Coordinator organised a side meeting with African coalitions with the aim of sharing updates on regional and national activities and looking at challenges and opportunities ahead. For more information, contact Marie-Ange Kalenga ([mkalenga@mac.com](mailto:mkalenga@mac.com)).

- On 3–10 October 2009, the PWYP Africa Coordinator travelled to Istanbul, Turkey, to take part in the Annual Meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. The Annual Meetings offered a number of opportunities for PWYP Africa to contribute to discussions on ongoing policy reviews within the World Bank Group including the International Financial Corporation (IFC) Policies and Performance Standards review. The Africa Coordinator made a statement at the IFC Consultation calling on full disclosure of extractive industry-related contracts financed by the institution. She also joined international and African civil society delegates at a meeting with the African Development Bank (AfDB) President, Donald Kaberuka to discuss ways to increase dialogue between civil society and the AfDB on transparency and other issues. See <http://www.worldbank.org/civilsociety>.

## 2. Members' Highlights

### **Tanzania: PWYP Tanzania coalition: a resource transparency campaign advancing to 2010**

Civil Society Organisations in Tanzania will formally launch the PWYP Tanzania coalition in early 2010. During 2010, PWYP Tanzania plans to conduct research, reinforce advocacy and undertake capacity-building of its members and the general public for the goal of holding the government accountable for transparency in the extractive sector. For more information, please contact Bubelwa Kaiza ([bubelwa.kaiza@fordia.org](mailto:bubelwa.kaiza@fordia.org)).

### **Niger: Training workshop for members of the EITI National Committee, 15–16 January 2010, Niamey**

On 15–16 January 2010, the Réseau des organisations pour la transparence et l'analyse budgétaire (ROTAB – PWYP – Niger) organised a training on EITI implementation and strengthening the initiative in Niger. Niger published its first EITI report in November 2009 and has kicked off the validation process. Contact: Ali Idrissa (alidrissanani@yahoo.fr).

### **Guinea voluntarily suspends from EITI**

As of 18 December 2009, Guinea has voluntarily suspended from the EITI for a period of up to one year. The suspension follows months of political and security turmoil in the country, which led to difficulties in securing an independent Validator to assess EITI implementation in the country. PWYP Guinea remains committed to advancing the process and has called on the Guinean government to do its utmost to ensure that the suspension can be lifted and all stakeholders can resume their participation in the EITI in Guinea. The coalition further calls on international stakeholders to continue to support PWYP's efforts in Guinea to ensure that the EITI remains a national priority and that gains are preserved. Contact: Diallo Mamadou Taran (mtaran2@yahoo.fr) or see:

<http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/resources/declaration-de-pcqvp-guinee-relative-la-suspension-de-la-guinee-dans-l%E2%80%99itie>.

### **Nigeria: Civil society meeting on 2005 NEITI audit report, 11 December 2009, Abuja**

On 11 December 2009, the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), with support from Oxfam Novib, organised a one-day meeting on NEITI in Abuja for civil society organisations on the 2005 Nigeria's Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) audit report on the oil and gas sector. The event was designed to gather

CSOs' views on the most recent NEITI audit report. For a summary of the report, see

<http://www.neiti.org.ng/Press%20Releases/pr110809.pdf>. For more information, contact Auwal Musa Rafsanjani (cislacnationalassembly@yahoo.com) or Faith Nwadishi (kifgendev@yahoo.com).

### **DR Congo: Female parliamentarians and NGOs create women's network to foster good governance in the extractive industries**

On 13–14 November 2009, PWYP DRC member organisation Femme et Justice Economique (FEJE) organised a training workshop for parliamentarians and delegates of Congolese women's associations in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of Congo. The workshop aimed to create a national platform for women's organisations for the promotion of transparency and good governance in the management of extractive revenues. For more information, contact Léonie Kiangu (lekiangu@yahoo.fr) or see <http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/62514>

### **Ghana: Communiqué from Catholic bishops' conference at their annual plenary assembly, 6–13 November 2009**

In a communiqué issued at their annual plenary assembly, Ghanaian bishops called for the extractive sector to "be looked at carefully by all stakeholders so as to achieve its intended purpose – economic advantage for Ghanaians and peace for Ghana and not an increase in poverty and denial of human rights". For more information, contact Steve Manteaw (manteawsteve@yahoo.co.uk).

