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The following are the activities conducted in the month of March 2007. They fall under Task 1 (Continuation of Work in Ghana) and Task 2 (Replicate the Ghana model elsewhere in West Africa).

- RCEER’s next public outreach activity on natural gas has been delayed due to celebrations associated with the 50th anniversary of Ghana’s independence and the energy crisis, which is causing significant and unpredictable load shedding. Accordingly, RCEER rescheduled the activity and is working on including the energy crisis, its causes and the role of natural gas in providing a long-term solution to energy shortage facing Ghana in the program. (Task 1)
- CEE continued with the selection of delegates for its annual capacity-building program “New Era in Oil, Gas & Power Value Creation.” For the first time, three delegates from Benin and two delegates from Togo will attend the program. Also for the first time, we will have delegate from VRA in Ghana. We confirmed three delegates from Nigeria, one from UNIPORT and two others from the DPR, and we expect several more from NNPC.
- RCEER, KITE and CEE started work on the second regional natural gas workshop that will take place in Accra in June or July 2007.

Next steps
- RCEER will hold a public outreach activity on natural gas.