The EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative) is the global standard for the transparent and accountable governance of oil, gas and mineral resources. The standard is implemented by governments, in collaboration with companies and civil society.

Countries implementing the EITI disclose information on issues such as tax payments, licenses, contracts, production and national oil companies.

Progress Report 2019

Opening data, building trust
During the past year, the EITI Board and implementing countries have made substantial advances in transparency and accountability in the oil, gas and mining sectors.

**Disclosure for impact**

**Revealing the real owners of extractive companies**

- **30** countries have disclosed beneficial ownership information and 11 countries have introduced reforms to strengthen ownership transparency. Progress has been made in developing systems to make beneficial ownership information publicly accessible.

- **All EITI countries** are required to publish beneficial ownership data from 1 January 2020.

**Publishing contracts as a global norm**

- **31** countries have published some contracts and 16 of them have published all or most of them.

- **All EITI countries** are required to publish contracts signed or amended after 1 January 2021.

**Momentum on project-level reporting**

- **30** countries have fully or partially disclosed revenues at the project level and some countries disclose production value and volume by mine or field.

- **All EITI countries** are required to report data at the project level, for all reports covering 2018 and beyond.

**Greater clarity on state participation**

- **At least 25%** of all declared revenues in EITI countries flow through state-owned enterprises (SOEs) with 40 EITI countries reporting revenues from SOEs of USD 615 billion.

- **Moving forward** the 2019 EITI Standard strengthens SOE engagement by demanding disclosure regarding state participation, transactions related to state owned enterprises and quasi-fiscal expenditures.

**Shining a light on commodity trading**

- **In at least 22** countries, companies make “in-kind” payments to governments. Governments receive oil and gas as payments, which is then sold on the global market.

- **Moving forward** the 2019 EITI Standard has refined requirements regarding the disclosure of “first trades”, the sale of the state’s share of production or other revenues collected in-kind.

**Tackling social and environmental impact**

- **28** countries have used the EITI to address environmental payments as well as highlight environmental policies and impact management.

- **Moving forward** disclosure of payments related to the environment is required. Contextual information related to environmental monitoring is encouraged.

**Counting on women, everyone’s business**

- **Women** are often most affected by extractive activities and rely more on public services, such as education and health. Yet few hold decision-making power.

- **All EITI countries** must now consider gender balance in multi-stakeholder group representation and disclose economic data disaggregated by gender.

**Making data more open, accessible and timely**

- **Countries** continue to shift the focus away from producing EITI Reports and are developing new ways to publish data systematically through routine government and company systems.

- **Moving forward** the 2019 EITI Standard gives countries more flexibility in their disclosure practices, making it easier to meet requirements through online systems and resulting in more timely and accessible data.
Through the EITI disclosure standard, transparency has become the global norm for extractives...

...building trust and accountability through its multi-stakeholder model.
The Chair

Message from the Chair

Ensuring good governance of the extractive industries is essential for meeting the Sustainable Development Goals and tackling corruption. In the past decade almost USD 2.5 trillion in tax payments from the extractive industries have been disclosed by EITI countries. But more work remains to be done, especially at a time when trust in governments, multilateralism, even the value of dialogue itself, is under strain.

The EITI Standard continues to evolve, shaped by the lessons learned in the countries that implement it. New ground has also been broken with disclosure requirements on environmental, social and gender impacts. On the fiscal and legal side, contract transparency will be mandatory from 2021 onwards, new commodity trading data is being released and reporting is now done at the project level.

The EITI Standard has been revised to encourage countries and companies to systematically disclose information through their own systems. Much credit is due to the EITI Board, implementing countries and the EITI International Secretariat for reaching consensus on a range of new requirements that have strengthened the EITI Standard.

As the EITI continues to evolve, it needs to reflect and serve a wide set of country priorities and circumstances. Some implementing countries are license regimes, while others operate with contracts. In many countries, state-owned enterprises play a significant role in the economy, while in others, international companies remain the chief actors of extractive activity. The challenge of the EITI lies in upholding an international standard while accommodating to the different realities and contexts on the ground.

The EITI and its supporters must respond efficiently and effectively to the public’s interest in improving governance. My tenure as Chair has seen rapid change in the world and the EITI. The perceived lack of progress in tackling corruption, tax evasion and illicit financial flows has contributed to the rise of populism and economic nationalism. Transparent and strong institutions that foster good governance remain the best bulwark and remedy against this rising tide.

Fredrik Reinfeldt
Chair 2016–2019

Message from the Executive Director

The past year has been an intensive one for the EITI International Secretariat and our global network. The EITI Standard has undergone significant revisions following consultation with active contributions from all our constituencies. We supported the Board in their breakthroughs on commodity trading and contract transparency. Environmental disclosures will now be expected in EITI reporting along with gender disaggregated data. Mirroring this commitment, we have also set a clear aspiration for greater gender balance in EITI multi-stakeholder groups.

The Secretariat team has been working closely with our 52 member countries and partners to drive implementation, prepare for Validation and facilitate the shift to systematic disclosure. We have completed 24 Validations over the past 16 months. Seven countries have now been assessed as having met the EITI Standard. Validation has shown that implementing countries are making progress in regularly disclosing data and that open data is becoming the norm, in the form of information that is routinely published through government and company systems.

To support national secretariats and multi-stakeholder groups, we will put more focus on peer to peer learning, sharing best practice and facilitating trainings on the 2019 Standard and the use of open data. We intend to further strengthen capacity to access, analyse and communicate data and to enhance its relevance to decision making and for local communities. The contribution of improved disclosure to better governance and enhanced development outcomes is a fundamental test of the significance of this work.

