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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE EITI

“We should not look at EITI as the one-stop-shop for reversing the resource curse. It is a wonderful tool, which must be mainstreamed and combined with other tools to ensure that natural resources are more prudently managed and better deployed towards both economic growth and sustainable human development. While uniform standards are necessary, we should not make a fetish of them. It is important to take adequate account of national realities, to iterate, to be ever vigilant of and adapt to new arenas of work such as ownership transparency, and to focus more on impact than on just activities or box-ticking exercises. This is a powerful initiative. It can be even more potent by the collective commitment that we share.”

I was sat alongside Yemi Osinbajo, Vice President of Nigeria, at the EITI Opening Up Ownership Conference, when he said this and I agree with every word. This report seeks to echo that sentiment. The EITI is both about the Standard and its quality assurance process (Validation) which now over half of the 51 implementing countries have undergone. And it is about how the EITI is having an impact and leading to change in different environments. It is about ensuring that more and more relevant data on the sector is systematically disclosed online – “mainstreaming the EITI process”. And it is also about being vigilant about new areas of relevance like beneficial ownership disclosure, commodity trading transparency and local content.

In 2017, I visited national EITI processes in Azerbaijan, Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia, Mozambique, Norway, the Philippines, and the United Kingdom. I met with government leaders and other stakeholders from almost all our 51 member countries. I have been struck by the great strides being made. The implementation of the EITI is improving in many countries. Better information is becoming available. I have also been reminded by the increasing realisation amongst all EITI stakeholders of the size of the challenge of ensuring good governance of natural resources. We need to continue the shift from an early focus on how to report towards the use of information. Corruption, transfer pricing, state-owned company secrecy, royalty payments disappearing at local government level – the list goes on where the EITI could reveal, put the spotlight and provide a forum for work on solutions. The Conference in Jakarta demonstrated what is possible when experts, politicians, donors, industry and civil society come together to fix a problem. The quality of the discussions was uplifting. Beneficial ownership transparency is daunting but we now have unparalleled political commitment to ownership transparency and a pool of experts talking to each other across regions and specialisms.

No sooner had the Conference closed than the Paradise Papers hit the headlines, reminding us that the oil, gas and mining industries are not alone in needing to tackle hidden ownership. The extractive sector is alone, however, in agreeing on a route towards full ownership disclosure. We need a world where leaks are superfluous because information is readily available.

We are also making progress in difficult, opaque areas like commodity trading and artisanal and small-scale mining. The data being revealed by the EITI is exciting but we are so far only scratching the surface of what information could and should be in the public domain.

In 2018, we must not slow down. We must recognise, acknowledge and incentivise the good progress but be honest about the challenges in the road ahead. That means that implementing countries will need to commit to enacting the recommendations coming out of Validation and undertaking reforms and often legislation to build and strengthen systems for automatic collection and publication of reliable data.

Corruption and the lack of trust between the people and their political representatives remain on top of the agenda throughout the world. The tasks of the EITI have not diminished. The EITI’s mission is as relevant today as it was when our stakeholders agreed on it. It relies on a network of stakeholders to affect change. To them, I salute progress in 2017 and call on them for more progress in 2018.

We welcomed Mexico, Guyana and Suriname to our family in 2017. We saw three countries withdraw from EITI implementation, Azerbaijan, Niger and the United States. Fluctuations in the commitment of countries is not new. Whilst some countries withdraw, other countries persist and step up, forging ahead on the road to more transparent and, ultimately, open societies. It is important that progress is celebrated, and that weaknesses are addressed openly.

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Fredrik Reinfeldt, Chair of the EITI Board
MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF THE SECRETARIAT

At the EITI headquarters, we have given a strong focus in 2017 to Validations and supporting our countries to deliver on the beneficial ownership commitments.

We have now lived with the revised Validation methodology for just over a year. Much can be said, and in summary:

- the quality of implementation is improving – there are a myriad of tangible and intangible ways that the EITI has made a difference which we seek to summarise in this Progress Report.
- the focus needs to continue to move from data collection to data use.
- the EITI is getting better at holding itself to account.
- Validation is improving our support, in that weaknesses are now better acknowledged and understood.
- it is in some countries leading to more controversy – proper transparency can be uncomfortable.

The EITI Board has ushered in a new era of systematic disclosure by approving Norway’s application for mainstreamed implementation. Hopefully more countries will follow in Norway’s footsteps by making their extractives data readily and routinely available online rather than just in EITI reports.

Integrating EITI reporting into national systems must become the norm. This mainstreamed implementation of the EITI will focus on how to make transparency an integral and routine feature in government and company reporting systems. In the past, EITI countries would produce an annual EITI Report with data on their country’s oil, mining, and gas sectors. This was and still is a game changer in many countries where information is not in the public domain. As we move forward more governments and companies are taking the initiative to publish their own data online. EITI must play to its strengths and adapt its work to be sure it remains relevant in this new reality.

Out there in our 51 countries, there are around 350 people working in EITI secretariats, and there are thousands of you working on EITI in member governments, supporting civil society organisations and companies. Our job is to assist you. The EITI Standard remains a good starting platform.

Issuing guidance, bringing people together, analysing data and sharing good practices are some of the ways in which we do this. The website, which had 136,000 unique users in 2017, remains our key interface with many of you.

With this 2018 Progress Report, we aim to give readers insight into the work that is being done at both the national and global levels. The report will provide an overview of EITI activities around the world by highlighting examples from a variety of countries and showcasing the impact of the EITI in a local context.

We also seek to be honest about the challenges. I hope you find this Progress Report useful, and that the knowledge and experiences shared inside can be applied throughout the world to hold leaders accountable, inspire public debate, and continue our work of promoting transparency in the extractive industries.
HOW THE EITI WORKS IN THREE STEPS

The implementation of the EITI Standard takes place at the country level in each of the 51 EITI member countries. The EITI’s international management (the Secretariat and the Board) supports and encourages its meaningful implementation in each EITI member country.

Every country that joins the EITI as a member is assessed against the EITI Standard in a process called Validation (see more on Validation on page 24). EITI Validation reviews the country’s progress against the EITI Requirements, analyses the impact of EITI compliance in the country, and makes recommendations for strengthening the process and improving the governance of the sector.

