

CSO challenges in mainstreamed environment

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Challenges

- Lack of trust to their governments to keep the quality of data and provide unlimited access (seeing mainstreaming an easy way out for the governments and companies);
- Lack of single format of data released;
- Data quality and reliability:
- Uncertain role of MSGs in the mainstreamed set up and a fear that multi-stakeholder platform will be lost;

Challenges

- A fear that when approving mainstreaming requests, the Board can overrule civil society on a local and international level;
- Lack of capacity to analyse the data and lack of understanding where to look for it;
- Uncertainty of CSO role when the EITI is mainstreamed;
- Lack of access to electricity and internet.

How CSOs can address raising challenges

- Civil society needs to have an active role in systematic disclosure processes: overseeing feasibility studies, defining MSG role, designing work plans, following the application process.
- Civil society needs to build its own technical capacity on overseeing systematic disclosure, using multiple databases and analysing the data.
- Civil society needs to undertake regular checks on systematically-disclosed data
- Civil society needs to leverage the open data policy which should lead to having access to government and company data.