

# NEWSLETTER

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With the support of the [ELLA](#) Initiative, Grupo FARO and ACODE are engaged in a two-year project aimed at identifying local content policies and practices that could bear lessons for Ecuador and Uganda. This newsletter encompasses the activities and events taking place during this process.

## Advisory Board

In order to strengthen the research process and ensure neutrality and academic rigor, an Advisory Board has been formed. The Advisory Board will support and advise Grupo FARO's team through the various phases of the research process.

The members of the Advisory Board will be actively involved during this project and will certainly enrich the forthcoming activities and knowledge-sharing spaces.

The Advisory Board Members are:

- Raúl Aldaz. Researcher and current Ph.D candidate in Development Studies at King's College in London.
- Lorena Collado. Manager of the Repsol Foundation in Ecuador.
- Matthew Genasci. Principal at the Mining Policy Group in New York.
- Andrés Mejía. Senior Lecturer in Political Economy of Emerging Markets at King's College in London.

We welcome and thank the members of the Advisory Board for their commitment and support. For more information about the Advisory Board, please visit this [link](#).

## Sharing with the public

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A section dedicated to the initiative has been developed and it is hosted in Grupo FARO's Extractive Industries Program web page. The aim of this space is to reach a broader audience and generate debate around the topic of local content.

You can visit our page through this [link](#).

The web page includes information and updates of the project's activities, related literature and news.

A repository of relevant literature has been recently added. The purpose of this space is to make available to the public a series of documents and readings specifically related to local content. This section will be regularly updated and will also include short pieces (articles and reviews) developed by Grupo FARO's team.

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## **Engaging with Research Users**

In order to ensure participation and generate a collaborative learning process, Grupo FARO has identified a series of actors in the private and public sector with the purpose of including them in the research process.

These meetings have also served as an initial platform to build alliances and evaluate future collaboration with stakeholders.

Official communications and initial meetings have been held with:

- Ministry of Non-Renewable Natural Resources (public)
- Hydrocarbons Secretariat (public)
- EP-Petroecuador (public)
- Ecuadorian Oil Industry Association (private)
- Schlumberger (private)
- Catholic University of Ecuador (civil society)

These meetings have also help mapping key actors and sector priorities, necessary to shape a relevant and needs-driven research process.

Further meetings with these and other actors will be held during the following months.

## **Meet the Team**

This project is being led by [Grupo FARO](#) in Ecuador and [ACODE](#) in Uganda. Each team is in charge of different activities to ensure the project's goal completion.

Grupo FARO's team members are:

- Juan José Herrera, Project Coordinator
- Sebastián Jarrín, Researcher
- Marcela Morales, Researcher

ACODE's team members are:

- Peter Magelah
- Peter Bagabo
- Elijah Mushemeza

## **Important Dates and Next Steps**

- *Methodology Workshop – Addis Ababa (Jan. 5-9, 2014)*  
During this workshop Grupo FARO and ACODE with the support of the IDS will define the research methodology.
- *Focus Group with Research Users – Quito (Jan., 2015)*