### **Members of Ghana's Parliament concerned about use of new oil money**

Ghanaian lawmakers are thinking about how the country's new oil revenues will be

used. Concerns among civil society groups and parliamentarians are rising, as very little progress was made in 2009 to develop regulations to promote transparency and accountability in the new oil sector. See <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/articles/members-of-ghana2019s-parliament-concerned-about-use-of-new-oil-money>.

### **Uganda: PWYP Uganda hosts contract transparency workshop in Kampala**

On 6 November 2009, the Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO) and PWYP Uganda jointly hosted a training workshop on contract transparency in Kampala. The workshop aimed to raise awareness on the relevance of contract transparency and the need for the Ugandan government to disclose oil agreements to the public as a way of ensuring transparency and accountability in the country's oil industry. Contact Dickens Kamugisha ([dkamugisha@afiego-ug.org](mailto:dkamugisha@afiego-ug.org)) for more information.

## **3. Policy Developments**

### **AU Planning and Coordinating Agency to replace NEPAD**

African leaders meeting at the 14th African Union (AU) Summit in Addis Ababa from 31 January - 2 February 2010 adopted several new policy initiatives including the establishment of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) as a technical body of the AU in replacement of the NEPAD Secretariat. The NPCA is mandated to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of continental and regional priority programmes and projects.

NEPAD was established in July 2001 to eradicate poverty, promote good governance and integrate Africa into the globalisation process. One of NEPAD's key components is the African Peer Review Mechanism, an initiative designed to track

the progress and performance of member states on democracy, human rights and good governance, including in the extractive sector. NEPAD has been sharply criticised by NGOs and other stakeholders for failing to achieve any concrete results.

The new body will be supervised by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) and financed through the AUC, voluntary contributions from AU member states and funds from development partners and the private sector. For more information: <http://www.africa-union.org/root/AU/Conferences/2010/january/summit/14thsummit.html>

### **International Study Group's (ISG) workshop explores better rules for Africa's mining regimes**

The workshop held on 2–4 December 2009 at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, aimed to provide a detailed review of the ISG Framework Report by various beneficiaries and other stakeholders with a view to improving its usefulness and relevance in developing future generations of development-oriented mineral regimes.

The ISG started its work in October 2007, under the leadership of ECA. The first phase involved producing a comprehensive body of knowledge which will form the basis for developing future development-oriented mineral regimes in Africa. The implementation phase, which will be led by the African Union Commission, will include developing toolkits, policy guidelines and other instruments for use in revising mineral regimes in Africa. See <http://www.uneca.org/home/ECA.Resources/Press.releases/Press.Releases.for.2009>.

### **International Financial Corporation: review and update of sustainability framework**

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) – one of the two private-sector lending arms of the World Bank Group – has launched a review and update process of its Policy and Performance Standards on Social and Environmental Sustainability and Policy on Disclosure of Information (sustainability framework). The process is expected to last until December 2010, with the updated framework to be released by January 2011. The IFC will be consulting with stakeholders throughout the process using face-to-face meetings as well as online consultations via its website at <http://www.ifc.org/ifcext/policyreview.nsf/Content/Process>.

Given the shortcomings of IFC policies, civil society organisations have a key role to play in ensuring that the IFC finances projects that genuinely contribute to poverty alleviation and sustainable development. PWYP Africa campaign members should continue to push for full disclosure of extractive industry-related contracts and payments to governments.

## **4. Protection Updates**

### **Gabon**

The Libreville Court has finally pronounced judgment against the Gabonese State and the country's former Minister of the Interior for unlawfully preventing PWYP Gabon Coordinator Marc Ona to leave the country on numerous occasions. This decision comes one year after a complaint lodged by Marc Ona following the travel ban imposed on him. Mr Ona and other PWYP Gabon members, including Georges Mpaga and Gaston Aseko, are still facing charges for alleged propaganda and inciting public rebellion against state authorities. For more information, contact Marc Ona

([ona\\_essangui@yahoo.com](mailto:ona_essangui@yahoo.com)). See also: <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/where/coalitions/gabon>.