The EITI Board, through the EITI Secretariat, oversees the Validation process. The Board then designates the country as having made satisfactory progress, meaningful progress, inadequate progress or no progress. Depending on the outcome of its Validation, the country will be re-assessed at some point between three months and three years. This encourages continuous improvement and safeguards the integrity of the EITI.

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The MSG has demonstrated that this requirement is not applicable in the country.

This requirement is only encouraged or recommended and should not be taken into account in assessing compliance.

Beyond. The country has gone beyond the requirements.

Significant aspects of the requirement have been implemented and the broader objective of the requirement is being fulfilled.

Satisfactory progress. All aspects of the requirement have been implemented and the broader objective of the requirement has been fulfilled.

Incomplete progress. Significant aspects of the requirement have not been implemented and the broader objective of the requirement is far from fulfilled.

No progress. All or nearly all aspects of the requirement remain outstanding and the broader objective of the requirement is not fulfilled.

A national multi-stakeholder group, with representatives from government, companies and civil society, decides how the EITI process in their country should work.

Key information and data about the governance of the sector is disclosed, along with recommendations for improving sector governance.

This information is widely disseminated to inform public debate and to allow recommendations to be followed up.
MAINSTREAMING DISCLOSURES IN EXTRACTIVES

In 2017, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Norway, and Timor-Leste all undertook studies on how to systematically disclose extractives data beyond EITI reporting. In the past, data collection in Mauritania was a time-consuming process that relied on physical documentation and manual processes. Mauritania EITI carried out a feasibility study on integrating EITI reporting into national Treasury systems. Mauritania EITI has also introduced fiscal identification numbers for companies and applied the IMF-EITI GFS (global financial statistics) classification for extractives revenue flows. This has allowed the government to identify specific companies and revenue flows, and assist with tax collection efforts, while moving closer to more timely disclosure of data about the extractive industry. The Treasury already publishes monthly reports on oil and gas revenues and plans to expand these to the mining sector.

Liberia and Sierra Leone are using a centralised register of mining licenses which lists the largest mining companies in the country and links these companies to their licenses and relevant payments. Ghana, Kazakhstan and Mongolia have developed publicly accessible systems where extractive companies record their payments and production data alongside their audit statements.

POLICY IN PRACTICE NORWAY

The Norwegian government’s website norskpetroleum.no provides instant and public access to all relevant information on the Norwegian oil sector. Oil companies operating in Norway are also required by law to publish annual reports showing how much taxes and fees they pay to the Norwegian government. These systems have been assessed to comply with the EITI’s requirements.

Mainstreaming is not only an option for long-time implementers of the EITI Standard. The Dominican Republic, which joined in 2016, published its first EITI Report as a website. Instead of producing large physical copies of the EITI Report, all the necessary information is available online, with a reconciliation report published as an attachment.

POLICY IN BRIEF

Transparency in oil, gas and mining should not be confined to EITI Reports, but be part and parcel of how governments manage the sector and companies conduct their activities. EITI countries are increasingly making information about their extractive industries publicly available online through a variety of reporting systems, such as databases, websites, portals and other solutions. By creating access points for the continuous release of this information in their own publications and websites in an open data format, government and company systems are becoming transparent at source. This process is often known as mainstreaming.

When governments and companies engage in mainstreaming, EITI Reports tend to focus less on providing the data and more on addressing gaps in information and on analysis of the data.

"The EITI has identified a wide range of reforms, including on how to modernise the records for production audits and revenue collection."

Victor Hart, chair of the TTEITI MSG.

FIND OUT MORE:
eiti.org/document/mainstreaming-action-plan
norskpetroleum.no/en/
The fight against malpractice caused by secret company ownership gained further momentum in 2017, spurred in part by the Paradise Papers leaks. The papers exposed how the true owners of a company sometimes hide behind complex ownership structures to disguise corrupt and illegal behaviour. Governments have long known that hidden ownership is the vehicle of choice for corruption, which in many cases can lead to massive losses in state revenues. People who live in resource-rich countries are particularly at risk of losing out, as oil, gas and mining assets are far too often redirected away from public coffers to private accounts. Companies also face challenges when compelled to work with partners whose ownership remains hidden. Sometimes newly established companies with seemingly no prior experience are inexplicably awarded rights to a mine or oil field.

It is now widely acknowledged that beneficial ownership disclosure is essential for addressing issues such as corruption and tax evasion. The publication of beneficial ownership data allows civil society, governments and companies to know exactly who is operating and profiting from oil, gas and mining activities. This helps ensure that citizens stand a better chance of ultimately benefiting from the natural resources that belong to them. Going forward, the key question is how to make beneficial ownership transparency a reality.

The EITI is assisting countries in how to make beneficial ownership transparency a reality through pilot and feasibility studies, workshops, conferences and other legal and technical assistance efforts. The EITI has also supported several countries to carry out legislative reviews and establish public registers of corporate ownership. EITI stakeholders have been central to discussions surrounding new laws and regulations, and have helped to coordinate and shepherd legislation through. The EITI is one of the few organisations that has delivered tangible disclosures through the annual collection and publication of beneficial ownership information in EITI reporting.

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Fifty EITI countries have published their plans for how to ensure beneficial ownership transparency by January 2020. These roadmaps lay out the legal and other reforms needed to meet the EITI’s transparency requirements. Domestic implementation has already begun in some countries, supported also by reforms at the international level, such as the European Union decision that all Member States should now develop public beneficial ownership registers.

Kyrgyz Republic – Winner of the EITI chair’s Award for Beneficial Ownership Transparency

The Kyrgyz Republic has amended their Law on Subsoil, which now requires companies to disclose their beneficial owners when applying for a license. The law includes a clear definition of ownership as well as sanctions for failure or false reporting, and will ensure beneficial ownership data is publicly available. The government has started developing the regulations on beneficial ownership disclosure and is making plans to establish a register.

Kazakhstan has passed legislation mandating beneficial ownership reporting for oil, gas and mining companies. According to the new Code on Subsoil, these companies should disclose their beneficial owners when applying for a license and report any changes in ownership. Kazakhstan also piloted beneficial ownership disclosures in the 2016 EITI Report.

