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## EITI - "young yet established"



Dear friends,

EITI is a young standard yet it has become widely established. I was reminded of this last month as the number of people living in EITI implementing countries went from 650 million to 900 million when **Indonesia** and **Togo** became EITI Candidate countries, and the number of countries that has achieved EITI Compliance jumped from three to five.

By becoming compliant, **Mongolia** and **Ghana** have demonstrated their commitment to improve the management of their respective mining sectors. I warmly congratulate all the stakeholders that are part of the EITI in these two countries. Since committing to the EITI in 2005, Mongolia has published payments from its extractive sector in three excellent EITI Reports. Similarly, Ghana's EITI Compliance is well deserved and I hope will be a spur for further reform of the oil sector. Ghana was the first country to publish an EITI Report for the mining sector, and to provide data on the payments to and spending of regional levels of government.

I would also like to acknowledge the major efforts in **Cameroon**, **Gabon**, **Kyrgyzstan** and **Nigeria** that the EITI Board recently found to be EITI Candidate countries that are close to compliance. These countries have come a long way towards improving transparency in their extractives sector, and have been granted six months to meet the final requirements and become EITI Compliant.

We are getting closer to the **EITI Global Conference in Paris 2-3 March 2011**, and the agenda for the conference is shaping up. So far, Heads of State from six countries have confirmed their attendance, as well as CEOs from three of the largest extractive industry companies, and leaders from civil society and international institutions. For those of you who have not already done so, you can register your participation on the conference website at [www.eitiparis.org](http://www.eitiparis.org).

This newsletter contains further information about these and other developments in the EITI world. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Best wishes,

Peter Eigen, EITI Chair

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## EITI National Coordinators met in Brussels

More than 80 participants including EITI National Coordinators from 31 countries, and representatives from the European Commission and the World Bank gathered for the EITI National Coordinators Meeting on 8-10 March 2010, in Brussels.

The meeting, the third of its kind, was jointly hosted by the European Commission and the EITI Secretariat.

The event provided an important space for learning and sharing experiences among National Coordinators from all over the world. Discussions focused on lessons from the validation and EITI reporting processes, and the growing impact of the EITI. Participants also exchanged views on EITI rule and policy refinement.

The rich debates confirmed that the EITI is a robust framework for advancing transparency and accountability in the extractives sector. The growing number of EITI reports and range of activities in implementing countries illustrate how the EITI is building trust between

key stakeholders and empowering citizens. Presentations from European Commission and World Bank experts highlighted international efforts to support the EITI and transparency in resource rich countries.

Key challenges were identified including the need to increase support and provide stronger guidance to countries so they can achieve full compliance with the EITI standard.

“The meeting was a success in bringing together so many EITI National Coordinators from such different places and it was a great to hear that the EITI matters, and is making a difference for citizens of resource rich countries”, remarked Jonas Moberg, Head of the EITI International Secretariat.



### “Transparency in the extractive industries has come a long way”

At the International Anti-Corruption Conference in Bangkok, the rapid progress towards more revenue transparency was discussed at the plenary session ‘Fuelling Transparency and, Accountability in the Natural Resources and Energy Markets’. The panelists included Chair of the EITI Peter Eigen and Director of the Revenue Watch Institute Karin Lissakers.

EITI Chair Peter Eigen emphasised that over the past few years half a billion people have won access to revenue figures from their country’s extractive industries. This has happened as 33 countries have started to implement the transparency requirements within the EITI standard. Eigen further said that data disclosure through the EITI provides a powerful lever for demanding better global governance, greater, accountability and increased citizen engagement.

### Azerbaijan and Yemen publishes EITI reports

Azerbaijan and Yemen published their EITI reports in November.

Yemen became the 24th country and the first in the Middle East to release the revenue figures from its extractives sector in an EITI Report. The Yemen EITI Report disclosed that payments and revenues of oil covering 2005, 2006 and 2007 amounted to over US\$15bn.

Azerbaijan issued their 13th EITI report disclosing the tax payments from its oil, gas, silver and gold mining industries for the first half of 2010. The EITI Multi-stakeholder Group in Azerbaijan approved a new work plan to publish EITI Reports annually starting in 2011.

The chairman of the Tanzanian EITI multi-stakeholder group, Judge M. Bomani briefed the EITI Board on the progress towards disclosure of payments from Tanzania's mining industry.