We are paying greater attention to how we measure and communicate the EITI’s impact around the world, from how it improves revenue management in Iraq to spending priorities that benefit local communities in Madagascar. We could not have completed such a significant body of work without the active collaboration of governments, companies and civil society groups. It is a reassuring testament to the strength of the multi-stakeholder approach that lies at the heart of EITI globally.

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All 52 countries are setting new goals this year as part of implementing the revised EITI Standard.

EITI at a glance

2.46 trillion USD of government revenues disclosed

381 fiscal years of revenue data published in open format

52 countries implement the EITI
How the EITI works

Guided by the belief that a country’s natural resources belong to its citizens, the EITI has established a global standard to promote the open and accountable management of oil, gas and mineral resources. The EITI Standard requires the disclosure of information along the extractive industry value chain, from how extraction rights are awarded to how revenues are managed and allocated by government.

By doing so, the EITI seeks to foster multi-stakeholder collaboration, promoting a healthier and more accountable sector that can play a positive role in development.

52 countries implement the EITI Standard
Implementation happens at the national level, shaped by national priorities. Government commitment is essential to becoming a member and to succeed in the EITI’s assessment mechanism, Validation.

The national multi-stakeholder group (MSG) oversees implementation
In each country, implementation is led by a multi-stakeholder group of representatives from government, industry and civil society. This group sets objectives for EITI implementation linked to each country’s national priorities, oversees EITI reporting and ensures that the findings contribute to public debate and reforms.

The International EITI Board upholds the Standard
The International Board is a multi-stakeholder group composed of governments of implementing and supporting countries, companies and civil society. The Board decides on the progress of countries towards meeting the Standard, interprets and develops the requirements and oversees governance issues.

The International Secretariat supports countries and the Board
The International Secretariat supports implementing countries and the Board by collecting information for country assessments, publishing data from countries in open format, preparing background papers for the EITI Board and carrying out capacity building activities.

Our global partners assist and fund
The success of the EITI depends on a strong network of partners, who provide funding and technical support to implementing countries, as well as funding to our International Secretariat. These include the World Bank, national development agencies (supporting countries), the IMF, global NGOs and companies.

The Members’ Meeting appoints the EITI Board
As the highest governing body of the EITI, the Member’s Meeting gathers representatives from our three constituency groups to elect a new Board every three years, at the time of the Global Conference.

HE MUHAMMADU BUHARI, PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA

EITI has been empowering citizens with critical information they can use to hold the government and other players in the extractive industries to account and make recommendations that drive reforms in these strategic sectors of our national life.
Global reach

Where EITI implementation happens
52 EITI implementing countries
As of 30 April 2019
## Economic significance of extractive resources

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Figures from latest EITI reporting data.
The EITI holds all implementing countries to the same global standard. During the Validation process, the International Secretariat consults stakeholders and reviews the data disclosed by implementing countries. This initial assessment is reviewed by an Independent Validator, who considers feedback from the multi-stakeholder group. The result is a Final Validation Report that informs the EITI Board’s decision.

The Validations undertaken to date have highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of disclosure practices and have led to significant new data being put into the public domain. Second Validations focus on outstanding gaps. Overall, Validations have been a useful diagnostic tool in many countries.

Validation underpins continuous progress and reform

This assessment process has shown the value of deadlines by focussing stakeholders’ attention on key areas for improvement, often leading to longer-term gains in transparency and accountability.

Validation is repeated at regular intervals, building on the outcomes and corrective actions identified in the previous assessment.

Assessing progress

The EITI enforces the Standard through Validation, our quality assurance mechanism.

36 of 52 countries have gone through Validation.

7 countries have been assessed as having made satisfactory progress overall as of 30 April 2019.
Assessing multi-stakeholder governance, data disclosure and impact

Outcomes of Validation

As of 30 April, 2019.

Validation against the 2016 EITI Standard

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Validation against the 2016 EITI Standard

- Candidate
- Compliant
- Yet to be assessed
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- Inadequate progress

As of 30 April, 2019.

Validation against the Former Validation procedure

- Candidate
- Compliant
- Yet to be assessed
- Inadequate progress
- Meaningful progress
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EITI and the Sustainable Development Goals

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Three ways in which EITI implementation can help meet Sustainable Development Goals

1. WIDENING THE POLITICAL SPACE FOR STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION
   As a multi-stakeholder coalition that acts both globally and nationally, the EITI plays a critical role in convening debate on the role of the extractive industries in development, the challenges inherent in this role and the solutions that can be adopted at a national level.

2. BUILDING ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS
   Underpinning progress towards all other Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 16 speaks directly to the EITI’s core purpose of building accountable institutions. Governments are more likely to be effective and credible if they are open to public consultation and oversight.

3. STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILISATION
   As mobilising domestic resources is the primary mechanism for achieving development goals, improving domestic capacity for revenue collection is critical. The 2019 EITI Standard includes requirements enabling greater scrutiny of extractives revenue payments to sub-national bodies.

Strong, transparent and accountable institutions are critical to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

"Countries relying on natural resources face specific development challenges. Stronger institutions and governance frameworks help reduce the scope for corruption and mobilise domestic resources for sustainable development."

RT HON. HELEN CLARK,
EITI CHAIR NOMINEE
The year in brief

February
Netherlands joins the EITI
Berlin, Germany

June
Mark Robinson is appointed as new Executive Director of the EITI
Oslo, Norway

October
Beneficial Ownership Africa Conference
takes stock of beneficial ownership reforms
Dakar, Senegal

December
API 2.0 is launched
Access to EITI open data significantly improved – api.eiti.org

Highlights from January 2018 to April 2019.

