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Transparency Counts



As many of you will know, the biennial EITI Global Conference is the highest level of governance in the EITI. We have previously had four conferences:

- London in 2003 at which the EITI Principles were agreed;
- London in 2005 at which the EITI Criteria were adopted;
- Oslo in 2006 at which the EITI validation indicators, the EITI Board, and the International Secretariat were established; and

- Doha in 2009 at which the EITI was established as a members-based association, and at which Azerbaijan was welcomed as the first EITI Compliant country.

The fifth EITI Global Conference entitled 'Transparency Counts' will focus on how the EITI is making a difference to the nearly half a billion people from 23 countries around the world who now have access to reliable revenue figures from the natural resources of their own country through an EITI report. In most cases, these figures have never been available before. Too often these revenues have been the source of bitter conflict, mismanagement, and plunder.

This conference is the time to take stock of what this standard means for the citizens whose lives it was designed to improve. It is also the time to reflect and implement improvements to the rules of the EITI, ensuring that benefits are enhanced.

Whilst there is still much that we haven't achieved, the EITI offers one of the best mechanisms yet for tackling the challenge of responsible natural resource management. What I am most proud of is that the EITI is not an organisation. It is not just a Board, nor a Secretariat. It is not a project with an implementation unit. It is a movement. The EITI Global Conference is the movement's coming-together. Last time we welcomed over 500 participants from across 80 different countries.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and I hope to see you in Paris to shape the next stage of the EITI story.

Best wishes,

Peter Eigen, Chair of EITI

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EITI Global Conference

2-3 March **2011 Paris** Transparency Counts

On 2-3 March 2011, leaders from government, extractive industries and civil society will gather in Paris for the fifth EITI Global Conference.

The biannual EITI Global Conference is the highest governing body of the EITI and the premier event in the EITI calendar. Previous conferences have been held in London (2003 and 2005), Oslo (2006) and Doha (2009).

The fifth Global Conference will focus on the impact of the EITI in implementing countries. The past year has seen unprecedented levels of activity as 23 of 33 implementing countries have produced EITI Reports detailing publicly for the first time the levels of revenues from the extractive sector. At the conference, representatives from implementing countries will be invited to share their experiences of how the EITI process has generated positive changes in their countries, such as trust building, improved governance and enhanced investment climate.

The conference will also provide an opportunity to share and reflect on lessons learnt from implementation, especially as almost 20 EITI Candidate countries have undertaken EITI Validation in the past year. Despite the progress seen in EITI implementing

countries, making resources benefit all is still arguably one of the world's greatest challenges. During the conference, stakeholders will therefore also be able to participate in policy debates which will contribute to shaping the future of the EITI and natural resource governance worldwide.

On 1 March 2011, pre-conference meetings such as the EITI Members' meeting will take place with the three constituencies – governments, companies and civil society. The EITI Members' Meeting will appoint the new EITI chair as well as the 2011-2013 EITI international board.

To learn more about the EITI Global Conference, and to register, visit www.eitiparis.org

The EITI Global Conferences have been the seminal events in shaping the EITI into what it is today.

The 4th EITI Global Conference in Doha had over 500 participants from 80 countries and more than 70 speakers. In Doha, it was announced that Azerbaijan had become the first country to become EITI Compliant and Tanzania and Norway became EITI Candidate countries. Several other countries expressed support and intent to implement the EITI, countries which have today achieved Candidate status. President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, George Soros and other keynote speakers highlighted the contributions of the EITI in improving governance in implementing countries as well as the importance of establishing an international standard for revenue transparency. For more highlights from Doha 2009, check out <http://eiti.org/DohaConference>.

Shaping the future of the EITI

When the EITI community met in Doha 2009, the main focus was on the countries that had started to implement the EITI. Since 2009, most of these countries have started to disclose revenue payments in EITI reports, most have completed EITI validation, and 7 countries have become EITI Candidates. Still, a lot remains to be done to realise EITI's goal of making natural resources benefit everyone. The conference will discuss steps towards improving the EITI's rules, based on the lessons learned in the early adopters of the EITI.

Peru has undertaken a comprehensive dissemination campaign of its first EITI report. The campaign included regional fora in 6 important resource-rich departments, extensive radio interviews and distribution of printed material including an EITI supplement inserted in newspapers.



Preliminary Programme

The fifth EITI Global Conference in Paris will feature four plenary sessions and numerous executive sessions and workshops. There will also be special events such as the EITI Chair's Awards and the EITI National Exhibition.