### **DR Congo**

Golden Misabiko from ASADHO Katanga was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and eight months of probation in September 2009 for raising concerns about opaque practices in the country's mining sector. Misabiko's lawyers have appealed against the decision and are awaiting the judgment of the Court of Appeal. For more information, contact Timothée Mbuya ([tim\\_mbuya@yahoo.fr](mailto:tim_mbuya@yahoo.fr)). See also: <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/search/node/rd+congo>.

### **Niger**

PWYP Niger member Marou Amadou, who was released on 11 August 2009 after spending five weeks in a high-security prison near Niamey, was sentenced on 25 January 2010 to three months imprisonment for "regionalist propaganda" by the Court of Appeal. Amadou is still facing charges of administering an illegal organisation and undermining state security.

Wada Maman, another PWYP campaigner in Niger, is facing charges of participating in an unauthorised demonstration in August 2009. He was released shortly after his arrest during the same month and awaits trial. For more information, contact: Ali Idrissa, ([alidrissanani@yahoo.fr](mailto:alidrissanani@yahoo.fr)). See <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/category/countriesregions/niger> for details on the two cases.

### **Civil Society Watch**

The Civil Society Watch Monthly Bulletin is an action-oriented newsletter distributed to over 7,000 people around the world, featuring updated alerts on threats to civil

society, analyses of current situations, and information on recent publications and events. See <http://civicus.org/csw/csw-newsletter>.

### **NGO Law Monitor**

The NGO Law Monitor project seeks to provide up-to-date information on legal issues affecting not-for-profit, non-governmental organisations around the world. In this initial pilot phase, the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) presents reports on ten countries and three regional multilateral organisations. Each country report provides an overview of key issues relating to the freedom of association and the NGO legal framework, with a focus on legal barriers affecting civil society. See <http://www.icnl.org/knowledge/ngolawmonitor/>.

## **5. In the News**

**Angola: Rising Angola: oil, glorious oil**  
[http://www.economist.com/world/middleeast-africa/displayStory.cfm?story\\_id=15401935](http://www.economist.com/world/middleeast-africa/displayStory.cfm?story_id=15401935)

**Congo Brazzaville: Environmentalists criticize Eni's African oil sands project**  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703808904574523473381720200.html>

**Equatorial Guinea to share experience with Ghana on oil and gas**  
<http://www.graphicghana.com/news/page.php?news=5570#>

**Niger: French nuclear power fed by uranium from Niger**  
<http://pambazuka.org/en/category/features/61420>

**Mozambique authorizes new diamond prospections, commits to Kimberley process**

<http://www.geologo.com.br/MAINLINK.ASP?VAIPARA=Mozambique%20authorizes%20new%20diamond%20prospections,%20commits%20with%20Kimberley%20Process>

**Uganda: Court to start hearing oil deals case on 17 January**

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100105-700918.html>

**Zimbabwe: South African firms ordered to stop mining**

<http://www.zwnews.com/issuefull.cfm?ArticleID=21751>

## **6. Publications and Resources**

***New report questions benefit of AngloGold Ashanti mine project to DRC communities***

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/news/anglogold-2010-01-25>

***Ghana controversy shows need to shine a light on oil deals***

[http://www.globalwitness.org/media\\_library\\_detail.php/913/en/ghana\\_controversy\\_shows\\_need\\_to\\_shine\\_a\\_light\\_on\\_oil\\_deals](http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/913/en/ghana_controversy_shows_need_to_shine_a_light_on_oil_deals)

***Our Money, Our Responsibility: A Citizen's Guide to Monitoring Government Expenditures***

This new guide provides civil society organisations with practical tools for the monitoring of budget implementation by the State. For more information, see <http://www.internationalbudget.org/resources/expenditure/index.htm>.

