Joining the Dots with Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs)

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In Nigeria’s extractive sector, there are more than 1000 potential cases in which PEPs such as MPs may have conflicts of interest and more than 150 potential cases where companies’ ultimate beneficial owner remains unclear.
Joining the Dots with PEPs - Main features

An innovative Directorio Legislativo-led initiative that aims to improve transparency related to Beneficial Ownership and tackle corruption through:

- **Using information available** that CSOs have advocated for years.
- **Working collaboratively** with CSOs and government agencies to gather further information on PEPs, BO and public procurement/contracts (e.g. extractive sector).
- **Creating a platform** that identifies potential conflicts of interest and other irregularities of PEPs by cross-referencing public databases.
Joining the Dots with PEPs - Main features II

- It also aims to foster **public policy amendments** related to collection of BO, PEPs and government procurement data and its public access.
- Already being implemented in **Colombia and Nigeria** as JtD has a tailor-made approach to each country.

**Implementation process:**
- Initial scope and assessment of country’s regulatory framework and data availability.
- Obtaining, analyzing and structuring the data.
- Cross-matching the data.
- Communicating findings and pushing for reforms.
Joining the Dots with PEPs - Challenges

Key challenges have to do with the data we work with:

- Availability
- Organization
- Reliability
Joining the Dots with PEPs - Main results

Colombia
- 78,328 Financial Declarations were processed.
- Four types of alerts were identified.
- 20,969 alerts were found.

Nigeria
- 5,284 PEPs; 58 PEPs' relatives; 5,987 companies; and 14,410 BOs
- Three types of alerts were identified.
- 1,259 alerts have been found.
THANK YOU!
ANY QUESTIONS?