



AFRIMARI Talk on CSR in the African Oil and Gas Industry

The AFRIMARI talk on “CSR in the African Oil and Gas Industry” took place on the 21st March 2013 and was hosted by the Commodities & Shipping Society of CASS Business School, City University in Moorgate.

This event was aimed at highlighting the legal, moral and social issues concerning the oil and gas industries in the Niger Delta.

Around 100 guests attended from across the shipping and energy industries, and invitations were extended to the YMP Members.

The evening began with the screening of “Delta Boys” (directed by Andrew Berends) which is a documentary filmed through the eyes of the militants. The Delta militants band together with a view to overthrowing the government and hold accountable those who cause devastation to the habitat by drilling and exploiting the region for its oil and gas.



The film also showed what impact the oil and gas extraction was having on the lives and livelihoods of the Delta’s indigenous people.

After the film, a panel of three key speakers were asked to draw inferences from their experiences and to discuss how these issues could be resolved.

Jonathan Bearman (Speaker) currently runs the consultancy Clearwater Research and is a political consultant to a group of leading IOCs

in Nigeria. He has also worked for the Energy Intelligence group.

Captain Edward Agbakoba (retired) (Speaker) spent 16 years’ service in the merchant navy and was head of the Nigerian Maritime Administration. He also worked for the IMO for over 16 years.

Joseph Croft (Speaker) heads Stakeholder Democracy Network which supports those worst affected by the activities of extractive industries in the Niger Delta.



Those present were free to put questions to the panel and voice their opinions. Public and International policies were considered and ultimately the focus shifted to the aspect of corporate social responsibility.

Following the debate a drinks reception was hosted in celebration of Afrimari’s 3rd anniversary.

Those attending enjoyed the alternative scope and topic of the evening, and almost certainly learnt something new.

YMP and Afrimari hope to hold a joint event in the near future.

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