

Contributions for the "Consultations on EITI strategy"

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The consultations on EITI strategy should be an opportunity to give careful consideration to the scope of EITI.

We feel that the scope of EITI is too restricted and does not cover certain important data which extractive mining companies hold: data on production and the revenues resulting from that production which extractive companies ought to communicate periodically to the stakeholders in a transparent manner.

These data, on production and export, are not only necessary for calculating many of the macroeconomic performance indicators of countries. In addition, they give an idea of the scale of revenues paid to the State in terms of the resources accumulated by these bodies.

At this stage, the area covered concentrates too much on companies which declare only what they pay to the State without declaring what they actually earn. The State should also publish what it does with the revenues received in terms of expenditure. It is necessary to aim for transparency at the level of both parties (companies and State), upstream and downstream.

It would also be interesting to consider including the following:

- audit of mining company activities for the benefit of local communities;
- audit of local and international purchases of mining supplies;
- audit of mining companies' contracts for outsourcing;

- environmental audit of mining companies.

Including these elements within the scope of EITI would increase transparency in the extractive industries.

In the meantime, asking the Government what it does with mining revenues makes no sense because of the principle of the '*unicité de caisse*' ('single pot', i.e. unified budget) of the State.