2018
Publishing EITI data through routine government and company disclosures
becomes the default expectation towards countries and companies.

2019
Board agrees on revisions to the 2016 Standard
strengthening transparency in the extractive industries in five key areas
Kyiv, Ukraine

January
Helen Clark is confirmed as EITI Chair nominee

February
Argentina joins the EITI
Kyiv, Ukraine

March
Beneficial Ownership Asia Conference
takes stock of beneficial ownership reforms
Manila, Philippines

April
LAC Regional Forum
raises profile of EITI work on the Latin America and Caribbean region
Washington D.C., USA
Building trust in a polarised political landscape
Government: from commitments to action

The EITI tracks and assesses government’s progress on commitments and recommendations.

A key strength of the EITI is its emphasis on government commitment, which is necessary for the EITI to realise its value as a tool for disclosure, analysis and reform. Governments lead EITI implementation. Whilst the most successful EITI countries are those with a strongly committed government, the commitments need to be translated into action. EITI reporting frequently uncovers gaps in compliance and disclosure, which can exacerbate corruption risk. The recommendations from EITI reporting often lead to tangible improvements in administration and financial management. Through regular implementation support and Validation, the International Secretariat and Board assess if these recommendations have been implemented and identify corrective actions relevant for multi-stakeholder groups and governments.

Ukraine’s transparency law

On 18 September 2018, Ukraine passed Law 2545-VIII ‘On ensuring transparency in extractive industries’. The legislation achieved a broad base of support and sets out legal principles for the collection, disclosure and dissemination of data. It was hailed by campaigners as a milestone for transparency and accountability in the country’s oil, gas and mining sectors.

Linkages to open government and open data

Many implementing countries link their EITI process to wider government work on open government and open data. There is often a close link between the EITI and commitments made through the Open Government Partnership (OGP). Currently there are 134 OGP commitments relevant to EITI Requirements. These include EITI implementation, revenue transparency, beneficial ownership, contract transparency, open data and e-government. In May 2018 the EITI and the OGP signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen these linkages and collaboration.

Safeguarding civic space and public debate

Civil society engagement is essential in translating greater transparency into greater accountability.

Guaranteeing civil society’s free and active engagement in extractive sector governance is a fundamental feature of EITI implementation. Yet it is clear that civic space is shrinking worldwide, including in some of the 52 EITI implementing countries.

In some countries, the EITI’s multi-stakeholder process is a rare pocket of freedom in an otherwise repressed environment. This space is protected through the EITI Civil Society Protocol. Validation of this protocol seeks to document and assess freedom of expression, operation, association and access to decision-making of civil society representatives in their activities related to extractive sector governance.

This is no easy task. For example, self-censorship by activists is challenging to identify if they are reluctant to talk about it for fear of reprisal. The effects of restrictions are often hard to pin down and measure. Yet Validation seeks to ensure that all countries are measured by the same yardstick. Consistency upholds the EITI’s credibility, but it also means that each Validation decision taken by the Board builds precedence that affects future Validations.

National media, community organisations and think tanks are some of the primary users of EITI data. They draw on information disclosed through the EITI and recommendations from EITI reporting to hold governments and companies to account.

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL
Implementing country governments are represented on the EITI Board.

NATIONAL LEVEL
Governments lead EITI implementation.

EITI STANDARD
Requirement 1.1

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International Level

Civil society organisations are one of the three key constituencies on the EITI Board. Board specified application of the Civil Society Protocol in June 2018, on the freedom of operation.

National Level

Government must include civil society in multi-stakeholder groups and guarantee free operation and active participation.

EITI STANDARD
Requirement 1.3 and EITI Civil Society Protocol.

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Using the EITI to hold companies accountable in the Philippines

Philippines EITI is helping indigenous communities monitor whether extractive companies are complying with their obligations. Companies operating on indigenous land are required by law to have contracts with the communities. The EITI collects data about the companies’ contributions and presents it to the communities, which have a chance to verify it. Companies participate in the process, which fosters dialogue about benefits from the sector.

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Building trust through corporate engagement

Rio Tinto is the first major mining company to support the public disclosure of their mining contracts and licenses. By supporting contract transparency, the company is joining ranks with Total, as well as oil companies Kosmos Energy and Tullow Oil. In doing so, the company underlines that its mining operations bring benefits to the countries where they operate. Publishing its contracts with governments has created opportunities to engage openly with possible business partners, members of the community, and regional governments.

**SIMONE NIVEN, GROUP EXECUTIVE CORPORATE RELATIONS, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, RIO TINTO**

In 2018, the EITI Board set milestone expectations for what it means to be an EITI supporting company, clarifying and strengthening previous guidance. Over 60 companies support the EITI, including global oil, gas and mining majors, commodity traders and financial investors. Revised disclosure expectations for supporting companies anticipate that they will publish comprehensive information on taxes and payments made to all EITI implementing countries. In addition, these companies will disclose all taxes and payments made to all governments, regardless of whether they are made to EITI implementing countries. Where this guidance is not followed, companies are expected to state the reason. By engaging in multi-stakeholder dialogue and adopting a transparent disclosure policy, EITI supporting companies establish a common fact base about the important economic and social contributions they make. Disclosure builds trust between companies and communities and strengthens companies’ social license to operate. It also enables companies to contribute to building a more secure and predictable investment climate, improving governance and disclosure norms and strengthening institutions at national and sub-national levels.

The EITI works closely with companies to build trust in resource-rich countries around the world, improve investment climate and ensure private and state-owned firms operate with the same level of transparency.

**INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**
Companies support the EITI financially and play an active role in supporting EITI implementation through the EITI Board.

