

# Minutes - 2019 EITI Members' Meeting

# Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> EITI Members' Meeting

## Welcome from the Chair and adoption of the agenda

The EITI Chair, Fredrik Reinfeldt, requested confirmation from members that they were ready to begin, welcomed them to the fifth ordinary EITI Members' Meeting and introduced the agenda.

The agenda was adopted and is attached. A list of attending members is also attached.

## Approval of the activities report, the accounts and the activity plan of the EITI Board

The Chair introduced the 2019 EITI Progress Report and said that it provided an overview of the EITI's activities to improve transparency and governance of natural resources in the 52 EITI countries around the world. He highlighted progress on beneficial ownership, contract transparency, project-level reporting and commodity trading. He also noted that 38 countries had undergone Validation since the last EITI Global Conference, including eight countries that had met all the EITI's requirements.

The Chair introduced the Annual accounts for 2016, 2017 and 2018, noting that they had been approved by the EITI Board and were available on the Members' Meeting page of the website.

The Members Meeting approved unanimously the activities report, the Annual Accounts for 2016, 2017 and 2018 and the activity plan of the EITI Board.

## Election of the EITI Chair and the EITI Board

On proposal from the EITI Board, Helen Clark was unanimously elected by the Members' Meeting as EITI Chair.

With regard to the election of the EITI Board, the Chair informed the Members' Meeting that one government representative, Charles Abel from Papua New Guinea, had removed his nomination following a government reshuffle. The position would consequently remain vacant while the implementing country sub-constitency consider another nomination for election by the EITI

Board. The Chair also informed the Members' Meeting that the civil society constituency was nominating **Mtwalo Msoni** instead of **Elyvin Nkhonjera** after the latter withdrew her name following the submission of the meeting papers.

The Members' Meeting elected unanimously the Board Members and the Alternates on nomination from the constituencies.

## Adoption of the amendments to the EITI Articles of Association

The Chair invited EITI Executive Director Mark Robinson to introduce the proposed amendments to the EITI Articles of Association. The Members' Meeting approved unanimously the amendments as proposed in Members' Meeting Paper 5-4.

## Briefing on the EITI Standard

The Chair invited EITI Policy Director Ines Marques to brief the members on the changes of the Standard. The Chair noted that the 2019 EITI Standard had already been approved by the EITI Board and invited the Members to adopt it, noting that it would guide the activities of the Board for the next three years.

## Close

The new EITI Chair Helen Clark was invited to address the Members' Meeting. Helen thanked members for their trust and noted the opportunities ahead. Reflecting on her experience as Prime Minister of a nine-year coalition government in New Zealand and her experience leading UNDP, she expressed a desire and experience to help the EITI Association continue to make progress towards achieving its objectives.

Fredrik Reinfeldt expressed his gratitude to the Members for his time as Chair of the EITI.

**Mark Robinson**  
EITI Executive Director and EITI Board Secretary