The Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC) has been embarked on a project, titled "From Disclosure to Impact – Mobilizing Local Civil Society to Verify Published Extractives Data and Advocate for Equitable, Accountable Spending of Funds." Funded by Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP), this initiative aims to engage citizens in monitoring and demanding transparency in the utilization of extractives revenue. The GACC believes that an informed and active citizenry can drive necessary changes and demand accountability that the government cannot ignore.

The project operates on the assumption that if a critical mass of citizens engages with extractives sector reports and gains a comprehensive understanding of the associated issues; they will demand remedial measures and systemic changes that the government cannot ignore. The GACC aims to mobilize citizens to actively advocate for transparency and responsible spending of oil funds.

To advance these goals, the GACC and citizen groups are organizing a series of forums to engage stakeholders and present the findings of the monitoring of petroleum-funded projects. A monitoring tool designed by the GACC Project Implementation Team, meticulously monitored selected petroleum-revenue-funded projects implemented in four (4) project districts aided by local Accountability Networks (LANets).

The primary objective of these forums is to present the monitoring findings to stakeholders, fostering transparency and promoting dialogue. The forums will take place in the following districts on the specified dates:

Takoradi - Tuesday, 18th July 2023
Ho - Thursday, 20th July 2023
Tamale - Monday, 24th July 2023
Konongo - Wednesday, 26th July 2023

Each forum will bring together approximately 30 stakeholders, including officials from the respective district assemblies, Assembly members representing the project communities, Local Accountability Network representatives, contractors’ associates, Civil Society Organizations, and members of the media. This diverse group of participants ensures a comprehensive and inclusive discussion regarding the findings and their implications.

The GACC anticipates that these engagements will provide valuable information on the monitored petroleum-funded projects in the project districts. By sharing the monitoring findings, stakeholders will have an opportunity to gain insights into the progress, budget allocation, and overall effectiveness of these projects. It is through open discussions and collaborative efforts that the GACC aims to enhance transparency, increase public participation, and facilitate accountable utilization of oil funds.

The GACC, alongside its dedicated partners, remains steadfast in mobilizing citizens across Ghana to actively oversee extractives revenue and advocate for positive changes in fund management. By fostering collaboration, open dialogue, and informed decision-making, they strive to create a vigilant and empowered society united in the fight against corruption in Ghana's extractives sector.