Minutes

These Minutes capture the purpose and agreed outcomes of the 57th meeting of the EITI Board.
MINUTES OF THE 57TH EITI BOARD MEETING

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57-1 Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The 57th EITI Board meeting was inaugurated in Dakar by the EITI Board Chair, Rt Hon. Helen Clark, who extended a warm welcome to the members of the Board for their 2023-2026 term. The Chair emphasised the importance of commitment and engagement from among Board members, highlighting the need for a constructive spirit grounded in mutual respect and consensus. She assured the incoming Board that they would receive a fuller induction on their roles and responsibilities through the Secretariat at an appropriate time.

During the meeting, the Board Chair invited remarks from the outgoing Board members. They acknowledged and appreciated the substantial work accomplished in the lead-up to the launch of the 2023 Standard and the Global Conference. The outgoing members expressed gratitude to both the Secretariat and the Government of Senegal for their contributions. Additionally, members made a range of suggestions, including on constituency guidelines, grievance mechanisms, company expectations, and potential implications for industry engagement in the EITI.

The draft Board meeting agenda was approved by the Board.

57-2 Introductions

Board Paper 57-2 Board member list

Apologies were received from Rinaldo Jeanty, Director General of the Natural Resources Canada, Nathalie Mognetti, Senior Vice President, Tax, TotalEnergies, Robert Nardi, Head of Consolidated Financial Statements and Reporting (ENI), James Nicholson, Head of Corporate Responsibility (Trafigura), and Christopher Rice, Executive Vice President, Tax, Shell International Limited.

Board members made brief introductions (please refer to Annex A for a full list of participants).

- A civil society constituency Board representative (a) acknowledged the great progress in achieving the new 2023 Standard; (b) noted that the Members’ Meeting did not go smoothly, and at the request of the Chair at Board in the 56th Board meeting, outlined a list of issues that might be considered by the incoming Board to avoid a repeat of this situation in the future; and (c) noted that trust-building relies on actions, and the constituency hopes to see all companies that wish to hold a Board seat in the future commit to project-level disclosures in all jurisdictions, as fiscal transparency is at the core of EITI. Proposals include progress on reviewing constituency guidelines and the grievance (voicing concerns) mechanism to ensure they are fit for purpose. The constituency looked forward to the disaggregated results of the assessment of company expectations and planned actions on the basis of the findings.

- A company Board member thanked the civil society constituency for their comments and committed to working together to look at these issues, calling for the process of publishing the disaggregated results of the assessment to move forward as planned and then agree the outcomes, next steps and timelines.

- An implementing country Board member stated their expectation that there would be concrete actions on the concerns that had been raised in order to strengthen EITI’s governance mechanisms as a basis for a stronger initiative.

A representative of supporting countries expressed congratulations on the results of the Global Conference, drawing attention to the importance of implementing a revised Standard which takes the organisation and its constituencies to a higher level, noting the challenge to implementing
countries to meet the new requirements. She highlighted the commitment of the supporting country constituency to a constructive contribution going forward. The Board Chair asked CSO Board members to send to the International Secretariat a list of action points following the meeting.

The Board Chair handed over to Mark Robinson as Board Secretary to chair the remainder of the meeting.

57-3 Introduction to Board committees and future Board meetings

Board Paper 57-3-A: Board Committees 2023-2026 (for information)

Mark Robinson informed the incoming Board of the induction sessions that the Secretariat would hold for them in early autumn, specifically designed to acquaint the new Board members with their roles and responsibilities.

Mark emphasised the significance of the Board Manual, highlighting that it contained essential information pertaining to the structure of the EITI Board, its operating procedures, decision-making processes, and other pertinent guidelines. He stressed that by becoming familiar with the Manual would enable the incoming Board members to gain a comprehensive understanding of their duties and contribute effectively to the Board’s work.

In addition, Mark underscored the unique multi-stakeholder nature of the EITI and clarified the roles of the Secretary of the Board and the Secretariat vis-a-vis the Board. Secretariat staff provided details about the frequency and operations of the Board meetings, various committee meetings, the languages in which the Board operates, and the resources it requires. Mark assured the incoming Board members that Secretariat staff would provide support and further elaboration on these matters.