Indonesia, shortly after the ‘Opening Up Ownership’ Conference in Jakarta, had the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources issue a regulation requiring all mining permit applicants to disclose beneficial owners of their companies as part of the application process. This is expected to complement the Ministry of Law’s requirement for beneficial ownership reporting for all companies once the Presidential Regulation on beneficial ownership is approved.

The United Kingdom has established the world’s largest national public register of beneficial ownership, or ‘persons of significant control’. This open and searchable register covers all sectors and has already been accessed more than 2 billion times. Making this information public has allowed UK civil society organizations to conduct their own assessments and flag mistakes to the authorities, thereby helping to improve data reliability.

Zambia has amended its Companies Act in November 2017 to include a provision on beneficial ownership disclosure. The legislation provides a strong basis for requiring companies to report on their beneficial owners. Zambia EITI was involved in raising awareness around beneficial ownership transparency during the drafting of the law, and Zambia EITI stakeholders aim to support key government agencies in developing regulations that address the new disclosure requirements.

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OPENING UP OWNERSHIP — SHARING PRACTICE, BUILDING SYSTEMS

In October 2017, the EITI and the Government of Indonesia convened a global gathering dedicated to beneficial ownership transparency. The Conference, entitled “Opening Up Ownership”, focused on how countries can put beneficial ownership transparency into action. More than 400 representatives from over 45 countries shared their experience, challenges and progress in addressing this issue. The Conference featured 15 practical workshops on beneficial ownership transparency. A variety of topics were covered, ranging from how to investigate the links between anonymous companies and illicit financial flows to case studies on financial flows to case studies on the world’s first beneficial ownership transparency framework to enable enforceability.

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- Legal reforms. Beneficial ownership transparency should be backed by legislation to ensure a level playing field, consistent disclosures and routine compliance. A sound legislative framework for beneficial ownership transparency should draw on emerging international practise, but must also fit within each country’s unique legal framework to enable enforceability.

Unambiguous and enforceable definitions of beneficial ownership and politically exposed persons are also necessary. Recognising the importance of these issues, 40 EITI countries already have completed or plan to conduct legal reviews which will identify both obstacles and opportunities for reform.

- Data accessibility. Living open data formats and open registers ensure that access to the information is available to the public at large. It is harder for corrupt individuals and corporations to game the system or surreptitiously move their funds from one jurisdiction to another when their actions are consistently subjected to public scrutiny. Allowing public access and use of beneficial ownership data enables stakeholders to hold the right people accountable. Broad cooperation among stakeholders is necessary to ensure that beneficial ownership data responds to the demand for information at both national and local levels. In addition to the domestic benefits, open data can also allow for data interoperability at a global level, which will help map out ownership structures across multiple jurisdictions.

- Data reliability. Monitoring and verifying the reliability of beneficial ownership information has been identified as a serious challenge by many countries. In some countries, the penalties for non-reporting or misreporting were too trivial to incentivise reliable reporting. Ukraine, for example, has cited data reliability and the establishment of appropriate sanctions for non-compliance as the most problematic aspects of beneficial ownership transparency. To address these issues, a mechanism for verifying data is now being developed. The United Kingdom has also addressed this issue by adopting a risk-based approach to data assurance, with clear penalties for any company or beneficial owner failing to comply.

- Political commitment and involvement of all relevant government agencies. Work on beneficial ownership transparency cannot take place only in the ministry overseeing the oil, gas and mining sectors. Cross-ministerial collaboration is necessary to ensure that company and license registers, tax authorities, justice ministries, and other relevant initiatives and agencies are actively engaged in the process. Several EITI countries, such as Indonesia and Sierra Leone, have set up inter-agency working groups to ensure national coherency in policy and reform activities. Indonesia, for example, has four different ownership registers, each of which is managed by a different agency and holds data about different aspects of ownership. In this case, cross-agency collaboration is key to beneficial ownership transparency efforts being effective.

Yemi Osinbajo, Vice President of Nigeria at the EITI Opening Up Ownership Conference in October

10,000+ messages of support
419 experts gathered
96 speakers
15 workshops

Pablo Valverde @pablovalv: “@EITIorg Clear, concise and ambitious commitments from Olena Sukmanova, DM of Justice Ukraine at #EITI #openup conference.”
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In 2017, the EITI issued a guidance note on reporting on first trades in oil, prepared by the EITI working group on commodity trading transparency. Commodity trading data in EITI Reports from Cameroon, Chad and Mauritania has become significantly more granular, often providing details at the level of each shipment of oil sold. It includes volumes, revenues and price information, enabling an assessment of whether the country is getting a fair payment for the oil. Countries like Albania, Indonesia and Iraq have disclosed information about how the government appoints buyers of their oil. Chad, Côte d’Ivoire Nigeria and Republic of Congo continue to shed light on the details of oil-backed loans and swaps of crude oil for petroleum products, electricity and infrastructure.

Albania’s recent EITI Reports explain the process for selecting buyers of the state’s share of oil. In some countries, this is a process that can be prone to corruption. The reports include an overview of how oil auctions are conducted, including the forecasted sales volume of the annual contract; the auction starting price, the winning bid; the name of the company winning the bid; the name of non-winning applicants and links to further information.

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Since the EITI started to encourage contract disclosure in 2013 the prevalence of contract transparency among EITI countries has increased significantly:

- As of 2017, more than one in three EITI countries have legal provisions supporting contract transparency.
- 29 EITI countries disclosed at least some contracts, either at the relevant ministry website or on the national EITI website.

The EITI provides a forum for discussing contract disclosure. In Mongolia, an EITI working group on contract disclosure was established in 2015. It ensured that confidentiality clauses were removed from new model production-sharing agreements. A contracts database was launched in 2017.

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The EITI is now at the centre of a global community of contract disclosure in the extractive industries. Three-quarters of the countries have disclosed extractive contracts or licences are also part of EITI.