**NATIONAL LEVEL**
Companies participate in MSGs and adhere to reporting requirements. They increasingly publish data through their own reporting systems.

**EITI STANDARD**
Requirement 12

By being open about the terms of our contracts with governments, everyone can see what we are contributing to our host societies and how we are more than just a miner.

**Diverse participation, shared benefits**

A seat at the table for indigenous communities in Guyana EITI

One of the seats in Guyana’s multi-stakeholder group is reserved for a representative of indigenous peoples. Until oil production begins, gold mining represents a large part of the country’s extractive sector. Local civil society groups have undertaken EITI outreach in indigenous communities affected by mining. As a result, the communities are now monitoring water quality in local rivers.

**INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**
Women make up 37% of the EITI Board. New requirements on gender have been added to the EITI Standard.

**NATIONAL LEVEL**
MSGs expected to consider gender balance, employment data to be disaggregated by gender, consider gender in impact.

**EITI STANDARD**
Revised requirements 1.4, 6.1, 6.3, 7.1 for gender and the environment, 2019 Standard.

**Making extractives work for women**
Oil, gas and mining activities impact women and men differently. Evidence suggests that, while the benefits of extractive industry projects are captured primarily by men, women bear a disproportionate share of the negative social, economic and environmental impacts.

The EITI contributes to strengthening revenue collection from the extractive sector. This increases the potential for governments to provide public services that promote gender equality and facilitate women’s entry into the workforce. The 2019 EITI Standard will require countries to disaggregate extractive sector employment data by gender, role and project. This will shed new light on the challenge of equal employment in the oil, gas and mining industries.

The 2019 EITI Standard will also strengthen the right to equal participation in natural resource governance. Multi-stakeholder groups will be required to consider gender balance in their composition, and to address the specific challenges women have in accessing information.

**Hearing indigenous voices**
Indigenous communities are often highly affected by extractive activities but have little say over how resources are governed. This is changing in some EITI countries. With its new encouragements to include information on environmental impact, the 2019 EITI Standard will trigger new disclosures that indigenous communities have long advocated.

Natural resources belong to all citizens
Yet in many countries, there is uneven access to the benefits generated from extractives. The EITI is promoting greater engagement and diversity in decision making.
Leveraging transparency to curb corruption and strengthen governance

Opening data, building trust
Knowing the terms: disclosing contracts

Contracts between extractive companies and governments are used to define the terms under which production takes place and taxation is levied. This is in instances where these terms differ from statutory and legislative principles or where sector legislation does not exist or provide full coverage.

The interpretation and benchmarking of these contracts is not always straightforward. Contractual terms vary between commodities or operations due to the range of potential operating conditions. However, contract transparency allows for the open review of contractual terms and for informed public debate on their merits.

Thirty-one countries have published contracts, albeit with varying levels of disclosure. Among those that have substantially disclosed contracts are Afghanistan, Chad, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste and the UK.

Benefits from contract transparency include improving monitoring and compliance with contractual obligations (Côte d’Ivoire, Liberia), and improving monitoring of impact of the extractive sector on affected communities (Albania, Cameroon, Mali).

The EITI Board recently decided that countries will be required to publish oil, gas and mining contracts entered into or amended by 2021.
OPENING DATA, BUILDING TRUST

PUTTING THE DATA TO USE WITH FINANCIAL MODELLING

Using information from contracts and from project-level reporting, financial modelling projects what should have been paid by companies to the government under existing agreements and enables comparison with actual payments. It can also be used to forecast expected payments from projects in the future.

ZAMBIA CONDUCTS FISCAL ANALYSES

EITI undertook a financial modelling workshop to build capacity in government agencies, help inform public debate and government policy on taxation in the mining industry. EITI data is the main source of information for the government when conducting fiscal analyses on mining sector income.

REPORTING AT THE LEVEL OF THE PRODUCTION UNIT: WHY THE DETAIL MATTERS

Project-level reporting – where governments and companies publish information for a specific production unit or license area – allows citizens and government officials to assess and scrutinise government receipts. Reporting at the project level allows payments to be compared with the terms set out in laws or contracts governing each project. Without this information, payments associated with specific projects are impossible to distinguish from other projects or activities of a company.

Project-level disclosure is obligatory for reporting covering the 2018 fiscal year. Six countries (Armenia, Indonesia, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago and United Kingdom) currently report by project. Thirty-four more report partially, meaning that data was not disaggregated for all projects or revenue streams.

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

The Board reiterated that project-level reporting is required in 2018 and new guidance was issued. The 2019 Standard introduces a definition of projects to guide reporting.

NATIONAL LEVEL

Six countries already report by project, 34 report partially.

EITI STANDARD

Requirement 4.7 specifies that project-level reporting is required for all reports covering fiscal years ending on or after 31 December 2018.

HOW LOCAL COMMUNITIES BENEFIT: TRACKING SUBNATIONAL PAYMENTS

Subnational transfers – the portion of revenues from extractive activities transferred from the central government – is often less than 5% of total revenues. However, for local governments and local communities, these revenues can be a very significant source of income and are often a major focus of discussion and debate.

Disclosure of such transfers in many EITI countries has contributed to strengthening accountability and empowering subnational bodies, improving governance and public debate at the local level, and helping to operationalise and increase transfers to local government.

TRACKING PROJECTS ONLINE IN COLOMBIA

EITI Colombia has created an online interactive tool that compares the theoretical amounts that a particular local government is entitled to with the value of its approved projects. This tool can be used in parallel with the National Department of Planning’s Mapa Regalías, which tracks the execution of projects benefitting from extractive revenues at the local level.

