

Draft Agenda

For information

Wednesday 17 February 2021 (4-hour block – all timings in CET)

- 11:00 **49-1 Welcome by the Chair and adoption of the agenda**
Board Paper 49-1-A: Draft agenda
Board Paper 49-1-B: Board meeting participant list
- 11:15 **49-2 The COVID-19 crisis: implications for EITI implementation**

Panel discussion:
David Nabarro, Special Envoy for COVID-19, World Health Organisation
Jarand Rystad, CEO Rystad Energy

Update from the implementing countries on the impact of COVID-19 on implementation.

Q&A
- 12:45 **49-3 Report from the World Bank**
- 13:00 – 13:30 **Break**
- 13:30 **49-4 Report from the Secretariat**
Board Paper 49-4-A: Implementation Progress Report (for information)
Board Paper 49-4-B: Outreach Progress Report (for information)
- 14:15 **Report from the Rapid Response Committee**
Board paper 49-10: Political developments in Myanmar (for decision)
- 15:00 **End of Day 1**

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- 11:00 **49-5 Report from the Implementation Committee**
Board Paper 49-5-A: Extension and adapted implementation requests (for decision)
Board Paper 49-5-B: Reflecting changes to the Validation model in the EITI Standard (for decision)
Board Paper 49-5-C: Supporting effective civil society engagement in the EITI (for discussion)
- 12:00 **49-6 Report from the Validation Committee**
Board Paper 49-6: Report from the Validation Committee (for information)
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Break**
- 13:00 **49-7 Report from the Finance Committee**
Board Paper 49-7: 2020 EITI Annual Accounts and Q1 2021 Forecast (for decision)
- 13:30 **49-8 Report from the Governance and Oversight Committee**
Update on 2020 Audited Accounts (for decision)
Board Paper 49-8-A: Update on constituency guidelines (for information)
Board Paper 49-8-B: Assessing adherence to the Expectations for EITI supporting companies (for decision)
- 14:15 **49-9 EITI Global Conference**
Board Paper 49-9: EITI Global Conference and Members' Meeting 2022
- 14:45 **Any other business - Closed-door session for Board members and alternates only.**

Summary of actions from previous Board meetings

Agenda item	Action	Status
Action items from 48th Board meeting, Virtual		
48-2-A	The International Secretariat to reflect feedback from Board members in an updated paper on the EITI's strategic priorities, to be shared with the Implementation Committee and the Board for information.	Complete
48-2-B	The International Secretariat to publish the report on strengthening community engagement.	Complete
48-2-B	The International Secretariat to strengthen support to implementing countries on fundraising and cost-effective implementation and to encourage peer-learning between countries.	Ongoing
48-2-C	The International Secretariat should provide support to Equatorial Guinea in developing a new candidature application, as appropriate, and consider a possible assessment of civic space in Equatorial Guinea and with the support of Board members and civil society, companies and other stakeholders.	Ongoing
48-2-C	The Secretariat should consider a strategy to document and advocate to outreach countries the case for EITI candidature, considering the more compelling case resulting from COVID-19 and other impacts.	Ongoing
48-3	WBG to share the list of grant recipients by organisation names, not just countries.	Complete
48-4-A	The International Secretariat to support implementing countries in adopting the measures as per Board Paper 48-4-A and incentivise innovative approaches to reporting.	Ongoing
48-4-B	The International Secretariat to reflect feedback on the third proposed next step in the final Board decision.	Complete
48-4-B	The International Secretariat to pursue fundraising efforts to support its work on energy transition and to reach out to interested implementing countries and partners	Ongoing
48-4-C	The International Secretariat to draft TORs and procure a suitably qualified consultant for the independent review with input from the Implementation Committee.	Ongoing
48-4	The GOC to explore what aspects of an organisational review can be dealt with as part of the committee's work plan.	Ongoing
48-5	The Chair to write to the Government of Ecuador announcing the Board's decision	Complete
48-6	The International Secretariat to update the Board manual and Board induction materials in accordance with the proposals in Board Paper 48-6.	Ongoing
48-6	The International Secretariat to update the templates for Board documentation to clearly identify any cases that include commercially sensitive, competition sensitive or personal information in accordance with the proposal in Board Paper 48-6.	Ongoing
48-7-A	The Validation review working group and the Validation Committee to finalise a revised Validation Guide, Validation procedure and data collection templates for Board approval by circular by the end of 2020.	Complete
48-7-A	The International Secretariat to consult implementing countries on their preferences for the timing of their first Validation under the new model and to propose a revised Validation schedule considering the factors stated in Annex A of Board Paper 48-7-A.	Ongoing
48-7-A	The Validation Committee to develop edits to Sections 4 and 5 of the 2019 EITI Standard to reflect the agreed outline for a revised Validation model.	Ongoing
48-7-B	The Chair to write to the Government of Mauritania announcing the Board's decision.	Complete
48-7-B	The Secretariat to publish the results of the Validation of Mauritania, including the supporting documentation.	Complete
48-8	The Secretariat to produce a final work plan that will be submitted by Circular for decision.	Complete