***RWI Analysis of Nigeria's Petroleum Reform Bill***

The assessment, by legal analyst Patrick Heller of Revenue Watch, cites the fundamental importance of the bill's broad goals for the oil industry in Nigeria but

says that current drafts of the bill have several shortcomings that the Assembly must investigate. See <http://www.revenuewatch.org/news/102609.php>.

### ***Negotiating Natural Resources for Peace: Ownership, Control and Wealth-Sharing***

This paper from the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue looks at: why the treatment of natural resources should be enshrined in the constitution; the ownership of natural resources; the allocation of control over natural resource management; the treatment of natural resource revenue; and much more. See [http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900sid/SHIG-7XFGCJ/\\$file/HD\\_Oct2009.pdf?openelement](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900sid/SHIG-7XFGCJ/$file/HD_Oct2009.pdf?openelement)

### ***Breaking Ground: Engaging Communities in Extractive and Infrastructure Projects***

In this report, the World Resources Institute outlines a series of principles for effective community engagement, such as the need for grievance mechanisms and free, prior and informed consent. See [http://pdf.wri.org/breaking\\_ground\\_engaging\\_communities.pdf](http://pdf.wri.org/breaking_ground_engaging_communities.pdf).

### ***Chinese Companies in the Extractive Industries of Gabon & the DRC: Perceptions of Transparency***

This report by the Centre for Chinese Studies at Stellenbosch University and supported by the EITI aims to ascertain Chinese stakeholders' perceptions of African operational environments and transparency, in general, and the EITI in particular. See [http://www.ccs.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/Chinese\\_Companies\\_in\\_the\\_Extractive\\_Industries\\_of\\_Gabon\\_and\\_the\\_DRC\\_CCS\\_report\\_August\\_2009.pdf](http://www.ccs.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/Chinese_Companies_in_the_Extractive_Industries_of_Gabon_and_the_DRC_CCS_report_August_2009.pdf).

### ***Africa Review Report on Mining***

This publication by the UN Commission for Africa looks at the mining sector in Africa, the major trends and emerging issues, the actions taken and progress made, and much more. See

[http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd\\_pdfs/csd-18/rims/AfricanReviewReport-on-MiningSummary.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_pdfs/csd-18/rims/AfricanReviewReport-on-MiningSummary.pdf).

### ***Lifting the Resource Curse***

Poor people are losing out on the massive profits generated by extractive industries which are not being shared fairly with producing country governments. This Oxfam report recommends a range of measures to bring about changes needed to raise transparency standards throughout the extractive industries value chain. See <http://www.oxfam.org/en/policy/lifting-resource-curse>.

### ***Energy, Development and EITI: Improving Coherence of EU Policies towards Nigeria***

This policy brief, based on collaborative fieldwork in Nigeria by FRIDE, Oxfam International and the Nigerian civil society coalition, CISLAC, seeks to establish whether NEITI is a suitable partner with whom to advance its development goals in Nigeria. It also lays out a series of recommendations in terms of its future engagement in the country. See <http://www.edc2020.eu/>

## **7. Funding Opportunities**

### **EU calls for proposals**

Non-State Actors (NSA) and Local Authorities (LA) in Development: To strengthen the capacity of civil society organisations and local authorities in order to promote an inclusive and empowered society (these calls for proposals are usually open to organisations working on transparency and governance issues):

- In Zambia, until: 31 May 2010; budget: €1,500,000.

- In Sudan; until 25 March 2010; budget €5,000,000.

See:

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm)

## 8. Upcoming events

### **AfDB Civil Society Engagement and Consultations Forum, 1 March 2010, Tunis, Tunisia**

See: <http://www.afdb.org/en/news-events/article/civil-society-engagement-and-consultations-forum-5608/>.

### **4th African Congress on Petroleum and Exhibition, 24–27 March 2010, Kinshasa, DR Congo**

Website: [www.cape-2010.com](http://www.cape-2010.com)

### **EITI Board Meeting, 15-16 April 2010, Berlin, Germany**

[www.eiti.org](http://www.eiti.org)

### **Africa Mining Congress 2010, 26–28 July 2010, Johannesburg, South Africa**

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