## Follow the EITI

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## Cameroon, Gabon, Kyrgyzstan and Nigeria designated as EITI Candidate countries that are "close to compliance"

The four countries have completed EITI Validation, and the Board congratulated the government, companies and civil society organisations for the progress made in implementing the EITI.

The Board agreed that the final validation reports did not conclusively demonstrate that all of the validation indicators had been met. For each country, the Board set out the actions required in order to achieve compliance. The four countries were granted six months (until 18 April 2011) to request a review by the EITI Secretariat.

## Two new compliant countries, two new candidate countries

When the EITI Board met in Dar-es-Salaam 19-20 October, they designated Ghana and Mongolia as EITI Compliant, and accepted Indonesia and Togo as EITI Candidates.

### Ghana and Mongolia Compliant

Mongolia and Ghana became the fourth and fifth countries to achieve EITI Compliance, joining Azerbaijan, Liberia and Timor-Leste. In order to achieve Compliant status, countries must complete a rigorous, independent assessment of their disclosure and reporting practices.

EITI Chair Peter Eigen congratulated the government, industry and civil society organisations that have supported to the process in Mongolia:

"As the process has evolved and matured, the EITI reports have come to provide a reliable and comprehensive account of extractive companies payments to government, and of government's receipt of those funds. This allows all stakeholders in Mongolia to monitor one of the most important sources of government revenue, and to monitor an Industry that is transforming Mongolia's economy."

Similarly, speaking about Ghana's compliance, EITI Chair Peter Eigen said:

"The achievement of EITI Compliance status is well deserved and I hope be a spur also for strong management of the oil sector. The EITI reports have come to provide a reliable and comprehensive account of mining companies payments to government, and of government's receipt of those funds."

### Indonesia and Togo Candidates

The EITI Board approved the candidacy applications from Indonesia and Togo. In implementing the EITI,

the government of Indonesia commits to disclose all taxes, royalties and fees it has received from the oil, gas and mining sectors. Companies operating in these sectors will publish what they have paid to the government. These figures will be reconciled by an independent reconciler, in a process overseen by representatives from government, industry and civil society organisations.

EITI Chair Peter Eigen welcomed Indonesia's commitment to transparency: "The EITI provides for the government, industry and civil society organizations to pursue a common interest in promoting transparency, accountability and good governance. All Indonesians will benefit from the regular publication of these revenues. As Indonesia continues to develop its oil, gas and mining sectors, the EITI will provide reliable data to inform debate at the national and the local level. We also hope that Indonesia's commitment will also encourage more countries in Asia to implement the EITI".

**To learn more about implementation in these and the other EITI countries, visit the country pages on the EITI website:  
[www.eiti.org/countries](http://www.eiti.org/countries)**



## The EITI Global Conference, 2-3 March 2011



All EITI stakeholders and friends are invited to the EITI Global Conference in Paris 2-3 March 2011. Participants will together with leaders from governments, companies and civil society organisations share how EITI has led to improvements in their country and shape the future of EITI.



### EITI Chair's awards – call for nominations

The EITI Chair wishes to invite all EITI stakeholders to nominate implementing countries for awards to be announced at the conference. The EITI Chair's Awards recognise countries that have shown leadership, determination and resourcefulness in implementing the EITI.

Up to three awards will be given. We encourage anyone wishing to make a nomination to consider the following:

1) Which country has shown the strongest commitment to transparency and accountability in the extractives sector?

2) Which country has made the most impressive progress in overcoming capacity constraints?

3) Which country has published the most useful EITI Report including wide and comprehensive dissemination?

4) In which country has the EITI had the widest impact?

All countries implementing the EITI are eligible for nomination. Anyone may submit a nomination. In nominating, brief justifications are encouraged. Nominations should be submitted to [secretariat@eiti.org](mailto:secretariat@eiti.org), with "EITI Chair's Award Nomination" in the subject line before 15 January 2011.

### Confirmed speakers include

HE FRANÇOIS BOZIZÉ, President of Central African Republic  
HE NOURI AL-MALIKI, Prime Minister, Iraq  
HE ROSA OTUNBAYEVA, President of Kyrgyz Republic  
HE ERNEST BAI KOROMA, President of Sierra Leone  
HE JAKAYA KIKWETE, President of Tanzania  
HE JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA, President of Timor Leste  
PAUL COLLIER, Professor, University of Oxford  
HE ABDOU DIOUF, Secretary General, Organization of La Francophonie  
PETER EIGEN, Chair, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Board  
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Register your participation on [www.eitiparis.org](http://www.eitiparis.org) now!

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