



NIGERIAN  
NATURAL  
RESOURCE  
CHARTER

# Highlights and scoring of the Oil and Gas sub-sector. Precepts 1,2,11 and 12

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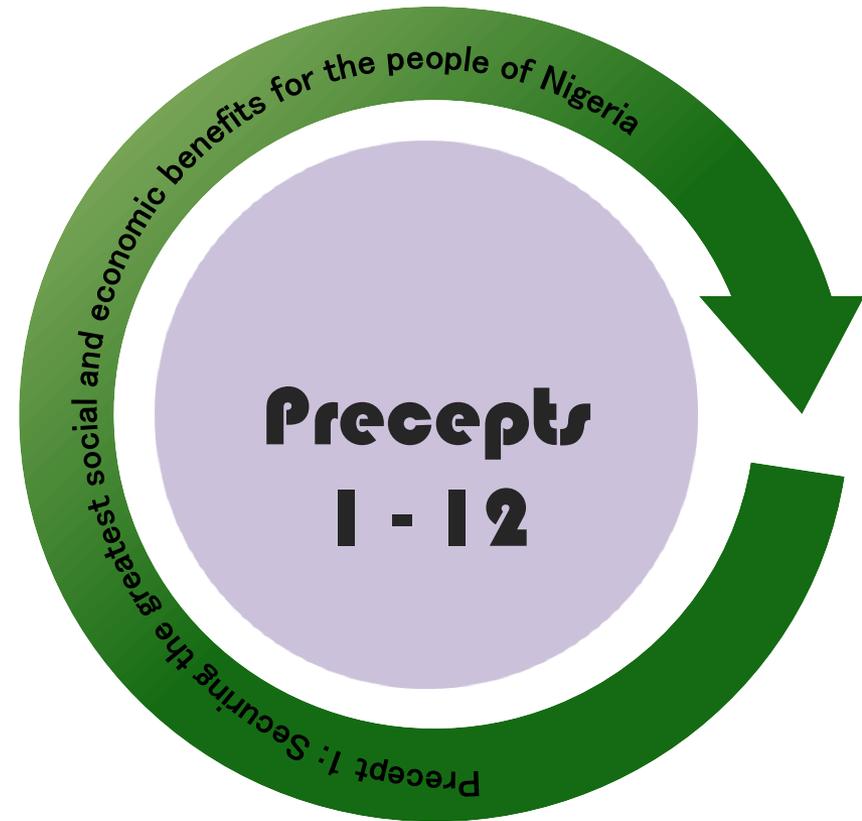
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# TRANSACTION VS TRANSFORMATION

Ideally the entire decision chain in the management of Nigeria's natural resources should have a **TRANSFORMATIONAL DNA** encoded in every link of its value chain. Every element of the transactional processes must necessarily be aligned to the grand existential outcome which must be TRANSFORMATION-  
***Securing the greatest social and economic benefits for the people of Nigeria***

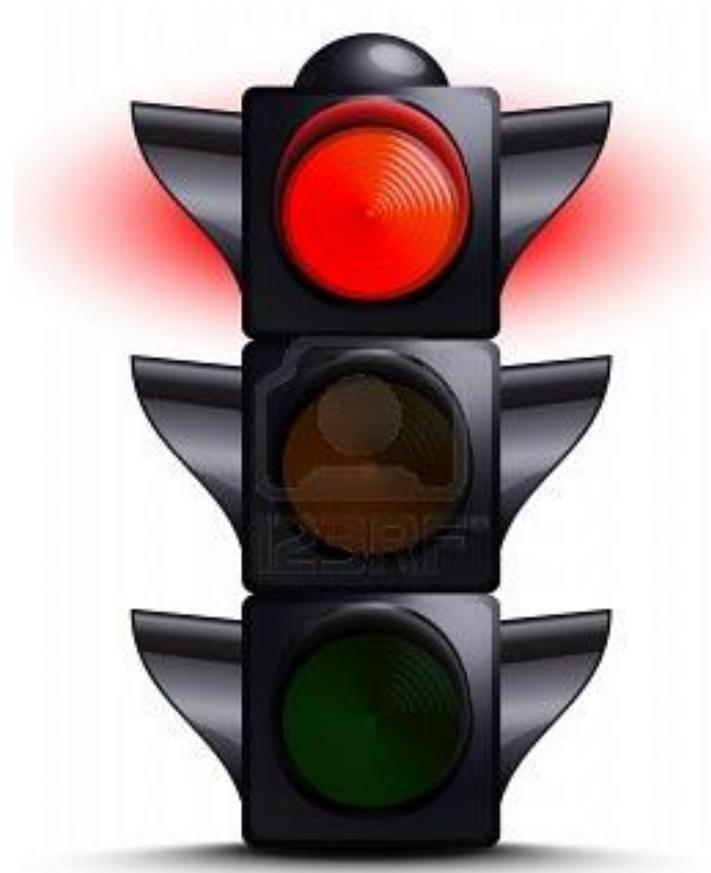
Therefore; Transaction plus Transaction must equal TRANSFORMATION, and not more "Transactions" as is the case presently



Precept 1: Securing the greatest social and economic benefits of the people of Nigeria.

Oil, [‘The Devil’s Excrement’](#) has been a curse for Nigeria. The grand challenge is how do we reverse the debilitating and morally corrosive effects of The Dutch Disease? How can we make every transaction lead to a transformational outcome, even as a by product?

