

OUTREACH AND CANDIDATURE COMMITTEE

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1 Background

The EITI Board has agreed to establish an Outreach and Candidature Committee to oversee the EITI Candidature application process. The Committee also serves as a focal point for the outreach of EITI stakeholders to new countries, ensuring that the EITI Board is informed on outreach activities and providing direction or support to these activities where necessary (Board Circular 152).

As of April 2016, the EITI is being implemented in 51 countries in six regions: Africa, Asia, North America, South America, Europe and the Middle East. However, many resource-rich countries are still not part of the EITI and should be encouraged to join. While governments are primarily responsible for implementation, the EITI is a global movement and its success also relies on the engagement of all the other stakeholders – supporting governments, companies and civil society. Accordingly, targeted outreach efforts are also required to build and sustain support from companies, investors and civil society organisations. These stakeholders should be encouraged to endorse the EITI and to support outreach efforts. Outreach to companies and civil society organisations in priority outreach countries is a priority.

The International Secretariat is responsible for providing guidance and support to countries applying for EITI Candidate status and evaluating applications in consultation with stakeholders and partners. Much of the outreach activities are being undertaken by EITI stakeholders, with the International Secretariat having a coordinating and supportive role.

The EITI Outreach and Candidature Committee works to ensure that the views of the International Board, which takes decisions on EITI Candidature, are reflected throughout the candidature process. The Committee oversees the process of due diligence from initial contact to the decision to grant EITI Candidate status.

The Committee will work closely with the International Secretariat and should be consulted from an early stage by all stakeholders who are engaged in EITI outreach.

The Committee will play a direct part in outreach to new countries or companies where appropriate. The Committee will work closely with the Secretariat to assist and advise countries that are working towards applying for EITI Candidate status.

2 Responsibilities

On behalf of the EITI Board, the Outreach and Candidature Committee (the “Committee”) shall:

2.1 Outreach:

- a) Guide and monitor the implementation of the Secretariat’s priorities and strategies for outreach as per the EITI work plan and outreach strategy, including efforts to attract new Candidate countries and forge relations with supporting governments, international agencies, companies, investors and civil society organisations.

- b) Suggest targeted outreach activities to countries, including OECD member countries, companies, investors and civil society.
- c) Provide advice and recommendations on relations and communications with stakeholders from non-implementing countries.
- d) Act as a reference point on the Board for outreach by liaising regularly with governments, international financial institutions, multilateral organisations, companies, investors and civil society groups.

2.2 EITI Candidature:

- a) Assess whether countries seeking to apply for EITI Candidature are adequately prepared for successful and timely implementation of the EITI in line with the EITI Standard.
- b) Review and appraise Candidature applications status to ensure that the eligibility requirements set out in the EITI Standard are fulfilled. In particular, the Committee will assess whether a country has fully completed the four sign-up steps;
- c) Make recommendations to the Board regarding Candidature applications. In cases where the Committee considers that a country is not yet ready for candidature, it may recommend steps that can be taken by the country so that the conditions for successful implementation of the EITI are put in place.

3 Composition

The committee was established through Board Circular 210 on 26 March 2016. The members are:

Countries

Mr José Fernandes Rosa Cardoso
Mr Ismaila Fall
Ms Mary Warlick
Mr Victor Hart

Companies

Mr John Harrington

Civil society

Mr Cesar Gamboa
Mr Moses Kulaba

On <date> the Outreach and Candidature Committee agreed to appoint <name> as Chair of the Outreach and Candidature Committee.

The Committee will be supported by the EITI International Secretariat to fulfil its Terms of Reference. The contact points are Sam Bartlett (sbartlett@eiti.org) and Shemshat Kasimova (skasimova@eiti.org).