EITI STANDARD

Requirement 5.2 on subnational transfers 2019 EITI Standard
Rapid advances in technology are transforming the way information is produced and shared. In this context, open data initiatives show significant potential to improve transparency and accountability.

**Open data, build trust**

Open, shareable and usable data informs public debate. It enables academia, media and think tanks to analyse information, make recommendations and hold governments and businesses to account.

Open data also helps to improve the investment climate. By providing online and transparent ways to register a company, participate in a bidding process or submit a tax return online, governments make it more appealing for companies to invest in extracting natural resources.

Most importantly, open data helps to build trust among citizens, especially among populations affected by extractive operations, by enabling them to access real-time data about projects in their region, understand the terms of contracts and the revenues governments receive and transfer to subnational bodies.

**Digitising records, publishing open data online**

As the world becomes more digital, EITI disclosures are increasingly moving online, making data more timely, useful and cost-effective.

**The revised EITI Open data policy**, adopted in April 2019, places increased responsibility on reporting entities to publish information such as beneficial ownership or project-level revenue, directly and in an open format. Where needed, countries can rely on EITI reporting to publish this information, but the default expectation is that it should be routinely disclosed by the entity collecting it. This allows information to be published in a timely way and in the place that users of the data would expect to find it.

All countries must agree a clear policy on the access, release and re-use of data that is relevant to the EITI Standard. In addition, the EITI now has a mandate to engage with other organisations developing standards and supporting open data in order to facilitate learning, to the benefit of implementing countries. EITI countries can leverage other cross-sectoral initiatives, such as the Open Government Partnership and the International Budget Partnership, to improve disclosures and government services.

**Open data and the EITI: challenges and opportunities**

As the body of open data grows, governments, companies and civil society will have to build their capacity to analyse the increasing amount of legal, financial and technical information that is now entering the public domain. Improved disclosures and public scrutiny will need to complement existing corruption mitigation measures.

Many countries also face technical and financial challenges in publishing data and rely on the support and expertise of international partners to do so. For countries to meet the requirement, more sustained support to find viable long-term solutions will be needed.

In 2018, the EITI Board firmly established that publication of information under the EITI Standard, should happen through systematic, routine government and company disclosures, and that this data is published online as soon as possible. Since then, many countries have shifted towards the publication of data through online and open portals.

Despite its challenges, this approach can deliver more timely, comprehensive and reliable data, and reduces the number of EITI processes that operate separately from other government or corporate efforts. It is also cost effective, helping to address the limited funding available for standalone EITI reporting and national secretariats.

Multi-stakeholder groups will retain their role in overseeing the collection, publication and quality assurance of the data. The transition to routine disclosure allows their role to evolve, placing greater emphasis on promoting public debate and improving data access.

The EITI in Ghana will remain a key forum for multi-stakeholder consultations and for oversight of disclosures all along the extractives value chain. Our disclosure tool will just become much more efficient.

MR BENJAMIN NII AYI ARYEE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MINERALS COMMISSION
Delivering better citizen services, such as schools, health care and infrastructure, costs money. In many EITI countries, revenues from the extractives sector can play an important role in financing these services.

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, agreed in 2015, has refocussed attention on strengthening government systems to harness domestic resources for development.

The EITI contributes to domestic resource mobilisation by:

1. Improving tax administration
2. Identifying practices that could undermine taxation
3. Fostering dialogue about fiscal policies and reform.

The EITI Standard requires transparency on the roles and responsibilities of government agencies in managing the fiscal system. This enables greater government accountability in how government agencies exercise their tax duties vis-à-vis oil, gas and mining companies operating in each country. EITI reporting also highlights the need for capacity building and improvement in inter-agency collaboration, thus contributing to improved tax administration.

In Democratic Republic of Congo, for example, DRC EITI recommended increasing the proportion of extractive revenues flowing to the State Treasury, away from state agencies and companies that were outside of formal government oversight. Today, more than two thirds of the revenues go directly to the treasury, up from less than a half.

In Afghanistan, the Minister of Finance did not have sufficient information on extractives companies with tax liabilities to the government, impeding its ability to collect those taxes. The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum now publishes information on thousands of license holders and their related payments, which provides valuable information to other ministries and government agencies seeking to enforce payments.
Opening up state-owned enterprises and commodity trading

Triggered by disclosure requirements, data on transactions between governments, state-owned enterprises and commodity traders are being published. Many countries receive a share in the commodities extracted, either in addition to or in place of tax revenue. These “in-kind” revenues occur when governments opt to receive products instead of cash, or loans in return for assured trades. Governments can then choose to use their resources domestically or to sell them on the international markets, often through commodity traders. These transactions are high value. The average cargo size is around 900,000 barrels, which in the case of crude oil is worth USD 45 million at a price of USD 50 per barrel. These transactions pose a high risk for mismanagement.

State-owned enterprises hold a central role in many countries

The role of the state-owned enterprise represented here by a national oil company in the contracting, selling and refining of the state’s share of oil, gas and minerals. Revenues from the sale go to the government.

Understanding the responsibilities of state-owned enterprises in each country is critical for sound public financial management, as they can play a critical role in exploiting natural resources and managing the extractive sector.

Opportunities and challenges

The experiences of this working group and pilots in implementing countries have also resulted in clarifications to EITI Requirements. These significantly improve the usefulness of the information published by state-owned enterprises. Future data will help reveal the use of resource-backed loans and pre-payment deals which are becoming an increasingly significant source of finance for some countries, but can be a source of high risk when commodity prices are volatile.

National oil companies control 80% of proven oil and gas reserves across the globe and account for over half of oil and gas production.

EITI countries have reported revenues from state-owned oil and mining companies.