How can we create the right constitutional order that guarantees the delivery of sufficient public goods and services? We have failed. (Red)



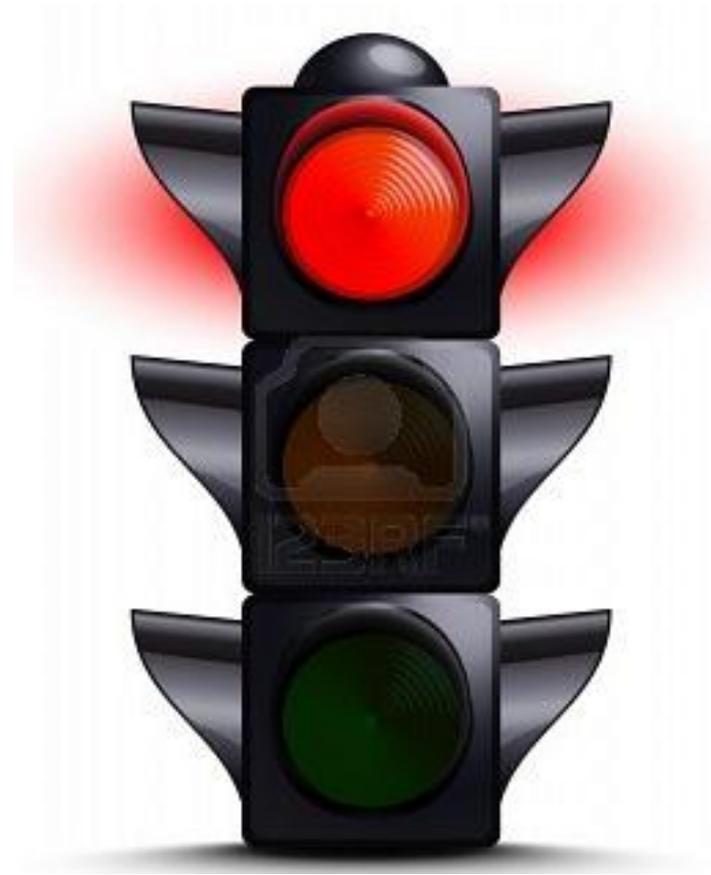
## Precept 2: Transparency and Accountability

We must first accept and understand that the present system is delivering exactly what it was designed to do. The interlinked issues of a systemic aversion for Openness, Transparency and Accountability is the leitmotif of the present Nigerian State. Can we reform the parts independent of the whole? We have failed. (Red)



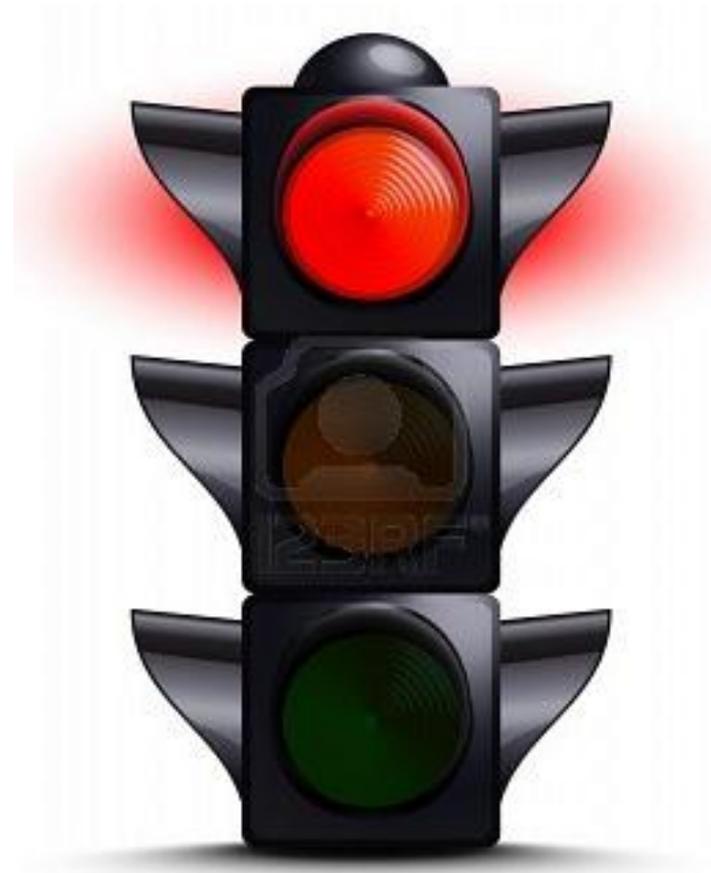
## Precept 11: Role of home governments of extractive companies

With our own weak and corrupt legal and regulatory institutions, coupled with a lack of political will to insist on international and global best practices in every link of the entire decision chain in the management of our natural resources; there is no effective demand on home countries. On the supply side, when 'home countries' proffer global standards, they are stonewalled by the 'Nigerian factor.' We have failed. (Red)



## Precept 12: Role of private sector companies

The issue of the investor's social licence, and indeed their CSR to operate in an ethical manner that yields some tangible and measurable benefits to the host country and its citizens again falls victim to the polarized and dysfunctional environment that is Nigeria's oil sector. To reform the parts, we must necessarily reform the whole. Again can we reform the parts independent of the whole? We have failed. (Red)



Our charge is to change the present grand narrative about Nigeria's extractive sectors both in the processes and the respective outcomes. Can we through the NNRC process be a catalyst in ensuring that Precept 1: Securing the greatest social and economic benefits for the people of Nigeria happens within our life time

Thank you.