NRGI in Past the Tipping Point? Contract Disclosure within EITI

65% of validated countries fully or partially published their government’s policy on the disclosure of contracts and licenses

1-IN-3 EITI countries have legal provisions supporting contract transparency

### Policy in Brief

Contracts and licenses provide the legal rights, terms and conditions for exploring and producing oil, gas and minerals. EITI implementing countries are encouraged to publicly disclose any contracts and licenses that provide terms attached to the exploitation of a country’s oil, gas or mineral resources. EITI implementing countries are also required to report on their government’s policies and resources regarding contract transparency. The EITI encourages such disclosure in order for citizens to better verify what their country receives from its oil, gas and minerals is what ought to be received, and that other obligations, such as social or environmental commitments, are honoured.

### Policy in Practice

#### Philippines

The Philippines was part of an EITI pilot project on contract transparency. In October 2016, the country launched its extractive contracts portal, which contains contracts from the mining, oil and gas sectors.

To date more than 52 contracts have been added to the portal, all of which are machine-readable and searchable. The portal also includes supporting documentation, such as mining feasibility studies and reports on social and environmental issues.

Previously these contracts and documents were only available in hard copy, which meant the sole way to see their contents was to physically go and visit the various ministries where the copies were housed. The new online access to the contracts – some of which are even annotated to assist the public in understanding their contents – ensures that all interested stakeholders in the Philippines have equal access to the documents which underpin the commercial extraction of the country’s natural resources. Issues such as subnational transfers and environmental impacts can now be more easily investigated thanks to this resource.

In addition to the benefits this portal has brought to the Philippines, it is hoped that the efforts to create this website will also serve as a guide for other countries who are seeking to implement similar access points for contract transparency.

#### Colombia

Colombia EITI is exploring a methodology to address environmental aspects through EITI reporting.

#### Kazakhstan’s multi-stakeholder group has expressed concerns with the way environmental fines imposed on oil, gas and mining companies have been spent, and is planning to launch an examination of this issue.

#### Mongolia

Mongolia EITI continues to monitor the execution of environmental rehabilitation plans.

The Philippines EITI Reports monitor flows to environmental protection funds.

### Environmental Reporting

More than 28 EITI implementing countries have made transparent information on environmental taxes, levies and other payments. Some have also disclosed environmental policies, management practices and compliance.

By demonstrating the income generated from extractives, at times enormous, but also highly fluctuating, the EITI can help drive policy making towards improved use of these resources.”

Jonas Moberg, Head of the EITI International Secretariat

### Policy in Brief

There is no expectation that EITI countries should cover environmental information. However, there is a growing interest in environmental transparency related to the oil, gas and mining sectors in different countries. In some cases, the EITI may help to address gaps in the publicly available information on environmental payments.

### Policy in Practice

Trinidad and Tobago EITI’s most recent EITI report includes a section on onshore oil spills and the impact on human health, marine life and the fishing industry. TTEITI is considering including information on CO2 emissions in their next EITI Report.

### Policy in Brief

Many EITI countries have disclosed descriptions of legislation and licensing requirements related to the environment. These include Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Philippines, Republic of Congo, Seychelles, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Ukraine and Zambia. This information includes a description of the roles various government agencies play in implementing environmental policy, along with references to relevant legislation, environment protection requirements related to licensing, and specific provisions or government policies on environmental policies covering oil, gas and mining activities.

Some EITI countries have disclosed environment-related revenue streams and data on revenue management. Some countries, such as Mongolia, Philippines and Zambia, have included information on the management of environmental and rehabilitation funds, including the use of proceeds from fees and penalties paid according to environmental regulations.
INCREASING LOCAL CONTENT TRANSPARENCY IN EXTRACTIVES

As of 2017, 25 EITI countries have decided to include information on local content in EITI reporting. This includes information on local content policies and commitments by companies, figures on local content (employment, procurement, and purchase of goods and nationality of company owners), and commentary on how the policies are implemented.

On employment, the Philippines discloses the number of indigenous peoples employed in local industries. Mozambique’s employment data includes details on employment contract terms. Mongolia’s EITI report examines the government’s process for determining annual quotas for foreign workers.

On the value of local content spending, Kazakhstan has collected and published extensive data on local content in purchases of goods, works and services in the extractive sector. Ghana EITI has gone a step further and requested companies to report on local versus foreign employment and procurement.

In 2017, the EITI launched a new State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) network, which brings together leading SOEs from EITI countries to discuss existing transparency tools and reporting mechanisms in order to improve overall transparency and governance of SOEs.

Several EITI countries have also taken steps to improve SOE transparency. Following the gaps in SOE reporting identified in the 2017 Validation of Mongolia, their recently published EITI Report shows that transparency and governance practices vary considerably across the 19 state-owned mining companies. The report discloses key data on nine of the mining SOEs that make the largest payments to government in 2016. While it was not yet possible to obtain audited financial statements from all nine SOEs, EITI Mongolia published the retained earnings, reinvestments and quasi-fiscal expenditures of all nine companies, alongside details of their boards of directors. The diagnostic also provided a comprehensive snapshot of loans and guarantees granted by the state and the SOEs to companies in the oil, gas and mining industries, completing the picture of SOEs’ liabilities in 2016. The EITI discloses complement ongoing SOE reforms supported by the Asian Development Bank and IMF.

POLICY IN PRACTICE

GHANA

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50%+ of EITI countries have begun to publish data on local content in the extractives

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53% of all validated countries disclosed full or partial information about state participation in the extractive sector.

But only 30% of validated countries had disclosed information on social payments (called “quasi-fiscal expenditures”) made by state-owned companies.

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State-owned enterprises play a critical role in managing Papua New Guinea’s oil, gas and mining sector. Aside from participating in some of the major extractive projects in the country, SOEs like the Mineral Resources Development Corporation (MRDC) also hold in trust a percentage of revenues in the sector, which it invests on behalf of local landowners. Some provincial governments also receive dividends from SOEs, such as Ok Tedi, through trust arrangements with MRDC. PNG’s level of disclosure on state participation has improved over the years through the efforts of the national EITI multi-stakeholder group (MSG). Acting on a recommendation from the first EITI Report to engage more with SOEs, the National Executive Council, a cabinet-level body that sets ministerial policies in PNG, directed SOEs to publicly report their equity distribution as well as all other funds they hold in trust and invest on behalf the landowners and future generations. SOEs now regularly participate in MSG meetings. As a result, the 2016 EITI Report contains significant information on the financial relationships between SOEs and the government, including changes in ownership, subsidiaries, and the roles SOEs and the government play in managing trust funds of extractive revenues.
Validation and What it Entails in Four Steps

1. Before Validation formally begins, the country’s multi-stakeholder group (MSG) is encouraged to undertake a self-assessment of their country’s adherence to the EITI Standard. They also begin collecting documentation, demonstrating their country’s progress with implementing the EITI Standard.

