

Board Paper 6-1

Cover Note and Agenda

6th EITI Board Meeting Athens, 29-30 October 2008

COVER NOTE AND AGENDA

Dear Board Members,

Please find attached the agenda, participants list and papers for our meeting in Athens.

I am delighted that so many of you have asked to have issues raised. It illustrates our collective responsibility for ensuring that we discuss matters of priority.

We have an important and full agenda ahead of ourselves when we meet in Athens. I urge you to contact the Secretariat or myself ahead of the meeting if you have any queries or comments to the board papers. With so limited time for each agenda item, we of course need to be well prepared and seek addressing for example any lack of clarity ahead of the meeting.

There are a couple of issues I wish to highlight:

(i) **Implementation and Validation progress report (Board paper 6-2)**

You will recall that we have requested the Secretariat to report ahead of each of our meetings. I hope that the report will make us all consider where we can best help our 23 implementing countries with their reporting and validation preparations.

(ii) **Legal entity and nominations committee (Board papers 6-6 and 6-11)**

Following the discussions at our previous meetings and the preparations and consultations since we met in Madrid, I believe we are in a strong position for approving the proposal. Particularly on this issue, I urge you to contact Jonas Moberg ahead of the meeting.

(iii) **Workplan 2009 and Conference (Board papers 6-10 and 6-12)**

We have of course not planned to meet again before we gather for the Conference in Doha. It is therefore important that we discuss and provide input to the Secretariat workplan for 2009 and that we discuss the focus and structure of the Conference itself.

Finally, following our meeting in May, the Secretariat commissioned Professor Paul Collier to write a paper on the geopolitical contextualisation of the EITI. I am delighted that Paul has written the paper "Implications of Changed International Conditions for EITI" (Board paper 6-9), in which he also briefly addresses the consequences the current financial crisis may have on the EITI. We are unquestionably experiencing rapidly changing times. I hope we will have time to at least begin the discussion of what the implications for the EITI may be.

Best wishes,



Peter Eigen

29 October

- 14:00 Buffet lunch
- 15:30 Welcome, adoption of the agenda and status report by the Chair and Head of Secretariat**
- 15:40 Implementation and validation progress report**
Board paper 6-2, introduced by the Secretariat
- 16:20 Central African Republic EITI Candidature**
Board paper 6-3, introduced by the Secretariat
- 16:30 National co-ordinator meeting report**
Board paper 6-4 introduced by Fidèle Ntsissi
- 16:50 Break
- 17:15 Validation support guidance**
Board paper 6-5, introduced by Fidèle Ntsissi and the Secretariat
- 17:45 Civil society participation in EITI-implementing countries**
Introduced by Gavin Hayman and Radhika Sarin
- 18:00 Legal entity and Constituency Guidelines**
Board paper 6-6, introduced by the Secretariat
- 19:00 The EITI and international accounting standards**
Board paper 6-7, introduced by Bennett Freeman
- 19:20 Expanding corporate support for the EITI – efforts by investors**
Board paper 6-8, introduced by Karina Litvack
- 19:40 End of session
- 19:50 Reception**
Discussion based on Prof Collier's paper (6-9), introduced by Jonas, and Julie McDowell, who will comment on the consequences the financial crisis may have on investor engagement with the EITI.

30 October

- 08:30 EITI Secretariat Workplan and budget 2009**
Board paper 6-10, introduced by the Secretariat
- 09:30 Results from the EITI Board Effectiveness Survey**
Board paper 6-11, introduced by Karina Litvack and Bennett Freeman
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 10:50 Conference planning**
Board paper 6-12, introduced by the Secretariat
- 12:15 The EITI and Disaggregated Reporting**
Board paper 6-13, introduced by Carlos Monge
- 12:45 Any other business**
- 13:00 Ends