Uganda Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

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Feedback report on the Repower Africa Initiative

Introduction

I attended a workshop organized by 360.Org with other local partners such as Afrika Vuka Network, Women for Green Economy Movement and REPower Uganda. The workshop objective was to officially launch the Repower Uganda Initiative, a pilot project to bridge the gap in access to clean energy. The workshop took place on 22nd April 2026 at Fairway Hotel, Kampala.

The engagement brought together about 25 participants across various CSOs, policy makers, and sector experts to devise strategies of increasing access to clean energy to the people.

Objectives of the workshop

The key objectives of the retreat were:

- To launch the Repower Uganda Initiative
- To devise strategies of increasing clean energy access to the people
- To link local CSOs to other partners for collaboration

Key Discussions and Observations

- Gender concerns: Participants highlighted the need for increased gender participation in the energy sector.

- Project financing: Concerns were raised about the lack of funding from government on renewable energy projects and access to clean energy.
- Revenue allocation: This focused on the commitment from government to allocate significant revenues towards the clean energy projects.
- Extractives to energy transition, there was need to evaluate the role of critical minerals and their governance to achieve clean energy access for all.

Participants at the REPower Uganda workshop at Fairway Hotel

Relevance to UGEITI

The workshop discussions were highly relevant to the mandate of UGEITI, particularly in:

- Promoting transparency and accountability in extractives revenue.
- Informing policy discourse on the role of extractives in the energy transition agenda
- Enhancing collaboration with CSOs on governance of extractives

The participation of UGEITI provided an opportunity to highlight EITI the relevance of extractives and critical minerals towards achieving the energy transition and access to clean energy through revenue recycling to fund important clean energy projects.

Recommendations

Based on the discussions, the following actions are recommended for UGEITI:

- Build an alliance with partners to Strengthen collaboration with CSOs and government agencies to successfully implement repower Uganda project.
- Develop new advocacy campaigns to increase energy access for all.
- Develop joint activities and interventions among partners for project implementation.

Conclusion

The workshop provided an opportunity to engage with new local and international partners in the areas of energy transition which is a key requirement under the EITI.It also strengthened collaboration among CSOs and government on new areas of policy dialogue.

UGEITI continues to benefit from such multi-stakeholder dialogues in the areas of transparency and accountability in Uganda's extractive sector with increased visibility in the policy arena.