

**G-RAP AWARDS SPECIAL GRANT TO KITE FOR
RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMME ON GOOD GOVERNANCE IN
GHANA'S OIL INDUSTRY**

Ghana is as an emerging player on the Oil and Gas scene in Africa following recent discovery of oil by the consortium of Kosmos, Tullow and Anadarko in the West Cape Three Points and the Deepwater Tano concessions. Oil and Gas production in Ghana is expected to bring along numerous industries with their attendant benefits to the Ghanaian economy and contribution to broader societal well-being.

Experience on the continent shows that lack of information, the complexity of available data are some of the major factors that combine to leave most citizens of oil rich countries in the dark about the management of the sector. Consequently, there responsibility there is the need to empower the public to engage and demand transparency and accountability in the management of its Oil sector.

In November 2008, KITE, working with local and international partners such as the Center for Energy Economics, the University of Texas at Austin presented a proposal to the Ghana Research and Advocacy Programme (G-RAP) to undertake research and advocacy in the Oil and Gas subsector by working with Parliament. In December, 2008 G-RAP Programme Board awarded KITE, a special projects grant of US\$162,000 for the period January to December 2009 to undertake this assignment.

The goal of the proposed project is to foster good governance in the Oil and Gas subsector so as to help ensure maximization of oil benefits, promotion of social equity as well as the prevention of social upheavals.

KITE recognizes that enhancing the capacity of Parliament to effectively debate and legislate on the Oil and Gas sector will improve good governance and pro-poor sustainable development in the Oil and Gas subsector. For this reason the proposed project will aim to:

1. Enhance the capacity of Parliament to effectively debate and legislate on the Oil and Gas sector of Ghana by training Members of Parliament on relevant themes
2. Influence sector legislation and policy to focus on and good governance by working with Parliament
3. Improve awareness and capacity of the legislature to deal with pro-poor issues in the Oil and Gas sector of Ghana