2. The EITI International Secretariat begins its data collection and stakeholder consultation process. This process includes reviewing all relevant documentation, a visit to the country by members of the International Secretariat, and meetings with various local stakeholders. At the end of this process, the Secretariat prepares a report which is an initial assessment of progress against the Standard’s requirements.

3. An independent Validator assesses whether the Secretariat’s initial assessment was carried out in accordance with the EITI’s own Validation Guide. The Validator then prepares a draft Validation Report, which is then sent to the country’s MSG for feedback. Once feedback has been received, the Final Validation Report is prepared.

4. The Final Validation Report and any supporting documentation is reviewed by the EITI Board’s Validation Committee, who gives a recommendation to the Board on the country’s compliance with the Standard, along with any corrective actions. The Board then issues a final determination on the country’s overall compliance, and assigns the country one of four designations.

Responsibility

- National MSG
- EITI International Secretariat
- Independent Validator
- EITI Board

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- Initial Assessment
- Validation Report
- Decision by the International Board

During Validation, a country’s progress is compared against 33 provisions from the EITI Standard through a review of available data and through interviews with local company managers, government officials, and civil society members. An independent, external party, called a Validator, is brought in to examine and confirm the results of this process. At the end of the Validation process, the EITI Board awards the validated country one of four designations: ‘no progress’, ‘inadequate progress’, ‘meaningful progress’, or, if all elements of the Standard have been met, the highest level of ‘satisfactory progress’. The Validator also produces a final Validation report, which documents the findings of the Validation process and, if necessary, includes recommendations for corrective actions which can help countries reach higher levels of progress.

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Find Out More

See page 21 for overview or go online to eiti.org/validation to find out more
VALIDATION

EITI’s Validation process has played a key role in identifying opportunities to accelerate mainstreaming over the past year. In countries such as Albania, Mauritania, the Philippines, and Senegal, the Validation process has catalysed some ‘quick fixes’ for addressing gaps by simply publishing existing information on EITI or government websites. Seven countries also followed up their Validation by initiating formal studies on the potential of mainstreaming EITI reporting.

GOVERNANCE WEAKNESSES UNCOVERED BY VALIDATION

There were five common lessons for all EITI members undergoing or planning to undergo Validation.

1. **EITI Reporting is only as good as the information that is available**
   Validation has shown that many implementing countries have struggled to agree and define ‘all material payments and revenues’. As a result, there have been difficulties preparing EITI Reports which fully cover the extractive sectors. Comprehensive tax and revenue information, along with clear definitions of materiality, are critical if transparency is to lead to accountability.

2. **State-owned enterprises must be engaged in the EITI Reporting Process**
   While state-owned enterprises play a key role in many EITI implementing countries, Validation has shown that disclosures regarding these firms are often inadequate. Where disclosures have taken place, more work is needed to engage state-owned enterprises in the EITI Reporting process.

3. **Licensing systems often do not contain all the relevant information**
   Systematic disclosure of licensing information should be the norm. However, EITI Reporting has shown that many licensing systems are too simplistic, and further reforms are needed to ensure an adequate level of public disclosure.

4. **There is more potential for peer-learning between EITI countries on subnational payments and transfers**
   EITI reporting and Validations have identified inefficiencies in subnational payments and transfers. While countries usually identify discrepancies between what should have been paid to local governments and what was actually paid, this information is rarely provided at the individual local government level. There is sometimes also confusion over whether payments are transfers from the national government to local governments, or are direct payments from companies to the communities in which they operate. Improved record-keeping with clear disaggregation of subnational transfers by local government is a key step for accountability. Countries that have successfully addressed gaps in subnational transfer reporting, like Albania and the Philippines, can offer peer-learning opportunities for other EITI member countries.

5. **More work can be done to systematise the reporting of social contributions in company disclosures**
   While social contributions are usually not large in comparison to other revenue streams, they often are of great interest to local stakeholders. Validation has shown that these contributions are often not clearly reported in systematic company disclosures.

**FIND OUT MORE:**
See an overview of all Validated countries on page 6, or on eiti.org/countries

**FACES OF TRANSPARENCY**

**COUNTRY PROFILES**

- **Ukraine:** Dina Nareshneva, National Coordinator of EITI Ukraine
- **Mexico:** Aura Martinez, Director of Budgetary Performance at the Ministry of Finance
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Martin Kabwelulu, Minister of Mines
- **Philippines:** Atty. Maria Karla L. Espinosa, National Coordinator for Philippine EITI
- **Nigeria:** Waziri Adio, Executive Secretary, Nigeria EITI (NEITI)
I have been a member of the EITI Executive Committee from its creation in 2007 until today. Over the last ten years I have participated regularly in our multi-stakeholder dialogue and have witnessed DRC EITI grow from strength to strength as it has dealt with and overcome a number of tough circumstances. The collective awareness of issues facing the extractive sector in the DRC has risen amongst stakeholders and produced results that all parties can live with, despite the diversity of their interests.

Contract transparency has been an issue we have successfully tackled. In 2011 we took the bold step to disclose all contracts in the extractive sector and in 2015 the DRC took part in the EITI’s pilot on beneficial-ownership reporting. The DRC has adapted its government financial systems to account for the new rules and requirements. The ultimate goal for us is to track and monitor government revenues to address the expectations of the general public. This is important because the prospects for the mining sector in the DRC are promising, particularly in view of improving metal prices on the international market. The DRC is fortunate to have a broad range of minerals, including those that are most valued at present, and are designing policies to derive the greatest profits from these resources.

My vision of the role that the EITI could play is that of enabling the country to achieve, in an optimal fashion, a transparent, top-to-bottom operational framework so that all payments made by the extractive industries are effectively captured by the public treasury, thereby maximizing the revenues from the mining sector.

