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The following are the activities conducted in the month of November. They fall under Task 1 (Continuation of Work in Ghana), Task 2 (Replicate the Ghana model elsewhere in West Africa), Task 3 (Replication / Expansion of the Ghana model to Latin America) and Task 4 (Smart Development concepts).

- CEE continued planning for a joint CEE/RCEER one-week regional workshop on natural gas. Currently scheduled for the first week of February, the workshop will be held in Abuja, Nigeria. NNPC is providing support for organization. This five-day program will provide a comprehensive overview of natural gas (economics of value chain, infrastructure, standards, and smart development issues); in addition to CEE staff, other outside experts and experts from WAGP countries will present on various issues. Delegates from Nigeria, Ghana, Togo and Benin will attend. Other participants may come from Angola and Côte d’Ivoire. (Tasks 1 and 2)

- RCEER and its supporters from EC and PURC among others continue to work on organizing the next public outreach activity on natural gas. It was decided that a December workshop ran the risk of conflicting with Christmas holidays. Also, it was deemed desirable to have the RCEER workshop closer to the Abuja workshop and another workshop that will be organized by EC around the same time. (Task 1)

- CEE hosted four young NNPC staff members for a half-day session on natural gas value chain economics. The delegates were in Houston for a four-week training program sponsored by NNPC. (Task 2)

- CEE continues to refine Smart Development concepts for the white papers on Smart Development and on Smart Development Initiative (SDI) for Latin America. (Tasks 2-4)

- CEE is initiating selection of delegates for its annual capacity-building program “New Era in Oil, Gas & Power Value Creation.”

Next steps

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

- RCEER and CEE will work together to organize a one-week workshop in Abuja in January or February 2007 with the help of NNPC and possibly other interested parties in the region.