

**ANNEX 5****Narrative Progress Report****Report period** January - June 2007**Contract Ref. No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Please do not write in green coloured sections; refer to notes at last page for explanations***1. National pro-poor policies****What do you think were the most important changes in pro-poor government policies in the last six months? What were the main causes? What contribution did your organisation make to any of these changes?****2. Public image****How has the credibility and legitimacy of RAOs changed in the eyes of GoG and the Ghana public? What is your interpretation? Is there a reference to this evidence of change?**

Government call on TWN-Africa to coordinate NGO section of UNCTAD and AGOA meetings last year was maintained. TWN-Africa collaborated with local and international civil society organisations to implement the AGOA NGO forum. Regular and intense interactions have been on-going with government officials and other civil society organisations towards the organisation of the NGO part of UNCTAD XI. Again TWN-Africa was invited by the government of Ghana to lead and coordinate this NGO meeting. These are clear pointers to the credibility and legitimacy of TWN-Africa and CSO groups generally and an indication of the value of contributions to policy debate and alternatives that CSOs offer.

**3. Collaboration, coalitions and networking****Using the format below, list the most important organisations you collaborated with over the period, under each of the sectors listed below. For each organisation, give an indication of the issues or themes you worked on, its status and the outcomes.**

	<b>Organisation or coalition</b>	<b>Policy issue / theme / nature Starting / ongoing / ending</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Government - executive - judiciary - legislature</b>	a) Minister of Defence	a) submitted a memorandum on alleged cases of mining related violence	a) Minister acknowledged Memorandum
	b) Minerals Commission	b) participation in workshop to review Ghana's regulation on royalty tax on June 6	b) Draft royalty bill being drafted in view of the review

	<p>c) Ministry of Trade, Industry and PSI</p>	<p>c) collaboration in preparation for CSO segments of AGOA and UNCTAD XI meetings</p>	<p>c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved access and collaborative relationship with key officials of ministry,</li> <li>• well organised NGO segment of AGOA forum with participation of about 35 local NGOs, 15 CSO and private sector US participants and 35 participants from other African countries</li> </ul>
<p><b>Coalition, network</b></p>	<p>a) Economic Justice Network; including producer groups, trades unions, gender activists etc.</p> <p>b) NCOM at the national level and AIMES at the continental level</p>	<p>a) national level advocacy on the EPAs; and policy dialogue with members of government and parliament</p> <p>b) the Campaigns to Stop Violence in Mining Areas in Ghana and the continental campaign to stop the plunder of Africa's mineral resources.</p>	<p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating CSOs formulated a common position in relation to the EPAs in preparation for July AU meeting in Accra.</li> <li>• Strategy established for mobilising around EPA issues by collaborating CSOs</li> </ul> <p>b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National forum organised in Brong Ahafo region in which more than 300 communities were represented and in which Minister of Justice and Attorney General participated personally including undertaking a field tour of mining affected communities. The communities discussed and agreed strategies to push forward their demands for better policies and practices in the mining sector.</li> <li>• AIMES recommendations on</li> </ul>

	c) Africa Trade Network (ATN)	c) Pan-African Stop EPAs forum in Accra and other campaign events in Africa and Europe	<p>mining royalties, compensation and policy alternatives were considered and adopted by governments of Zambia, Ghana and the Africa Group working for the CSD-15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some AIMES members in the period were supported financially to participate in a pan African meeting on mining and human rights.</li> <li>TWN-Africa jointly facilitated an exchange visit of Zambian chiefs and community representatives to communities affected by mining in both countries.</li> </ul> <p>c) A number of African governments are considering the adoption of CSO proposals on GSP+</p>
<b>RAO, NGO, I-NGO</b>	a) ECOSSOC	a) CSOs consultation on AU/EU Joint Strategy for Africa's Development held in April	a) TWN-Af was elected as focal point for follow-up processes
<b>Donor institution</b>	a) OxfamNovib	a) EPA campaign	Joint policy brief/ position was produced titled " A Matter of Political Will "
<b>CBO/DA (please indicate district)</b>			
<b>Other</b>			

#### 4. Outputs on research and advocacy products and/or services delivered

List the outputs as you have presented in the Workplan submitted to G-RAP.