I believe our efforts are quite evident when we look at how, with the support of the MSG, our partners and other stakeholders, we were able to push our outreach activities, pursue government action on the MSGs’ recommendations, target reforms, and continue to carry out our day-to-day operations even in trying times.

I am currently the Director for Budget Performance at the Ministry of Finance in Mexico. I also lead a team of IT developers working on the Mexican Government’s Open Data Portal, known formally as the “Portal for the Extractive Industries Transparency”, or more commonly as just “The Portal”. I have been working with transparency issues for a number of years, including projects that complement the implementation of the EITI platform in Mexico.

My first interaction with EITI came through my work in the Ministry of Finance. The Undersecretary of Revenue already knew about the EITI thanks to the Open Government Partnership (OGP). Although the EITI was carried out by another Undersecretary, I attended several joint meetings where we discussed Mexico’s letter of intent to be part of the EITI. My section was already involved in budget transparency issues, since Mexico was implementing the open budget data standard in tandem with our implementation of the EITI. We saw that each initiative complimented the other in many ways.

The indispensable participation of government, industry, and civil society is different from the OGP, where the civil society does not necessarily have to be involved. While there is daily interaction with civil society in OGP efforts, it is completely voluntary, and sometimes only the government is involved.

All three sectors will benefit from our new Portal, which focuses on making budgetary procedures and data transparent, friendly and fresh for users. We have developed the Portal following several international standards from the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency and the Open Contract Partnership, among others. The Portal features geo-referenced information such as contractual areas, production and projects, and will include data from the Mexican Fund of Hydrocarbons and the Mining Fund. I am thrilled that Mexico will be the first country to be able to track revenues throughout federal expenditures in the EITI Portal.

In addition to work on the Portal itself, we are also encouraging the use of the data by citizens. We plan to raise the public’s awareness of these issues through the use of focus groups, rally competitions, and use of hashtags. In this way, we can add value to the data that has already been disclosed, and encourage citizen participation in oversight of the extractive sectors in our country.
NIGERIA: WAZIRI ADIO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NIGERIA EITI

Nigeria signed on to the EITI in 2003 as part of a national reform agenda, and full implementation began in 2004. I first became involved with the EITI several years later, in 2007, when I served as the Director of Communication at NEITI for a year. In February 2016, eight years after my initial tour of duty in NEITI, I was appointed by President Muhammadu Buhari as the Executive Secretary (the National Coordinator) of NEITI and was made a member of the National Stakeholders Working Group (our multi-stakeholder group).

Government Reforms
The EITI’s relevance to Nigeria’s development process has increased under the current administration, which campaigned on the issues of economic growth, tackling insecurity, and fighting corruption. NEITI fits squarely in two, and arguably all three, of these administrative goals.

The extractive sector still accounts for more than two-thirds of government revenues and export earnings, so efforts to grow the economy begin with maximising and optimising revenues from this sector. The management of natural resources is also a factor in most of the country’s current conflicts, especially in the north-east and in the Niger Delta.

Most of the investigations and prosecutions going on in the country have their roots in revenues from the extractive sector as well. As a result, effective and sustained implementation of the EITI and increased transparency in the extractive sectors is seen by the citizens and the government as central to sustained development and shared prosperity in Nigeria.

NEITI Work
In 2017, NEITI introduced policy products such as the NEITI Quarterly Review, the NEITI Policy Brief and the NEITI Occasional Paper Series. These new publications focused on critical issues such as the need to speed up the process of passing a new law for the petroleum industry, the need for a more robust oil savings fund, how outstanding revenues can help Nigeria’s economic recovery, and regular statistical analyses of revenue disbursements. These publications took NEITI beyond the annual audits and were used to engage policy actors on both the demand and supply sides. They are helping to shape ongoing reforms in the country.

Our findings and recommendations enjoyed massive play in the media and drove a national debate about the optimal use of extractive resources. In addition, NEITI scaled-up engagement with both traditional and social media by penning newspaper editorials and appearing on major national and international television stations. Our direct engagement with legislators and communities was increased through parliamentary briefings and inquiries.

NEITI also initiated and published a ranking system which judges entities in the extractive centre on the timeliness and completeness of their reports. This simple act has increased the rate and speed of compliance by companies and government agencies with the EITI audits process, and will help in making future audits timelier. Based on NEITI’s evidence-based policy and advocacy interventions, the Nigerian government is undertaking a series of investigations and initiating a process to recover revenues previously withheld. NEITI is also regularly consulted by the parliament and even the executive branch about regulations and legislation designed to reform the extractive sector in the country.

2018 Focus
In 2018 we plan to release the 2016 and 2017 audit reports, launch our data dashboard, automate the data-gathering process, initiate steps towards mainstreaming EITI, deepen discussion and action on beneficial ownership disclosure, and introduce an annual transparency and accountability ranking of extractive companies and government agencies. Through these efforts we hope to improve our analysis of issues in the extractive sectors, as well as stimulate debate and policy action on critical issues of extractive sector management.

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PHILIPPINES: ATTY. MARIA KARLA L. ESPINOSA, NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR PHILIPPINE EITI

I first learned about the EITI back in 2012. I was working as the Chief of Staff for the Undersecretary for Domestic Finance at that time, and my boss was part of the interim multi-stakeholder group (MSG) being established that year. In 2016, I accepted an offer to serve as the EITI’s National Coordinator in the Philippines. I felt my background in the private and public sectors fit well with the requirements of the job, and I was intrigued by the opportunity to work for a multi-stakeholder initiative that could make a difference in the governing of our country’s natural resources.

The Philippines was declared the first country to have achieved satisfactory progress under the 2016 EITI Standard. This was a real affirmation of our persistent efforts to make EITI work for us, to own the process and harmonize it with the context, needs, and plans for the Philippines. I believe our efforts are quite evident when we look at how, with the support of the MSG, our partners and other stakeholders, we were able to push our outreach activities, pursue government action on the MSG’s recommendations, target reforms, and continue to carry out our day-to-day operations even in trying times. Beyond simply meeting the EITI requirements, this recognition is a testament to how genuine openness among stakeholders, including determined disclosures and continuous dialogue despite differences, can produce a unity of purpose and concerted actions. In the words of our MSG chair and EITI Board member Teresa Habitan: “What has been validated for the Philippines is the perseverance of all stakeholders to do what is right and what is best, not only for the extractive industries, but more importantly for the country and our people.”

