

Invitation

Roundtable discussion
**Can oil revenue transparency contribute to solving conflict in the Niger Delta? –
Examining the impact of the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
(NEITI)**

**on Tuesday, 2 February 2010
15:00 to 16:00 hrs,
at BICC, Pfarrer Byns Straße 1, 53121 Bonn (new address).**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On Tuesday, 2 February 2010, BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) cordially invites you to the roundtable discussion “**Can oil revenue transparency contribute to solving conflict in the Niger Delta? Examining the impact of the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI)**” (in English) with **Uche Igwe**, Civil Society Liaison Officer at the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), Abuja, Nigeria, and **Marie Müller**, research assistant at BICC.

The International Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (IEITI) is often cited by policymakers and advisors as an important means to overcome the ‘resource curse’. In specific, its Nigerian format, the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), was hailed as a success by the international community. At the same time, Nigeria has been riddled by violent conflict in the Niger Delta since a decade. The amnesty for Niger Delta armed groups of President Yar’Adua that was implemented in October 2009 presents a window of opportunity to address the more fundamental issues of this oil-related conflict. It is the right moment to investigate the potential of NEITI to contribute to a more fundamental solution of the Niger Delta conflict. This touches upon the more general question of the limits and opportunities of EITI to harness the potential of extractive industries for people in developing countries.

BICC would like to discuss these issues with Uche Igwe and to present some preliminary findings of research on the violent conflict in the Niger Delta, including a field trip to Nigeria in November 2009.

We look forward to seeing you at the talk. If you have any questions or wish to conduct an interview, please contact Susanne Heinke, BICC spokesperson (phone: 0228/911 96- 44, pr@bicc.de).

Kindest regards
Susanne Heinke