



Strengthening governance of the oil and gas and mining sectors for improved biodiversity outcomes: a knowledge sharing event

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Volta Hotel

Akosombo Comm 1, Akosombo, Ghana

The extractives industries are showing considerable growth in many African countries, representing both economic opportunity as well as significant risks in terms of the negative impacts that these activities can have on biodiversity. There is therefore an urgent need for strong governance frameworks that are aligned with international best practice to support effective impact mitigation strategies. This meeting will bring together key decision makers and experts within the oil and gas and mining sectors within Africa to share lessons learned, identify common issues and initiate a process of South-South learning with the objective of:

- Generating a shared understanding between stakeholders of what constitutes good governance for effective mitigation of biodiversity impacts by the extractives sectors
- Identifying key actions needed to strengthen governance of the oil and gas and mining sectors for improved biodiversity outcomes

This meeting will feed into the extractives industries session of the forum taking place on the 9th October that aims to generate policy, business and civil society actions that will contribute towards the management of the infinite natural resources sustainably

Draft Agenda

8:30 Welcome and Coffee

9:00 Introductions and objectives of the day (Sharon Brooks, UNEP-WCMC)

Regional assessments and initiatives

9:30 Pan-African assessment of the potential impacts of the extractives sectors on biodiversity (Matt Jones, UNEP-WCMC)

9:40 Lessons learned from UNDPs global extractives project: governance challenges and solutions (Casper Sonesson, UNDP)

9:50 The SADC guidelines for mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services in the extractive industry, with a focus on the Namibian experience (Samson Mulonga, SADC)

10:00 The World Bank study on biodiversity offsets by the extractives sector with a focus on the Roadmaps for Liberia and Mozambique (George Ledec & Kirsten Hund, World Bank)

10:10 Q&A

10:30 Coffee

Country examples (Ghana and Uganda) – exploration of the challenges, opportunities and lessons learned drawn from practical examples of managing biodiversity impacts

11:00 Shared responsibility for sustainable business: the case of extractives in Ghana (Inusah Fuseini, Minister of Transport)

11:10 Managing the impacts of oil development in Ghana (Emmanuel Benjamin Arthur, Tullow)

11:20 Incorporating biodiversity and community concerns into mining activities in Ghana (Yaw Osei Owusu, Conservation Alliance)

11:30 Q&A

11:45 Managing the impacts of oil development on protected areas in Uganda: the challenges to effective regulation and monitoring (John Makombo / Justine Namara, Uganda Wildlife Authority)

11:55 Managing the impacts of oil development in a Ugandan national park: The challenges of implementing national legislation and international standards (David Ochanda, Total)

12:10 Q&A

12:25 Open discussion

13:00 Lunch

The development of legal and policy frameworks for effective governance

- 14:00 The legal framework for oil, gas and mining sector development in Nigeria: lessons learned (Professor Muhammed Ladan, Department of Public Law, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria)
- 14:10 Developing a legal framework for the oil and gas sector in Kenya: challenges and opportunities (Irene Kamunge, NEMA Kenya)
- 14:20 Q&A

Identifying a shared understanding of roles and responsibilities for effective governance and key actions for improved biodiversity outcomes

14:30 Break out group discussions

15:30 Coffee

16:00 Feedback from break out groups

16:30 Open discussion

17:00 Summary, outcomes, and next steps (Sharon Brooks and Matt Jones, UNEP-WCMC)