The EITI has been incorporated into wider reform agendas in the country. The Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 calls for the institutionalizing and mainstreaming of the EITI. Improved transparency and increased accountability in the extractive industries through EITI implementation is also part of the country’s on-going commitments under the Open Government Partnership initiative.

In 2018, PH EITI will likely focus on measuring the EITI’s impact in the country, joining the global movement to mainstream the initiative and expanding the selection of relevant literature on the country’s extractive industries. As head of the National Secretariat, I am looking forward to strengthening stakeholder engagement and maintaining our driven and capable team as we work to implement our plans for this year.

I believe our efforts are quite evident when we look at how, with the support of the MSG, our partners and other stakeholders, we were able to push our outreach activities, pursue government action on the MSG’s recommendations, target reforms, and continue to carry out our day-to-day operations even in trying times.
UKRAINE: DINA NAREZHNEVA, NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF EITI UKRAINE

I became familiar with EITI while I was working as a senior policy officer on energy issues at the American Chamber of Commerce. I also worked with the Ministry of Energy, which is one of the EITI implementing organizations in Ukraine. In 2015, I left my old position to join the newly created National EITI Secretariat of Ukraine.

Since I joined, UAEITI’s biggest impact has been its contribution to the development of legislation that allows the decentralization of production royalties from oil and gas companies. Starting from 1 January 2018, 5% of the rental payments from oil and gas companies will be channelled to the regions where extraction occurs.

UAEITI spearheaded efforts to facilitate dialogue on the new legislation between various stakeholders in the country, including the Ministry of Finance, the State Fiscal Service, the State Treasury, local authorities, local communities, and extractive companies. This discussion covered practical applications of the new legislation with a focus on the benefits for local communities.

Olga Bielkova, Member of Parliament of Ukraine and EITI Board member, authored and sponsored this legislation. The Ukrainian government is also seeking to develop the country’s gas industry over the coming years. EITI implementation has been incorporated as one of the planned steps in this process, which we hope will ultimately allow Ukraine to achieve energy independence and attract foreign investment.

EITI implementation is also in line with government reforms for broader decentralisation. For example, the improved mechanisms for revenue sharing and dialogue between extractive companies and our local and national authorities should lead to a more streamlined process when issuing licenses for hydrocarbon production. This will allow local communities to be more involved in the licensing process.

UA EITI has several goals for 2018. First, we want to encourage further mainstreaming of UA EITI. Second, we’ll continue our practical work in the local regions. This will include further education on revenue sharing as well as monitoring and evaluating the existing revenue sharing arrangements. Our final goal is to engage in additional efforts towards the adoption of a draft law by the Ukrainian parliament on transparency in the extractive industries.

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC: ALTYNAI SYDYKOVA, HEAD OF THE KYRGYZSTAN EITI SECRETARIAT

I first learned about the EITI in 2015 while working for the Kyrgyz State Agency for Geology. It immediately seemed to me that it had great potential for informing citizens about the work our industry does and also to improve coordination between government bodies working in our sector.

Following the release of the 2013-14 Report, I shared these thoughts with my colleagues, who were also supportive. From that time, I have been able to present and discuss EITI and related topics with representatives from various institutions. Since 2016, when I became the head of the secretariat, the opportunities in our country for EITI has increased. EITI implementation has also given me a chance to contribute to the continued strengthening of democratic institutions in the Kyrgyz Republic.

On the legislative front, a new draft law entitled “On Subsoil” includes provisions on beneficial ownership, increases the government’s commitment to EITI implementation and mandates that companies submit data for the EITI. This draft law, submitted by parliament minister Kojbek Ryspaev, successfully passed three readings in the Parliament and is now being considered by the President’s Office, after which it will become law. A new, updated government decree on the EITI is being drafted as well. The government also recently accepted a decree entitled “On Local Development Funds”, which obligates local government bodies benefiting from subnational mining payments to publish reports disclosing the use of these revenues. A web-portal for mainstreamed disclosures of such payments is also in the works.

New open data resources have also been established on the website of the State Committee on Energy, Industry and Subsoil Use. These include coordinates of licensing areas, maps of various energy centres and documents regarding regulatory issues in the energy sector. KEITI has re-established its online presence as well in both Kyrgyz and Russian.

EITI’s current focus on mainstreaming resonates with our country’s current digital innovation initiative, called “Taza Koom”. This initiative seeks to reduce corruption by introducing more services to citizens and providing additional transparency and accountability in public administration.

As 2018 begins, I believe the Kyrgyz Republic is well placed to succeed with our upcoming Validation, and with our ongoing efforts to implement greater transparency and mainstreaming into the country’s government and extractive sectors.
**USING OPEN DATA**

Transparency alone is not enough. Disclosures are only effective if the general public can easily access the information. EITI therefore requires that all countries publish EITI data in open data formats.

In Indonesia, CSOs have dedicated programmes for combining data from EITI and other sources. This has even resulted in developing a portal and an app named Open Mining. These efforts also facilitate financial modelling, in collaboration with OpenOil – another major user of EITI data.

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Publishing in open data formats is not the only way to make sure the information is used. Several EITI countries undertake extensive campaigns and workshops to ensure the information is shared with all interested stakeholders. Countries are encouraged to produce summary reports and infographics. In many countries, national EITI secretariats train interested users to increase awareness of the process, improve understanding of the information from the reports, and encourage use of the information by citizens, the media, and others.

In Mauritania, the national secretariat commissioned and worked with three female students at the University of Nouakchott to produce a Mauritania EITI App. The app, available in French and Arabic, provides easy access to key and simplified data on Mauritania’s mining and petroleum sectors. In a country where over 30% of the population has a mobile broadband subscription, the app enables Mauritania to disseminate EITI data to a larger public and contributes to the national debate on the management of the extractives sector. The app provides access to data on mining and petroleum activities in value and volume, a list of the main extractive companies operating in the country, and a glossary of key terms related to the governance of the sector. It also allows users to contact the EITI national secretariat.

…norms – like EITI – mean that the countries now have something to aim at and judge things by, and, crucially, so do the companies.

