

Institutional framework and capacities in enhancing local content in natural gas value chain in Tanzania

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The study investigated the Institutional framework and capacities in enhancing local content in natural gas value chain in Tanzania. It aimed to assess the regulatory framework, institutional preparedness and readiness to facilitate the enhancement of local content in natural gas value chain in Tanzania. An exploratory relative research strategy was utilized to frame speculations on the study. The study uses the documentation, archive records and interviews to collect data. In total 60 interviews with respondents was conducted using purposive sampling technique from the key stakeholders in oil and gas sector in Tanzania.

The findings from this research shows that the Institutional framework and regulatory has not yet made critical progress in enhancing local content in natural gas value chain in Tanzania. Specifically, issues such as poor participation and contribution of the stakeholders in making the regulations and policies, political intervention, corruption, experience and poor infrastructures hinder the capacities of the institution framework and regulations in enhancing local content.

Following these findings, the study recommends government and responsible institution must develop a public-private dialogue forum as a vehicle to build trusted relationships and close collaboration, and use this to jointly discuss key sector-wide development issues which will empower our regulatory framework for enhancing local content policy. Study suggests the proper implementation and framework development in promoting of the local content policy in Tanzania. Also the study suggests an opportunity for further research on the same title but for the new Petroleum (Local Content) Act of 2017 which is still in grace period.