

8<sup>TH</sup> EITI BOARD MEETING, DOHA, 18 FEBRUARY 2009

# Minutes

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# MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> EITI BOARD MEETING

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*Ritz Carlton Hotel, Doha, Qatar, 18 February 2009*

## Board Members

### Chair

**Dr. Peter EIGEN**

### Implementing Countries

**Mr. Abdoul Aziz ASKIA**, Permanent Secretary, EITI Niger

Alt: **Mr. Sidi OULD ZEÏNE**, Chairman, EITI Mauritania

**Mr. Alfred BAGUEKA ASSOBO**, Head of EITI Technical Sec., Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cameroon  
(Substituting for **H.E. Essimi Menye**, Minister of Finance, Cameroon)

Alt: **Mr. T. Negbalee WARNER**, National Coordinator, EITI Liberia

**Prof. Humphrey Assisi ASOBIE**, Chairman, NEITI Nigeria

**Mr. Shahmar MOVSUMOV**, Executive Director, State Oil Fund, Azerbaijan

**Mr. Kairat DJUMALIEV**, Head, Energy and Mineral Resources Department, Kyrgyzstan

Alt: **Mr. Alfredo PIRES**, Secretary of State for Natural Resources, Timor-Leste

### Supporting Countries

**Mr. Mark PEARSON**, Director General, External Relations, Science and Policy Integration, Natural Resources Canada

Alt: **Mr. Stephen GALLOGLY**, Director for International Energy and Commodity Policy, State Dep., United States

**Mr. Geir LØKKEN**, Assistant Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway (Substituting for **Mr. Jostein LEIRO**, Deputy Director General & Deputy Head of the UN Dept., Norway)

Alt: **Mr. Henk MAHIEU**, General Counsellor, Dept. of Economic Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium

**Dr. Ulla MIKOTA**, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, Germany (Substituting for **Ms. Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven**, Director General)

Alt: **H.E. Vidaine de VILLEMEUR**, Ambassador, Democratic Governance, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France (Substituting for **H.E. Michel DOUCIN**, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France)

### Civil Society Organisations

**Mr. Ingilab AHMADOV**, Director of the Public Finance Monitoring Centre - Baku, Azerbaijan

Alt: **Mr. Dorjdari NAMKHAJANTSAN**, Open Society Forum, Mongolia

**Mr. Alfred BROWNELL**, Green Advocates, Liberia

**Mr. Christian MOUNZEO**, Coordinator PWYP Congo/President Rencontre Pour la Paix et les Droits de l'Homme, Republic of the Congo

**Mr. Michel ROY**, International Advocacy Director, Secours Catholique, France (Substituting for **Mr. Bennett FREEMAN**, Oxfam America/Oxfam International)

Alt: **Mr. Diarmid O'SULLIVAN**, Team Leader, Oil Campaign, Global Witness

**Mr. Anthony RICHTER**, Revenue Watch Institute, United States

Alt: **Ms. Radhika SARIN**, International Coordinator, Publish What You Pay

## Companies including Investors

**Mr. Håkon NORDANG**, Advisor, Social Performance, StatoilHydro (Substituting for **Mr. Reidar GJÆRUM**, Senior Vice President, Corporate Communication, StatoilHydro)

**Mr. Stuart BROOKS**, Manager, International Relations, Chevron

Alt: **Dr. John KELLY**, Coordinator, Planning and Issues Upstream Public Affairs, ExxonMobil

**Mr. Olivier LOUBIÈRE**, Corporate Business Ethics Advisor, AREVA (Substituting for **Mr. David BAKER**, Vice President for Governance & Environmental Affairs, Newmont Mining)

**Dr. R. Anthony HODGE**, President, International Council on Mining and Metals

**Mr Jean-François LASSALLE**, Vice President of E&P Public Affairs, Total

Alt: **Mr. Keith RUDDOCK**, General Counsel - Exploration and Production, Royal Dutch Shell