Iraq: Highly reliant on oil revenues and increasingly transparent

Iraq relies on oil revenues for 95% of government revenues. All oil and gas produced in Iraq belongs to the state with the State Organisation for Marketing of Oil (SOMO) selling crude oil to international buyers. The proceeds of oil sales are transferred to the treasury, and annual government revenues are highly dependent on oil prices, and can vary between USD 40 and 80 billion per year.

Since 2011, EITI Reports have provided detailed information on the oil produced from each field, the oil consumed domestically, and the oil sold on the international market. As a result, citizens can monitor how much oil is sold at what price and what proceeds are transferred to the treasury.

Working together with governments, commodity traders and civil society

In 2015, the EITI established a multi-stakeholder Working Group to advise and guide the EITI’s efforts to improve the disclosures on “first trades”. Albania, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Indonesia, Mauritania and Nigeria participated in a targeted effort to produce new guidance. This was endorsed by companies, civil society groups and governments and included a reporting template allowing for effective collection, interpretation and use of first trade data. EITI data was a critical source for NRGI’s National Oil Company Database, which features more than 70,000 data points on more than 70 NOCs worldwide.
Responding to a changing environment

The environmental impacts of resource extraction have always represented a source of concern to communities, civil society, governments and regulators. In the context of a changing environment, pressure to manage environmental impacts are likely to intensify further.

Several EITI implementing countries have already taken the step of including information on the environment in their EITI reporting, incorporating information on environmental taxes, fees or other relevant payments in their reporting alongside analysis of environmental policies and management. Some countries are also increasingly using the EITI as a platform to monitor environmental impacts, such as oil spills in Trinidad and Tobago.

Building on work already undertaken in at least 28 EITI countries to report environmental data, the 2019 Standard encourages the disclosure of contextual information relating to environmental monitoring and, for the first time, covers material environmental payments by companies. These disclosures are important, because they are a step towards enabling communities and other stakeholders to better understand the nature of the environmental of mining, oil and gas operations.

Twenty-eight implementing countries have begun reporting on environmental issues, in response to community concerns.

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL
The Board adapted the EITI Requirements on environmental monitoring.

NATIONAL LEVEL
Thirty-seven implementing countries have reported collecting environment taxes, fees or similar payments from companies. At least seven implementing countries are covering extra sectors relevant to environment and climate change: hydro-energy (Albania), forestry (Myanmar, Malawi, Liberia), water (Togo, Mali, Mongolia).

EITI STANDARD
Requirement 6.1 in the 2019 EITI Standard encourages disclosure of environmental expenditures and information on the management and monitoring of the environmental impact of the extractive industries.

Understanding how Germany manages the environmental impact of extraction

Germany’s 2016 EITI Report covers environmental aspects and subsidies. It explains how environmental impacts are compensated for and how the state can guarantee that the cost of rehabilitating sites does not fall on the taxpayer. The report also disclosed the amount of water consumed by the extractive sector in each state and described the rules and fees for water usage.
In many resource-rich developing countries, artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) provides a livelihood for millions of people, representing a major source of economic development. But the sector is largely unregulated, resulting in limited information on production, revenues, employment and operations.

90% of the global mining workforce is made up of people working in the ASM sector

ASM is relevant in at least 31 EITI implementing countries. While ASM revenues do not typically meet the materiality thresholds for EITI reporting, EITI countries have reported on production, license allocation, areas affected, employment estimates, challenges in governance oversight and more. To date, 16 countries have included objectives related to ASM in their work plans.

Including ASM in the scope of the EITI process allows countries to improve access to reliable data on artisanal mining, thereby helping understand the contribution of ASM to the national economy, curb corruption and smuggling, establish legal and regulatory frameworks, spark public debate and support capacity building activities to formalise the sector. These measures can be a pathway to improving the lives of millions of people that depend on ASM to sustain their livelihoods.

It is estimated that 10 million people in 16 EITI countries work in the ASM sector.
Fostering synergies, measurable impact

EITI Operations
The EITI’s purpose is to foster improved governance of the oil, gas and mining sector, by publishing robust data that generates public debate. In 2018, 51% of the budget was spent on direct work at a country level, primarily implementation support, training and Validation. Validation is the primary tool to assess the impact of implementation in leading to better oversight, accurate and accessible data and public debate. In managing its own activities, the EITI International Secretariat collects data against key performance indicators.

Since first publishing the EITI Standard in 2016, 36 countries or 69% of member countries have been assessed at least once and another 17 are presently going through the process.

Assessing countries’ progress towards better oversight, disclosure of pertinent information and contribution to public debate.

As of 30 April, 2019.
Validation leads to improvements

As of 30 April, 2019:

Selected results of countries that went through second Validation (Ghana, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nigeria, Norway, São Tomé and Príncipe, Timor-Leste).

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Countries fully disclosing allocated licenses in a given period ($2.2)

15, 2nd Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
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42%, 2nd Validation: Satisfactory and beyond
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Countries that maintain a fully publicly available license register or cadastre ($2.3)

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Countries fully disclosing transactions from and to state-owned enterprises ($4.5)

17, 2nd Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
17, 1st Validation: Satisfactory and beyond
47%, 2nd Validation: Satisfactory and beyond
36%, 1st Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress

Countries fully disclosing production volume and value by commodity and by state/region ($3.2)

23, 2nd Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
23, 1st Validation: Satisfactory and beyond
64%, 2nd Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
64%, 1st Validation: Satisfactory and beyond

Countries where state participation in extractive industries is fully explained ($2.6)

16, 2nd Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
16, 1st Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
56%, 2nd Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
44%, 1st Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress

Countries where financial data disclosed are subject to credible, independent audit ($4.9)

12, 2nd Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
12, 1st Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
33%, 2nd Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress
58%, 1st Validation: Meaningful, inadequate or no progress

As of 30 April, 2019.
Large strides in publishing EITI data in open format

Each year, countries reporting under the EITI Standard send their data to the International Secretariat as well as publishing it on national websites. The Secretariat reviews these data files and uploads them to a central database. The data are then made available in a structured format, thereby ensuring comparability over time and between implementing countries, using the International Monetary Fund’s Government Finance Statistics classification for extractive revenues.

