



# HOW TO BECOME A SUPPORTING COUNTRY

How countries can support the EITI at the international level

The EITI is a  
multi-stakeholder initiative

The EITI is supported by  
governments, investors,  
companies and civil society  
organisations

There are several ways of  
supporting the EITI

More information

The EITI is a coalition of governments, companies and civil society which sets a global standard for managing revenues from natural resources. It is implemented by resource-rich countries. This structure is at the heart of the initiative at the international and national level, and is embedded in its principles and criteria. It is governed by an international Board with all of these stakeholders represented.

- A number of governments, including those of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States, support the EITI.
- The G8 has endorsed the EITI at summits since Evian (2003) and most recently at Aquila, Italy (2009).
- The initiative is supported by 42 companies.
- More than 80 institutional investors collectively managing more than US\$16trillion support EITI.
- Over 300 NGOs actively support and participate in the EITI.

The only formal requirement of a supporting country is to make a clear public endorsement of the initiative (see [www.eiti.org/document/endorsements](http://www.eiti.org/document/endorsements) for examples). There are many other possible ways for a country to support the initiative. Here are some suggestions:

- Support and promote EITI in international and multilateral forums e.g. the UN General Assembly Resolution on EITI.
- Encourage own companies to become supporters of the initiative.
- Undertake outreach events to promote awareness of the initiative domestically especially with companies and civil society.
- Encourage resource-rich countries, through diplomatic and commercial channels, to implement the EITI.
- Consider providing technical support in resource management to implementing countries which have low technical capacity. Where the supporting country is comparatively well placed to provide this assistance, ensure that this technical support is well coordinated with other efforts.
- Commit to high standards of transparency in domestic extractive sector.
- Finance the international management of the EITI and the World Bank-administered Multi-Donor Trust Fund.

For further information about how countries can support, contact the EITI Secretariat:

**Website** [www.eiti.org](http://www.eiti.org)

**Email** [secretariat@eiti.org](mailto:secretariat@eiti.org)

**Telephone** +47 22 24 21 05

**Address** EITI Secretariat, Ruselekkveien 26, 0251 Oslo, Norway