Board Paper 57-3-B EITI Board meetings 2023—2024 (for information)

In accordance with the EITI’s Articles of Association, EITI Board is expected to meet at least twice a year, though Mark noted that the Board usually meets three times a year. The following dates were identified for the next Board meetings:

- 29-30 November 2023 – 58th Board meeting to be held virtually or in person.
- 29 February-1 March 2024 – 59th Board meeting to be held in Toronto with 28 February as a Board retreat day.
Annex A: List of participants

Participant List – 57th EITI Board Meeting

Grey = virtual attendance

Chair

Rt Hon. Helen CLARK

Countries

Implementing Countries

Mr Mohamed Lemine AHMEDOU, EITI National Coordinator, Mauritania
Alt: Mr Samou SIDIBE, EITI Permanent Secretary, Mali

Ms Isabel CHUVAMBE, EITI National Coordinator, EITI Secretariat, Mozambique
Alt: Ms Francesc ALGHALI, Minister of State, Office of the Vice-President, Sierra Leone

Ms Cielo MAGNO, Undersecretary, Department of Finance, Philippines
Alt: Mr Agus Cahyono ADI, EITI National Coordinator, Indonesia

Mr Jean-Jacques KAYEMBE, EITI National Coordinator, Democratic Republic of Congo
Alt: Mr Florent Michel OKOKO, EITI National Coordinator, Republic of the Congo

Mr Miguel Angel DÍAZ, Vice-Minister of Mines, Dominican Republic
Alt: Mr Gregory McGuire, Chairman of TTEITI Steering Committee, Trinidad & Tobago

Ms Lusine TOVMASYAN, EITI National Coordinator, Armenia
Alt: Mr Genci TERPO, EITI National Coordinator, Albania

Supporting Countries

Ms Christine DETAILLE, Head of Unit Transitional Development and Governance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Belgium
Alt: Ms Melissa SÁILÄ, Programme Director, Taxation for Development Action, Unit for Development Finance and Private Sector Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

Mr Rinaldo JEANTY, Director General and Chief Inspector of Explosives, Lands and Minerals Sector, Natural Resources, Canada
Alt: Mr Carl WATSON, Director, Office of Policy Analysis & Public Diplomacy (ENR/EGA/PAPD), Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State, USA

Mr Jürg VOLLENWEIDER, Head, Macroeconomic Support Section, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Switzerland
Alt: Ms Katja POHLMANN, Head of Division Energy, Hydrogen, Raw Materials, Infrastructure, Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation, Germany
Civil Society Organisations

Mr Aliou Ba COULIBALY, President, Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Coalition, Mauritania
Alt: Mr Kossi KOUGBLENOU, Executive Director, ACOMB, Togo

Ms Diana EL KAISSY, Advisory board member at the Lebanese Oil and Gas Initiative-LOGI, Lebanon
Alt: Mr Matthieu SALOMON, Interim Governance Programs Director, Senior Governance Officer, NRGI, France

Ms Vanessa CUETO LA ROSA, Environmental Lawyer, Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Peru
Alt: Ms Yessica PRIETO RAMOS, National director of projects and research, Crudo Transparente, Colombia

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Alt: Ms Olena PAVLENKO, President, DiXi Group, Ukraine

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Mr James ENSOR, Chief Executive Officer, BHP Billiton Foundation
Alt: Mr Nick COTTS, Senior Vice President, Sustainability and External Relations, Newmont Mining

Ms Nathalie MOGNETTI, Senior Vice President, Tax, TotalEnergies
Alt: Mr Roberto NARDI, Head for Consolidated Financial Statements and Reporting, Eni

Mr James NICHOLSON, Head of Corporate Responsibility, Trafigura Group
Alt: TBC

Mr Christopher RICE, Executive Vice President, Tax, Shell International Limited
Alt: Ms Ivanka MAMIC, Senior Vice President, Sustainability, bp

Board Secretary

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