Tuesday 1 March

08:30-17:00 Registration
 09:00-17:00 Pre-conference workshops hosted by EITI stakeholders (timing and topics tbc)
 12:00-15:00 14th EITI International Board Meeting - 2009/2011 Board (closed meeting)
 15:30-17:00 EITI Member's Meeting
 17:00 Press Conference

15:00 Press Conference
 15:00-15:30 Break
 15:30-17:30 Parallel executive sessions/ workshops (topics tbc)
 19:00 Welcome Reception

Wednesday 2 March

08:00 Registration opens
 08:00-09:30 Breakfast workshops hosted by EITI stakeholders
 09:30-10:30 Welcome and opening remarks
 10:30-11:00 Break
 11:00-12:30 Plenary 1: Report of the Board to the Conference
 12:30-13:30 Lunch
 12:30-17:00 EITI National Exhibition
 13:30-15:00 Plenary 2: The impact of the EITI: sharing experiences from EITI implementation

Thursday 3 March

08:00-09:00 Breakfast workshops hosted by EITI stakeholders
 09:00-10:30 Plenary 3: the future of the EITI and revenue transparency
 09:00-14:00 EITI National Exhibition
 10:30-11:00 Break
 11:00-13:00 Parallel executive sessions / workshops (topics tbc)
 13:00-14:00 Lunch
 14:00-16:30 Plenary 4: EITI Stakeholder forum
 16:30-17:00 Closing remarks
 17:00 Press conference
 17:00 Post-conference meetings (closed)

Please note that this programme is subject to change. The International Secretariat welcomes input and comments on the draft programme from EITI stakeholders. EITI stakeholders wishing to host workshops on key issues related to the EITI are invited to develop a workshop proposal. The proposal should be submitted to the International Secretariat by 15 November 2010. Related details and guidelines for developing the proposal are available on the website: www.eitiparis.org.

EITI National Exhibition

Since the EITI is implemented by 31 governments around the world, the EITI processes are very different from country to country. This fact that stakeholders in each country own and decide the course of their EITI process, is one of the key features of EITI methodology. During the Global Conference representatives from implementing countries will be invited to present and share stories from EITI implementation unique to their respective countries. EITI stakeholders from across the world will thus have an opportunity to experience the EITI through 33 different lenses and gain a better understanding of the flexibility of the EITI methodology in terms of adaptation to local context and circumstances.

The event will take shape as an exhibition where each country will have their respective stand during the two days of the conference.

Confirmed speakers

HE NOURI AL-MALIKI, Prime Minister, Iraq
 PAUL COLLIER, Professor, University of Oxford
 CHRISTOPHE DE MARGERIE, Chief Executive Officer, TOTAL
 HE JAKAYA KIKWETE, President of Tanzania
 HE ERNEST BAI KOROMA, President of Sierra Leone
 MO IBRAHIM, Founder of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation
 ANNE LAUVERGEON, Chief Executive Officer, AREVA
 HE JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA, President of Timor Leste
 PETER VOSER, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Dutch Shell
 ERNESTO ZEDILLO, Chair, Natural Resource Charter

From the EITI blog

EITI reporting coming of age

By Jonas Moberg, Head of the EITI International Secretariat

The EITI is a wide movement – there are maybe 400 people that are part of the multi-stakeholder groups, hundreds of colleagues at national EITI secretariats and stakeholders in civil society organizations, companies and governments and the ten of us here in Oslo and Berlin. Together we are beginning to have a story to tell. We are starting to have comparable data and unveil statistics for fact based natural resource governance.

Just under half a billion people are living in countries that have produced EITI reports and they now have the opportunity to see what their country

is earning from the sale of oil, gas and minerals and metals – many can do so for the first time.

A total of 50 EITI Reports have been produced by 23 countries since reporting began in 2005. Although still limited, reports offer an opportunity for interesting comparisons of data on how much different countries produce and earn. We know that researchers, the IMF, and investors, are beginning to pore over these reports. As the quality and regularity of EITI Reports continues to improve, the information provided will vastly increase what people can learn about their country's extractives sector.

Empowering women through EITI

By John Strongman, Mining Adviser at the Oil, Gas, Mining and Chemicals Department, World Bank

Why should we be concerned about extractive industries (EI) and gender? Experience at the World Bank has identified what we call the extractive industries (EI) gender bias. For local communities, the bulk of the benefits are employment and income – which go primarily to men. Typically 80-90% of the employment at a mining site or oil/gas production area goes to men. In contrast, most of the negative, social, environmental and cultural

negative impacts, often including increased domestic and community violence, fall upon women and the families they care for.

From my perspective, EITI offers a wonderful example of the empowerment of civil society from the perspective that it seeks to first, make available information to civil society; second, to equip civil society to understand and work with that information; and third, provides a structured discussion space for civil society to engage with government and industry.

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