The data is made available in individual data sets as well as in machine-readable format via the EITI’s Application Programming Interface (API).

Various organisations have made use of the API, including the Natural Resource Governance Initiative and the Extractives Hub.

Almost 90% of EITI reporting data is available in open and structured format
The EITI also receives a considerable amount of investment in-kind from civil society, companies and government representatives in the form of time and feedback. None of this activity is reflected in the budgets, but this highly valued work makes a significant contribution to the level of impact of the EITI.

**Who funds us?**

The EITI International Management budget of about USD 6.8 million annually funds Board meetings, implementation support, outreach, communication, Validation, conference costs and the salaries and associated costs of around 36 staff, training and capacity development, as well as a small Chair’s office.

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EITI Board 2016–2019

The EITI Board is the executive body of the EITI Association and is elected by the EITI Members’ Meeting.

To reflect the multi-stakeholder nature of the EITI Association, the EITI Board consists of 40 Board members and their alternates from the constituencies of implementing and supporting countries, civil society and supporting companies. The EITI Board is mandated to meet at least twice a year. During the period Jan 2016–June 2019, the Board will have met in 11 times.

Below is the list of all Board members as of 30 April 2019. Members that have stepped down are shown in grey.

Chair
Mr Fredrik REINFELDT
(Feb 2016–Jun 2019)

Countries

Implementing Countries

Ms Olga BIELKOVA
Member of Parliament, Ukraine
Alt: Mr Ruslan BAJIMISHEV
Director of Subsoil Use Department Ministry for Investments and Development, Republic of Kazakhstan
Alt: Mr Nuraibaev Bazarkali KANAEVICH
Chairman, Committee of Geology and Subsoil Use, Ministry of Investment and Development, Kazakhstan (Feb 2016–Apr 2017)

Mr Monty GIRIARNA
President, EITI National Committee, Indonesia
Alt: Ms Maria Teresa S. HABITAN
Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance, Philippines
Alt: Mr Enkhbayar NEMEKHBAYAR
Director-General, Strategic Policy and Planning Department, Ministry of Mining, Mongolia (Feb 2016–Dec 2017)

Ms Zainab AHMED
Acting Minister of Finance, Nigeria
Alt: Mr José Fernandes ROSA CARDOSO
National Coordinator, São Tomé e Príncipe

Mr Didier Vincent Kokou AGBEMADON
National Coordinator, Togo
Alt: Mr Marième DIAWARA THAY
Permanent Secretary/Coordinator, EITI Secretariat, Senegal
Alt: Mr Ismaila Madior FALL
Minister, Legal Adviser to the President and Chair of the EITI National Committee, Senegal (Feb 2016–Dec 2018)

Ms Agnès Solange ONDIGUI OWONA
EITI National Coordinator, Cameroon
Alt: Mr Jeremy Mack DUMBA
National Coordinator, Democratic Republic of Congo (Feb 2016–Oct 2017)
Alt: Ms Marie-Thérèse HOLLEM AGNONG
National Coordinator, Democratic Republic of Congo (Feb 2016–Oct 2017)
Alt: Ms Agnès Solange ONDIGUI OWONA
National Coordinator, Cameroon (Feb 2016–Oct 2017)

Mr Victor HART
Chair of TTEITI, Trinidad and Tobago
Alt: Ms Carolina HAYES ROJAS
Vice Minister of Mines, Colombia
Alt: Mr Carlos Andres CANTE
Vice Minister of Mines, Colombia (Apr 2017–Jun 2018)
Alt: Ms Maria Isabel ULLOA
Vice Minister of Mines, Colombia (Feb 2016–Apr 2017)

Supporting Countries

Mr Mark PEARSON
Director-General, Planning, Delivery and Results Branch, Natural Resources Canada, Canada
Ms Mary WARLICK
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Energy Resources, State Department, USA (Feb 2016–Sep 2017)
Alt: Mr Chris DAVY
Director of Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Energy Resources, State Department, USA
Alt: Mr Mark PEARSON
Director General, External Relations, Science and Policy Integration, Natural Resources Canada, Canada (Feb 2016–Oct 2017)

Mr Chris MURGATROYD
Deputy Head, Governance, Open Societies and Anti-Corruption Department, Economic Development Division, Department for International Development (DFID), UK
Ms Judith HERBERTSON
Deputy Director for Governance, Open Societies and Anti-Corruption (GOSAC), Department for International Development (DFID), UK (June 2018–Feb 2019)

Mr Bert GRAFF
Senior Policy Adviser, Development Policy & Financing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark (June 2017–Jan 2018)
Ms Catarna HEDLUND
Deputy Director at the Department for International Trade Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden (May 2016–May 2017)
Mr Nico VAN DUIC
Advisor, Office of Economic Interests, Directorate-General for Bilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium (Feb 2016–May 2018)
Alt: Ms Marte BRISEID
Senior Adviser, Oil for Development Section, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), Norway (May 2018–June 2018)
Alt: Ms Rhona BIRCHALL
Extractives Adviser, Governance & Extractives Team, Department for International Development (DFID), UK (September 2017–May 2018)
Alt: Mr Bent GRAFF
Senior Policy Adviser, Development Policy & Financing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark (Jul 2016–Aug 2017)
Alt: Ms Mia KJEMS DRAEGERT
Senior Policy Advisor, Development Policy & Anti-Corruption (GOSAC), Department for International Development (DFID), UK (June 2018–Feb 2019)
Alt: Ms Judith HERBERTSON
Deputy Director for Governance, Open Societies and Anti-Corruption (GOSAC), Department for International Development (DFID), UK (May 2018–June 2018)
Alt: Mr Chris MURGATROYD
Deputy Head, Governance, Open Societies and Anti-Corruption Department, Economic Development Division, Department for International Development (DFID), UK

