Always cross-check information – it is an obligation.

It increases the chance of getting it right and reduces risks of facing legal issues.

**source fact-check**

- **Start from the known to the unknown**
- **Narrow down** your subject so you don’t drown in so much information.
- **As you follow the money, also follow the people.** Identify similarities.
- **Identify red flags** (e.g. too many tax exemptions for one company?)

**What is your source?**
- Use open-source information

**Is it credible?**
- Why is the source giving you the information?

**Can you get public information to corroborate?**
- Is it complete, well disaggregated and up to date?

**What is the story?**
- Who and what might be involved?

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**Dos & Don’ts**

- Don’t be in a rush to be the first to publish, prioritize reliability over timeliness.
- Do not lose your life for a story. Know where to draw the line.
- Be bold but be mindful!

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**Open Resources**

**GLOBAL**
- Beneficial ownership: Open Ownership Global BO Register
- Public records for investigations: OCCRP ALEPH
- Database of extractive contracts: Resource Contracts
- Extractive sector company payments and government receipts, subnational revenues and more: EITI Summary-data
- Company information: Open Corporates

**GHANA**
- Beneficial Ownership: Registrar General’s Portal
- Mining License holders, contracts, laws: Minerals Commission
- Oil/Gas License holders, contracts, laws: Petroleum Commission
- Extractive sector company payments and government receipts, subnational revenues and more: Ghana EITI Website
- Audit Reports: Ghana Auditor General’s website
- Parliamentary proceedings and PAC meetings: Parliament Library Repository

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“The global energy transition will exacerbate corruption risks in several countries. Journalists and CSOs have a real opportunity to use existing information to ensure accountability. Let’s make it count!”

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Ghana Country Lead, EITI Int Secretariat