Make sure that you:

- Indicate estimated levels of completion per output
- Indicate target groups that used / received the output delivered
- Attach copy of concept paper per output
- Attach copy of product output

- i. 2 issues of Africa Agenda Magazine containing articles on the World Social Forum, the EPA struggles, Debt and Africa, China's presence in Africa, Ghana's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and others. The magazine is distributed to academics, researchers, activists and policy officials and institutions and also students. There are currently 640 active addressees on the African Agenda mailing list. The lead articles including their French translations can also be found on TWN-Africa's website.
- ii. Papers and Briefs on EPAs and economies in Africa
  - OxfamNovib-TWN-Africa brief on an alternative to EPAs: " A Matter of Political Will"
  - Media and Press releases on the EPA campaign
  - Background Paper for AGOA Forum: "The African Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA): Seven Years Later "
- iii. Papers and Briefs on FDI and the Extractive Sector in Africa
  - Overview of Ghana's mineral royalty tax regime
  - Analysis of Mining, Environment and Communities in Ghana
  - 50 years of Mining in Ghana- Challenges and Prospects
  - Review of Mineral Royalty Tax in Zambia
- iv. Outcomes of other advocacy interventions:
  - collaboration and partnership with other CSOs to intervene on and around EPA issues and AU events directly made CSO voices more visible and has generally strengthened TWN-Africa's relations with local CSOs/ CBOs working on similar issues as TWN-Africa
  - 17 representatives of mining affected communities, 10 NGOs from 6 African countries received training in mining operations and implications for development choices
  - Ghana's Parliamentary Committee on Trade received training on EPAs and alternative transitional measures.
  - TWN-Africa attained formal status with African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights

## **5. Organisation: evidence of significant progress / change**

**What are major changes in the organisation's circumstances that are likely to have impacted your outputs over the period?**

- **Organisational structure / board / management team**
- **Strategy / planning / decision making / knowledge management**
- **Human resource issues**
- **Marketing / communication / public relations**

- i. Executive Committee (board) met in April to approve 2006 reports and consider organisational plans for the year.
- ii. TWN-Africa intends to carry out an institutional review and has had a number of discussions organisation-wide to define the scope and agenda
- iii. Organisation-wide brainstorming sessions were carried out around the Head of Programs positions and its implications and experiences for program implementation over the period. Outcomes of this discussion together with that planned for other positions will be inputs for the institutional review and possible repositioning.
- iv. Early July, a meeting has been scheduled between the organisation and a gender expert to deliver specific outputs for the program. A time table for delivery of critical outputs has been outlined. The low level of personnel on gender program and difficulty in contracting gender services has been slowing down implementation of the gender program.

## **6. Grant and report related issues**

**6.1 What issues you wish to raise relating to the Grant or to G-RAP management?**

**6.2 What parts of the report are confidential or cannot be shared without prior consent?**

[consent for sharing given on 5/12/07 by Dr Graham]

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### Notes on narrative reporting

In principle, G-rap accepts grantee organisation's own annual report, on the assumption that these reports show a relationship between annual workplans, budgets and outputs of these organisations and – if possible – impact.

G-rap however monitors a number of indicators that a Grantee's annual report may not always focus on and have designed a simple narrative reporting format to gather this data. This gives the programme managers a quick overview of progress against workplan of each grantee and of significant results in a number of relevant areas relating to the Logical Framework and objectives of the Programme.

G-rap intends to minimize Grantee's time investments in reporting, hence this concise format. Nonetheless, additional documentation can be annexed to the report for more detail.

Narrative reporting is a bi-annual contractual requirement. The deadline for report submission is four weeks after the end of the reporting period.

Completed reports need to be submitted in signed hard copy (2 signatures), as well as in electronic format using MS-Word 2003 compatible software (to: [info@g-rap.org](mailto:info@g-rap.org)).

### Notes on the revised reporting format

The Core Grant reporting format needed amendments after the Mid Term Review. From 2007 onwards, organisations funded by G-rap are requested to use the new format. The new format can be recognised by the green coloured hi-lighting of the entries.

Most important change is the plain text format; the tabular format often created problems when used on other computers. The format now features only one tabular entry.

Furthermore, we have slightly altered the order and phrasing of the questions.

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