35% of members of the 2016–2019 Board are women.
Ms Geneviève Van ROSSUM
Special Representative for Bioethics and Corporate Social Responsibility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
Ms Rosmarie SCHLUP
Head Macroeconomic Support, Economic Cooperation and Development State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Switzerland
Mr Dirk-Jan KOCH
Special Envoy for Natural Resources, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
Ms Marine de Carne DE TRÉCESSON
Ambassador, Corporate Social Responsibility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
Alt: Mr Sören DENGG
Head of Division, Energy, Infrastructure and Raw Materials, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
Mr Daniel KAUFMANN
President, Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI)
Alt: Ms Jana MORGAN
Director of Advocacy and Campaigns at International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR), USA
Alt: Ms Wendy TYRRELL
Transparency International – Australia
(May 2017–Jan 2018)

Civil Society Organisations

Mr Gubad IBADOGHLU
Senior Researcher, Economic Research Center, Azerbaijan
Alt: Mr Oleksiy ORLOVSKY
International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine
Ms Faith NWADISHI
Executive Director, Koyenum Immalah Foundation/National Coordinator Publish What You Pay, Nigeria
Alt: Mr Brice MACKOSSO
Commission Justice et Paix, Republic of the Congo
Ms Ana Carolina GONZÁLEZ ESPINOSA
Universidad Externado de Colombia, Colombia
Alt: Mr César GAMBOA
Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos naturales, Perú
Ms Cielo MAGNO
Bantay Kita, Philippines
Alt: Mr Moses KULABA
Governance and Economic Policy Forum, Tanzania

Companies including Investors

Mr Stuart BROOKS
Manager, International Relations, Chevron
Alt: Ms Laura LOGAN
Corporate Issues Advisor, Public and Government Affairs, Exxon Mobil Corporation
(Jun 2017–Jun 2019)
Alt: John HARRINGTON
Upstream Issues manager, Exxon Mobil Corporation (Feb 2016–Dec 2016)

Mr Dominic EMERY
Vice-President, Long-Term Planning, BP
Alt: Mr Alan McLEAN
Executive Vice President, Tax and Corporate Structure, Royal Dutch Shell

Ms Simone NIVEN
Group executive Corporate Relations, External Affairs, Rio Tinto
Ms Laurel GREEN
Group Executive, Legal & External Affairs, Rio Tinto (Feb 2016–Sep 2017)
Alt: Mr Carlos ARANDA
Manager Technical Services, Southern Peru Copper Corporation (Feb 2016–Jun 2019)
Alt: Mr Alan KNIGHT
General Manager, Social Responsibility, ArconicMetal (Feb 2016)

Mr Erik NÜRNBERG
Manager Legal, Equinor, Norway
Ms Carine Smith IHENACHO
Vice President Legal, Statoil
(Feb 2016–May 2017)
Alt: Mr Stephen DOUGLAS
Senior Adviser to the President, Exploration & Production, Total SA (Dec 2018–Jun 2019)
Alt: Mr Jean-François LASSALLE
Directeur Affaires Publiques, Total, France
(Feb 2016–Oct 2018)

Mr Jim MILLER
Vice President, Environmental Affairs, Freeport-McMoRan, Copper&Gold inc
Alt: Mr James ENSOR
Executive Director, BHP Billiton Foundation (Nov–2016)
Alt: Mr Ian WOOD
VP Sustainable Development, BHP Billiton (Feb 2016–Oct 2016)

Mr Sasja BESLIK
Head of Group Sustainable Finance, Chief of Staff Office, Nordea Group, Sweden

Board Secretary

Mr Mark ROBINSON
Executive Director, EITI International Secretariat, Oslo
Mr Eddie RICH
Acting Executive Director, EITI International Secretariat, Oslo (Jun 2018–Nov 2018)
Mr Jonas MOBERG
Executive Director, EITI International Secretariat, Oslo (Feb 2016–Jun 2018)
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Its role specifically includes outreach and advocacy, communicating and sharing lessons learned with stakeholders, providing technical advice, oversight of the Validation process and highlighting results in countries.

This EITI Progress Report 2019, covering January 2018 to April 2019, provides a summary of key developments in the EITI countries and the International’s Secretariat’s work of supporting the Board and implementing countries. It complements the reporting from the EITI Board to the EITI Members’ Meeting and annual financial reporting.

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Philippines EITI (PH-EITI) immerses journalists in the extractives industry. In January 2018, PH-EITI partnered with the Philippine Press Institute (PPI) for a seminar-workshop and media fellowship on covering the extractive industries. It included a forum with communities hosting mining operations and a visit to Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company’s underground gold mining operation, shown here. This resulted to more than 20 articles released by media practitioners regarding the extractive industry.

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Renaturation of the Jänschwalde open pit mine in the Lausitz lignite open pit mining area in Brandenburg, Germany. Using vibrating pressure compression the stability of the soil is restored. By 2030, the site’s transformation into an artificial lake landscape will be completed.

Image: Lausitzer und Mitteldeutsche Bergbau-Verwaltungsgesellschaft (LMBV).

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