48-9	The Secretariat and the Rapid Response Committee to closely monitor the situation in Myanmar.	Ongoing
48-9	The Chair to respond to the Government of Armenia regarding their letter dated 1 October 2020.	Complete
Action items from 47th Board meeting, Virtual		
47-2-B	The International Secretariat to strengthen the dissemination of the Guidance Note 30 on gender responsive EITI implementation and to update the Board in due course on plans for an event on gender and extractives in the margins of a Board meeting in 2021.	Ongoing
47-2-B	The International Secretariat to monitor the situation in Mali and in the DRC, liaise with national stakeholders and report to the Board accordingly.	Ongoing
47-2-C	The International Secretariat to closely monitor and engage in Equatorial Guinea's candidature application.	Ongoing
47-3	The WBG to work with its country offices in communicating the availability of support to emergency funding for implementing countries.	Ongoing
47-4-A	The International Secretariat to implement the recommendations as per Board Paper 47-4-A, including improving the guidance to implementing countries and the development of a results measurement framework.	Ongoing
47-4-C	International Secretariat to support EITI Working Group on Commodity Trading Transparency to finalise the reporting guidelines, to be shared with the Board by circular.	Ongoing
47-5	The OCC to consider the progress in applying the sign-up criteria and whether further clarifications are required in 2021.	To be considered in 2021.
Ongoing action items from previous Board meetings:		
46-1	Governance and Oversight Committee to review issues linked to internal EITI Governance in addressing corruption.	Ongoing
46-3	The International Secretariat to work with the EGPS team and WB TTLs to provide coordinated support to implementing countries in requesting EGPS funding.	Ongoing
46-4-A	The International Secretariat to communicate Board decisions to the relevant countries in positive terms, to acknowledge the efforts made by the countries to meet the EITI Requirements.	Ongoing
46-5-B	International Secretariat to undertake a mission to Equatorial Guinea to collect additional information and stakeholder views.	Pending
46-5-B	The Governance Committee to review the sign-up steps to become an EITI member.	Ongoing
46-6-B	The working group on the review of Validation to present options for a revised Validation model to the Board at its 47th meeting.	In progress
46-7	Constituency coordinators to gather feedback from their constituencies on updating and implementing constituency guidelines in connection with the EITI Members' Meeting.	Ongoing
46-9	The Secretariat to initiate a process to change auditors ahead of the 2020 audit.	Ongoing
45-2-A	The Secretariat to consider whether country by country assessments in future IPRs should more consistently refer to challenges related to Requirements 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.	Ongoing
45-2-A	The Secretariat to update budget estimates for beneficial ownership activities in countries and share with Board for information.	In progress
45-6-B	The Secretariat to provide an update to the Board's Governance and Oversight Committee on stakeholders' use of the online form in one year's time to better understand how it is being used and areas for improvement.	In progress
43-2-B	The International Secretariat to convene development partners in the key funding shortfall countries.	Ongoing
43-5-B	The Validation Committee to ensure that the agreed framework is reflected in the revised Validation Guide, and that the feedback on the paper is considered as part of the planned review of the Validation process.	Ongoing

41-4-A	The EITI to undertake a targeted effort for SOE transparency to work more closely with SOEs to improve disclosures of SOEs in EITI countries and beyond. The effort will be undertaken in close collaboration with key partners and depend on demand and funds available.	Ongoing
41-4-B	The Board to continue supporting implementing countries and SOEs to systematically disclose information on the sale of the state's share of oil, gas and minerals, including new countries joining the effort.	Ongoing
41-4-B	Subject to available funding, the Board to continue supporting commodity trading transparency globally through outreach to governments, SOEs and commodity traders.	Ongoing

Decisions taken via Board circulars after the 45 th Board meeting		
BC 298	28.10.2020	Honduras has made meaningful progress with considerable improvements in implementing the 2016 EITI Standard. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 298	28.10.2020	Afghanistan has made meaningful progress in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 298	21.10.2020	The Board agreed to hold its 49th Board meeting on 17-18 February 2021. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 298	21.10.2020	The Board agreed to hold its 50th Board meeting on 9-10 June 2021. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 298	28.10.2020	The Board appointed KPMG as EITI's 2020 Auditor. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 299	01.12.2020	48th Board meeting minutes are approved. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 299	01.12.2020	Ghana has made meaningful progress in implementing the 2016 EITI Standard. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 299	01.12.2020	Sampe L. Purba, Natural Resource Economics Advisor to the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, Indonesia succeeds Ego Syahrial as Board member, representing implementing countries sub-constituency. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 299	01.12.2020	Mallika Nanduri Bhatt, Director General, External Policy & Partnerships, Natural Resources Canada succeeds Sonia Le Bris as Board member, representing supporting countries sub-constituency. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 300	24.12.2020	The Board approved the 2021 EITI International Secretariat Work Plan and budget. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 300	24.12.2020	The Board has agreed its strategic priorities for 2021-2022. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 300	24.12.2020	The Board agreed a revised EITI Validation Guide and Validation procedure. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 300	24.12.2020	The Board agreed a revised Validation schedule. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 300	24.12.2020	Albania is eligible for an extension of the reporting deadline. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 300	24.12.2020	Guatemala is eligible for an extension of the reporting deadline. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 300	24.12.2020	Indonesia is eligible for an extension of the reporting deadline. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 300	24.12.2020	Kyrgyz Republic is eligible for an extension of the reporting deadline. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 301	21.01.2021	Cameroon has made meaningful progress with considerable improvements in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 301	21.01.2021	Taco Westerhuis, Director General of International Cooperation, Directorate for Inclusive Green Growth (IGG) of Netherlands succeeds Sören Degg as a Board member representing supporting countries sub-constituency. Full Board decision is available here .
BC 301	21.01.2021	Odile Roussel, Special Representative for Bioethics and Corporate Social Responsibility, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France succeeds Taco Westerhuis as an alternate Board member, representing supporting countries' constituency. Full Board decision is available here .