

ANNEX 2

SPF Narrative Progress Report Oil and Gas Sector Research and Advocacy Project (OGSRAP) Report period Jan – June 2009

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1. Project Outputs on research and advocacy 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 product output

Outline outputs during this period	Level of Completion	Beneficiary /Target Groups	What specific policy issues does this target	What advocacy outputs were informed by your research
1. Launching of Project	100%			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving strategic media coverage and network visibility • Forming strategic partnership with other RAOs and CSOs
2. Knowledge-Sharing and Learning Sessions	45%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentarians • Media • RAOs • NGOs/CBOs • Development Partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring effective policy formulation and implementation in the emerging oil and gas sector • Enhancing the capacity of CSOs to effectively participate in policy making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilizing/capacitating decision-makers • Empowering CSOs to demand accountability/transparency in the oil and gas sector • Forming strategic partnership and networks/coalitions

3. Public Education for Expectations Management	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentarians • CSOs • Media • Entire Citizenry 		
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2. What is the organisations success in undertaking this special project

The following major successes have been chalked thus far by the Oil and Gas Stakeholders Network (OGSN):

1. The OGSN has been able to bring some of the GRAP-funded RAOs (specifically ISODEC and NETRIGHT) to the table and have shared relevant documents with same. NETRIGHT has even applied formally to join the OGSN and their application is receiving favourable attention at the moment
2. The leadership and members of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Mines and Energy (PSCME) have been very supportive and cooperative. The project has succeeded in whipping up the interest of some non-members of the committee, one of whom attended the inaugural knowledge-sharing and learning session. We have also received some very positive feedback from the PSCME regarding how best subsequent sessions should be organised.
3. Two major donors – the World Bank and the USAID – who responded to our invitation to attend the project launch have expressed interest in the project. As a follow-up, the USAID invited KITE to do a presentation on the project in their Ghana mission so as to explore avenues for collaboration and support. There are indications, following the presentation that the USAID may want to support the expectation management component of the OGSRAP project and KITE has been in constant touch with them to see how things will pan out.

3. Stakeholder Perception

How has the credibility and legitimacy of your RAOs changed in the eyes of GoG and the Ghana public? What is your interpretation? Is there a reference to this evidence of change?

A few days after assumption of office, the project team paid a curtsey call on the Minister of Energy to, inter alia, introduce the OGSRAP project. The Minister expressed instant interest in the project and requested that the OGSN should always endeavour to invite representatives from the Ministry to participate in its learning sessions. Accordingly, the Ministry was duly invited to the project launch as well as the inaugural learning sessions with the PSCME. Two representatives – one Deputy Minister and the Director of Petroleum – attended and made presentations. The Minister also authorised the release of the draft Petroleum Sector Policy and Bill for the information and review of the OGSN. We have recently been asked by the Minister to assist (albeit in an official capacity) to put together a proposal for submission to the USAID to seek support for capacity building in the oil and gas sector. All these might be interpreted as evidence of credibility and legitimacy in the eyes of the GoG but no firm conclusions could be drawn.

The media coverage on the inaugural events gave the OGSN some visibility but beyond that we are unable to tell whether the public perception of the network has been altered. What we can say however is the fact that we believe some level of awareness on the existence and mission of the OGSN has been created through the two events and we intend building upon it during the public education campaigns to be launched in the second half of the year.

4. What is your perception on the general policy making environment in Ghana

In our view, the general policy making process in Ghana is not rigorous and robust enough. The process is usually devoid of the active participation of all relevant stakeholders. Even when stakeholder consultations are held as part of policy formulation process, they are usually cosmetic and views/suggestions expressed/made by stakeholders are usually not incorporated in the final policy documents. OGSN intends to work had through the OGSRAP to change this phenomenon in the oil and gas sector

5. Grant and report related issues

5.1 What issues do you wish to raise relating to the Grant or to G-RAP management?

We would appreciate it very much if email correspondences from GRAP to KITE are sent to the personal email of the project coordinator – Mr. Ishmael Edjekumhene – rather the current practice of mail being sent to the info@kiteonline.net address. Mr. Edjekumhene's email address is iedjekumhene@kiteonline.net

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

We would prefer that the bit on the Minister requesting for KITE support in putting together a proposal for the USAID be treated as confidential. This is because we think the Ministry would want the proposal to be seen as having come from it based on its own assessment of what capacities need to be improved.