**Ms. Julie McDOWELL**, Head of Socially Responsible Investment, Standard Life Investments

Alt: **Mr. David DIAMOND**, Co-Head of SRI Development, Allianz Global Investors

## Others

### Observers

**Mr. Yerlan AKISHEV**, World Bank

**Mr. Charlie ARNOTT**, Senior Policy Advisor, Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade, Canada

**Mr. Graham BAXTER**, Director – Responsible Business Solutions, International Business Leaders Forum

**Mr. Anton OP DE BEKE**, Senior Economist, IMF

**Ms. Brigitte BOCOUM**, World Bank

**Ms. Diana CORBIN**, World Bank

**Mr. Paulo DE SA**, Manager, Oil Gas & Mining Dept., Policy Operations Unit, World Bank

**Mr. Richard DION**, Royal Dutch Shell

**Ms. Page DYKSTRA**, Revenue Watch Institute

**Mr. Julian EGAN**, AusAid, Australia

**Ms. Erica FERGUSON**, Anti-Corruption Group, AusAid, Australia

**Ms. Katharina GUNSELMANN**, GTZ, Germany

**Mr. Shaukant HASSAN**, Senior Policy Advisor, Canadian International Development Agency

**Mr. David HENRY**, US State Department

**Ms. Karina LITVACK**, F&C Asset Management

**Mr. Ron LYEN**, Director International Affairs Division, Natural Resources Canada

**Mr. Adil MAMMADOV**, State Oil Fund, Azerbaijan

**H.E. Birgitta NYGREN**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

**Ms. Anna PANAGOPOULOU**, European Commission

**Ms. Donica POTTIE**, Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada

**Ms. Vanessa POUGET**, Energy Advisor, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France

**Mr. Anwar RAVAT**, Program Manager, EITI Program, World Bank

**Mr. Manuel DE LA ROCHA**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain

**Mr. Haruna Y. SA'EED**, NEITI, Nigeria

**Mr. Sudhir SHETTY**, World Bank  
**Mr. John SHIELDS**, International Monetary Fund  
**Ms. Rosemary STEVENSON**, DFID, United Kingdom  
**Ms. Tove STRAUSS**, African Development Bank  
**Ms. Susanne THIEL**, GTZ Germany  
**Mr. Dorian VASSE**, World Bank  
**Ms. Bente WEISSER**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway  
**Ms. Gabriele ZÖLLER**, Senior Advisor, BMZ Germany

## EITI Secretariat

**Dr. Sam BARTLETT**, Regional Director  
**Mr. Tim BITTIGER**, Regional Director  
**Mr. Jonas MOBERG**, Head of Secretariat  
**Dr. Francisco PARIS**, Regional Director  
**Mr. Jürgen REITMAIER**, Senior Regional Advisor  
**Mr. Eddie RICH**, Deputy Head and Regional Director

## Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming new members of the Board. He briefly outlined the role of the EITI Board. He explained that the Board was very active with a continuous stream of communications through Board Circulars (once every two weeks on average). The Board itself met 3 times a year on average. The Board papers were to be considered confidential, though they could be shared with trusted partners. Board Minutes were public and published on the website once agreed. Information to wider stakeholders and further information was available through the website, newsletters and policy notes.

Board Members introduced themselves and were asked to provide short biographies for shared information.

Jonas Moberg asked that Board Members respond to invites to attend Board meetings and to contribute to the agenda. He recommended that members read the Articles of Association and the Guide to Governance. In response to a request, he offered previous Board papers to be sent out on request. The Secretariat committed to create a password-protected intranet, at which circulars and other Board-related materials would be made available.

The Board discussed issues of name attribution, paper circulation, allowing observers, and recusal of individual board members from discussions of issues where they have a conflict of interest.. Recognising the sensitivities, the Board agreed to allow the Secretariat to make judgements about what to include in draft board minutes but advising that it should seek maximum transparency. It was noted that these issues had thus far not created any significant tensions within the EITI.

## Action

The Secretariat to invite Board Members to send in short biographies for public information.

The Secretariat to create a password protected intranet and make circulars and other materials available on this site.

## Conference Reflections

In discussion, Board Members described the Conference as a milestone with the establishment of EITI Association, the first Compliant Country, more countries committed to implementation, the first OECD country to implement, and the commitment of the Government of Japan to support the initiative. The Chair and Secretariat were widely praised for having organised a successful Conference, especially with such few resources. Board members also expressed considerable gratitude for the generosity of the Government of Qatar for hosting the event.

However, some concerns were expressed:

- The misbalance of contributors to the Stakeholder Forum, especially that it was regrettable that some civil society was unable to speak due to time constraints;
- The need to encourage more supporters to become implementers to address some credibility issues of the EITI as a global initiative;
- The need to focus on supporting those countries facing difficulties in meeting Validation.

Anthony Richter noted the difficulty of interpreting indicators 12 and 13 on ensuring that company and government reports are based on accounts audited to international standards, since no such international accounting standards existed for government accounts. Anthony noted that this concern came out of the Azerbaijan Validator's recommendations and noted that the IMF and other experts have already been exchanging ideas on how to clarify these indicators.

The Validation Committee was asked to consider this issue and provide a draft policy note.

There was also some discussion about other areas in which the EITI methodology might be applied. The Revenue Watch Institute circulated a proposal on the coverage of transit payments under EITI. It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

## Action

The **Validation Committee** to develop a draft Policy Note on indicator 13 on ensuring that government reports are based on government accounts audited to international standards.

## Board Priorities

Jonas Moberg asked the Board to reaffirm the Board priorities established by the previous Board, and as set out in the EITI Secretariat Workplan and other Board papers, noting that the Board and Secretariat were in the middle of a planning cycle. Specifically, this meant an unparalleled priority on Validation.

**The Board agreed to the existing priorities** but noted that efforts to outreach to new countries should not entirely fall away.

## Appointment of Board Committees

A list of the Board Committees and nominations so far received was displayed and further volunteers were invited.

## Action

The **Chairman to appeal to Board members** through the next Board Circular to volunteer to the various Committees in the next few weeks.

## Meetings Diary

Board Members were reminded of the dates of the next Board meetings:

14-15 May – Washington

17-18 September - Baku

Shahmar Movsumov encouraged Board Members to inform him as soon as possible if they are planning any outreach activities around the Baku Board.

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