



In Focus

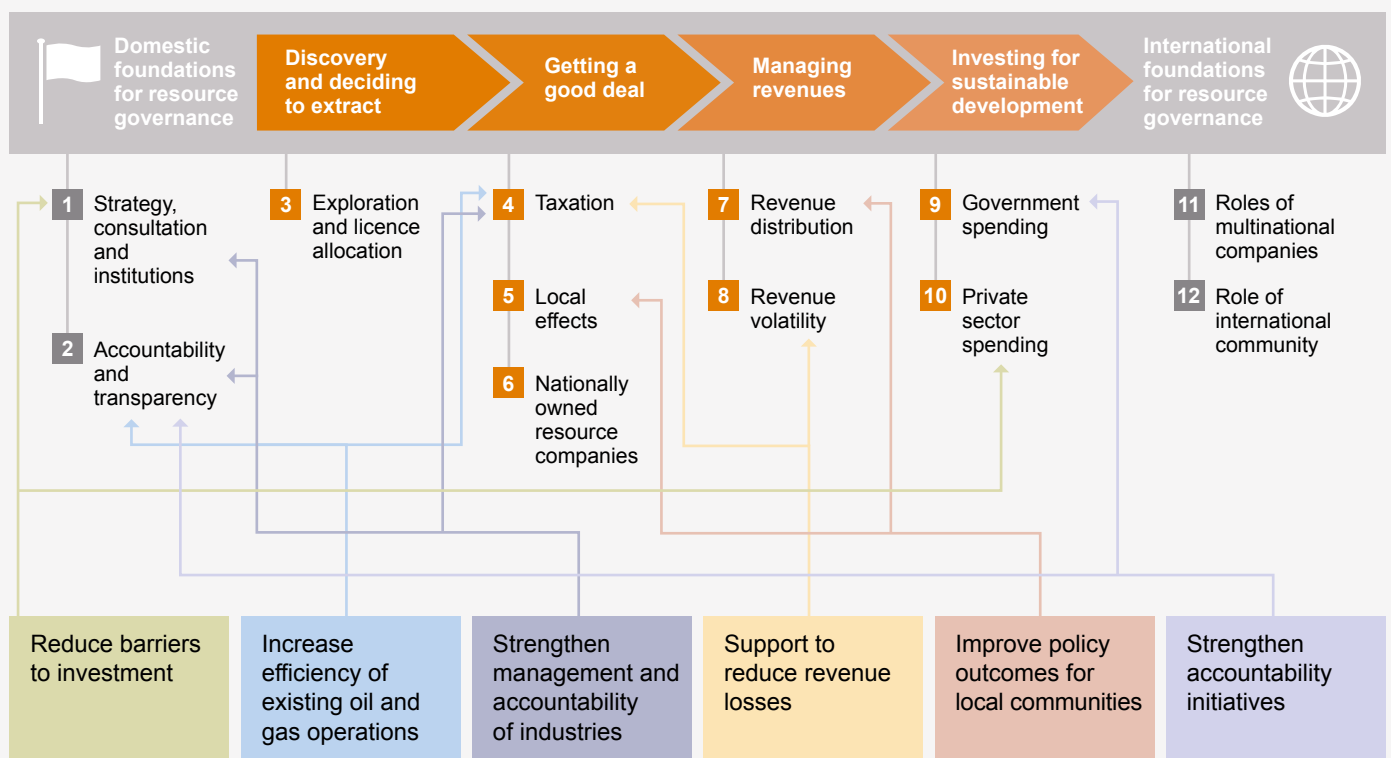
Facility for Oil Sector Transformation

The Facility for Oil Sector Transformation (the second phase of FOSTER) aims to achieve more effective use of Nigeria’s extractive industries to support national development. We are working to identify additional extractive industries revenue and strengthen the management of the sectors, while also working to inform and engage local communities affected by the oil and gas sector in the country.

With high dependence on oil production the Nigerian economy has recently been under severe stress. Unstable oil prices and financial markets have characterised a fiscal crisis in the past couple of years. Despite a peaceful transition of power in 2015 to a reform-led government, the macroeconomic environment and the risk of instability re-emerging in the Niger Delta pose new challenges that threaten political and economic stability.

Within this complex context OPM is implementing FOSTER, funded with UK aid from the UK Government, with our strong Abuja-based team. Our successful approach to generating impact is based on identifying policy challenges across the natural resource policy cycle. We work with key people within the ‘reform space’ to advance policy issues, while also working with key accountability actors.

FOSTER interventions along the 12 precepts of the Natural Resource Charter



Selected highlights to date

Strengthening government: FOSTER has supported the establishment of a specialist oil and gas unit within central government, along with providing advice and technical assistance to strengthen the oversight of revenues from the extractives sector.

Supporting transparency: FOSTER has for several years supported initiatives to improve transparency in the sector, such as the Nigeria Natural Resource Charter and the Nigeria Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative.

Widening public understanding: FOSTER has for several years supported various Nigerian Civil Society Organisations through grants and technical assistance, in generating greater public awareness and interest in the extractive industries and their reform.



OPM's approach to natural resource governance programmes

OPM's approach to 'thinking and working politically' focuses on innovation and flexibility, with bespoke implementation, which combines meticulous political insight and analysis with international expertise and nuanced local insights.

In addition to FOSTER, OPM is also implementing other natural resource governance programmes – **GOGIG** (Ghana) and **K-EXPRO** (Kenya) – all of which are aimed at enhancing development outcomes from natural resource sectors. This is achieved through strengthening of government delivery alongside increased transparency and accountability, with specific attention given to country-level programme design. We are continuously learning across the programmes and supporting further improvements and insights.







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