David Cameron at Transparency International lecture, December 2017
MEASURING EITI’S IMPACT

The EITI has made significant contributions to improved governance of the oil, gas, and mining sectors across the world. 15 years ago it would have been difficult to envisage almost every country publishing a single figure of what it receives from the sector in tax, royalties and signature bonuses. Now it is the norm for this to be broken down company by company and project by project and reconciled with company payments. Because of the EITI, contract and licence transparency is the sector expectation. Data on production, export and subnational payments are regularly published. State-owned enterprises are throwing open their books for the first time. And, perhaps most excitingly, 15 years ago beneficial ownership was a little-known concept despite its relationship with ensuring a fair playing field. Now company ownership transparency is a requirement of the sector. Each of the 51 member countries have live work plans, disclose the data annually and produce yearly progress reports. Through this Progress Report, we can only provide a glimpse on the complex and unique realities, the progress made and challenges encountered. One of the ways EITI seeks to understand its impact at the global level is through the results of Validation. Thus far, 21 countries have been Validated. Early results have shown how each country fares per requirement and which requirements countries perform well in and which require more work. Below is a snapshot of progress by countries on transparency of legal framework and licenses, production and export figures, social payments and economic contribution. The Board is establishing a working group to update the EITI international key performance indicators which will aim to track these and other indicators over time.

More than USD 110 BN* of revenues disclosed through the EITI in 2017
*The number is based on revenues disclosed in 2017 and may contain revenues that cover other fiscal years.
EITI AND GENDER EQUALITY

Some EITI implementing countries have begun to include gender equality in the terms of reference for their MSGs or founding decrees, annual work plans and outreach activities. Gender-disaggregated EITI data is already being disclosed in some EITI Reports, particularly with respect to employment statistics. Some implementing countries also capture the socio-environmental impact of extraction, which is often different for women.

In 2017, the EITI started collecting information on gender-related issues on a more systematic basis than before. The EITI will conduct further work on gender equality in 2018, including seeking to identify and address gaps in knowledge and coordination on gender issues related to the EITI implementation and impact.

POLICY IN BRIEF

The extractive industries can have significant impacts on host communities. It can change the natural environment, employment opportunities, the cost of living and social dynamics. Men and women often experience these changes differently. The EITI’s efforts to gather data on gender impacts and enhance women’s participation is part of a wider agenda to ensure that extractive resources are managed fairly and in the best interest of all citizens.

We need to use the EITI and other such efforts to improve the understanding and use of data by both women and men.”
Agnes Solange Ondigui Owona, EITI Board member

TANZANIA

In Tanzania, section 5 of the EITI founding law required that the composition of the MSG was gender balanced.

Source: Tanzania’s parliament website

PHILIPPINES

The Philippines 2016 EITI Report includes a summary of employment data by participating entities for 2014 and provides information on female permanent and contractual workers.

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP AND EITI

The EITI features over 20 times in different OGP country commitments, from Tunisia committing to join the EITI as a way of improving transparency to Malawi, as an existing member, committing to use the EITI to implement contract transparency in the oil, gas, and mining sectors.

OGP and EITI also collaborate on specific policy areas, most notably on beneficial ownership transparency. EITI countries’ early efforts to disclose hidden ownership were recognised in OGP commitments. A wider dialogue between EITI, OGP and government figures took place to align these EITI and OGP commitments with national priorities.

More recently, at the EITI Opening Up Ownership Conference held in Indonesia, OGP staff collaborated with EITI staff to provide expertise and run workshops for government officials from more than 50 countries. As EITI countries begin to mainstream EITI requirements by publishing information directly on company and government websites, they will be tapping into and supporting existing OGP e-government commitments.

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is a multilateral initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. Both organisations maintain a core commitment to transparency, and there are a growing number of areas where EITI and OGP have collaborated.

Not just across countries, but also within them, multi-stakeholder forums can build the trust and understanding between government, civil society and the private sector that is necessary if natural resource governance is to be improved. By leveraging complementary forums – such as the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) – opportunities for policy improvements can increase even further.

Erica Westenberg, NRGI’s EITI policy officer

@opengovpart
Reflections from last month’s @EITI #openup conference - @TonuBasu & @MrJackMahoney share 3 takeaways on the opportunity for #EITI & #OGP to join forces for beneficial ownership reform: bit.ly/2nd0iIL
In collaboration with partners, more than 800 participants from multi-stakeholder groups, national secretariats, governments, civil society, industry, parliament, stated-owned enterprises and national audit institutions participated in EITI peer learning and capacity building workshops in 2017. These were supported by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Governments of Denmark, Germany and Switzerland, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the World Bank.

Increased internet access in EITI implementing countries has enabled the EITI to focus on peer-learning exchanges in areas where funding for in-person training was not available. More than a dozen webinars were held in 2017 by the International Secretariat.

Increasing capacity to inform policy choices lies at the core of the EITI. Stakeholders need support to collect information, use it and inform reforms. The International Secretariat provides continuous technical support to national secretariats on a daily basis. It continues to invest in capacity building activities, including regional peer-learning workshops, seminars, international conferences (see page 72 on Opening Up Ownership Conference) and online seminars. Many of these capacity building activities aim at preparing, facilitating and deepening stakeholders’ understanding of effective natural resource management.

Funding for international management of the EITI

The funding of the international management reflects its multi-stakeholder support. Implementing countries and supporting companies are required to make financial contributions to the EITI’s international management in order to be considered EITI supporters, whilst supporting countries are yet to agree a minimum level of financial contribution:

i. Implementing Countries are required to make a financial contribution of at least USD 10,000.

ii. Supporting Countries are recommended to make a financial contribution of at least USD 250,000.

iii. An oil and gas company is required to make a minimum contribution (USD 20,000, USD 40,000 or USD 60,000, depending on size). Mining companies are recommended to make contributions at the same level as the oil and gas companies and are required to contribute at least USD 15,000.

In 2017, USD 5.5 million was spent by the EITI international management on Implementation, Board support and Board meetings, Validations, the Beneficial Ownership Transparency Conference (including related travel and translation costs), and the salaries and associated costs for 26 staff.

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*Figures are based on estimates.*
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