

# 44th EITI Board meeting

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# **Minutes**

# For information

The paper captures the purpose and agreed outcomes of the 44th meeting of the EITI Board.

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# MINUTES OF THE 44<sup>TH</sup> EITI BOARD MEETING

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# 44-1 Welcome by the chair and adoption of the agenda

The EITI Board chair, Rt Hon Helen Clark, formally called the Board to order and asked Board members to adopt the agenda. Helen thanked the outgoing Board members and the chair in particular, Fredrik Reinfeldt, for his leadership of the previous Board. She conveyed the importance of the commitment and engagement of Board members and the constructive spirit in which they engage in the EITI Board.

Helen made introductory remarks declaring her appreciation the accomplishments of the National Secretariats and multi-stakeholder groups in EITI's 52 countries while upholding its global identity. Helen set out her initial priorities in the lead up to our next board meeting in Addis, and mentioned plans to meet stakeholders in governments, companies and civil society in upcoming events at the United Nations. She detailed her plans to meet with stakeholders through a High-Level Political Forum in July reviewing progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with an emphasis on goal 16 on peace and governance, and at the UN General Assembly in September which includes the Climate Action Summit.

Helen laid out her plans for travels in October and November to more closely experience the work on the ground as well as to encourage new outreach countries to join EITI in Latin America and Africa.

Helen ended her remarks by presenting a way forward; indicating that the Board agenda in Addis Ababa will focus the Board's attention on two substantive agendas. The first is the adoption of a clearer position on corruption and how EITI can address this problem in the extractives sector based on a paper commissioned by the International Secretariat. She reminded Board members

that the 2019 EITI Standard¹ is a significant step in the right direction with its emphasis on systematic disclosures, but much work is needed to implement the changes. Second, she also reminded Board members of commitments on gender equality and development of a guidance note by the International Secretariat, and reiterated her belief that these agendas are fundamental for the future direction of the EITI. She concluded that the focus will still remain on the implementation of the new Standard, while highlighting opportunities to discuss new approaches to Validation and reporting in the context of systematic disclosure.

# **44-2 Introductions**

Apologies had been received ahead of the meeting from Charles Abel, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Treasury, Papua New Guinea, who had lost his position as part of a government reshuffle. Helen asked the implementing country constituency to ensure select a replacement. Maria Teresa S. Habitan, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Finance, Philippines, was also not able to travel to Paris, which meant that there was one unfilled seat. Other Board members absent from the meeting were Sasja Beslik, Olga Bielkova, James Ensor, Agnès Solange Ondigui Owona, Samuel Urkato, and Erica Westenberg.

Board members made quick introductions of themselves (please refer to Annex A for a full list of participants).

#### **Actions**

- The implementing countries' constituency should nominate a replacement for Charles Abel as a Board member.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EITI (2019), "EITI Standard 2019", https://eiti.org/document/standard

# 44-3 Board committees and future meetings

**Helen** noted two Board papers tabled for discussion, and invited the **Secretary to the Board, Mark Robinson**, to introduce them.

Mark introduced *Board Paper 44-4-A on Board committees*, explaining that the Terms of References for committees should be discussed by the committees at their first meetings. Board members should inform the Secretariat which committee they would like to serve on.

Mark welcomed a discussion about the committee structure. A recent Board self-assessment survey revealed interest in rationalisation of committees. Results from the survey recommended the new Board to review the committee structure and potential improvements. Mark explained that the current structure arose from a governance review in 2015. He said the Governance and Oversight Committee may wish to undertake a review in the coming year. He then opened for comments from the floor.

**Stuart Brooks** commented that some committees have much higher workload than others, and proposed that there may be interest for sharing the workload by inviting members of other committees to participate in certain circumstances.

Mark continued and introduced *Board Paper 44-4-B EITI Board meetings 2019-2020*. He mentioned the Articles of Association<sup>2</sup> that require at least two Board meetings a year. The practice has been three meetings a year, with a fourth meeting in Conference years due to the meeting of the outgoing and incoming boards. Mark again referenced the survey and that members were content with the frequency of meetings. He mentioned that the norm was one meeting in February, which have included review of the annual accounts, one Board meeting in May or June, and a final Board meeting in October to agree the upcoming annual workplans and budget.

Mark wished to have precise dates for Board meetings one year in advance and asked Board members to consider dates for the 46<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Board meetings scheduled for 2020. He also urged members to consider potential venues for the 47<sup>th</sup> Board meeting too, as often member countries have been keen to host which is seen as good for buy-in and for financial support.

Helen wished to clarify that the Secretariat will be proposing a full workplan for 2020 for adoption, and also proposed that the Secretariat consider including a Board retreat during the 45th Board meeting in Addis Ababa or the following meeting in Oslo.

Mark confirmed that the workplan for 2020 would be presented at the 44th Board meeting, and noted the suggestions.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EITI (2016), "EITI Articles of Association", <a href="https://eiti.org/document/eiti-articles-of-association">https://eiti.org/document/eiti-articles-of-association</a>

At the end of the agenda item the Board adopted both papers.

#### **Actions**

- All new Board members to send a copy of their passport and signed registration form to Leah (lkrogsund@eiti.org)
- Board members should send their preferences for committee membership and preference for 2020 Board dates by end of July 2019.

# 44-4 AOB

**Eric Nürnberg** recalled the OECD Secretary General's remarks which alluded to an agreement between OECD and EITI, and seeked clarification from the Secretariat regarding these plans.

Mark responded by referring to plans on a working collaboration between EITI and OECD on stateowned enterprises (SOEs) and commodity trading. He agreed that policy agreements outside Board-agreed workplan activities would need approval of the EITI Board.

Mark asked members to recognize Secretarit's staff and partners' contributions, which led to a successful Global Conference, especially Conference Manager, Shemshat Kasimova.

Lastly, Mark reminded Board members of the three-hour Board induction beginning the following morning.

# 44th Board meeting ends

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# **Annex A: Participants list**

## Chair

Rt Hon, Helen CLARK

#### Countries

# **Implementing Countries**

**Mr Ruslan BAIMISHEV**, Director of Subsoil Use Department, Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development, Kazakhstan

Alt: Ms Olga BIELKOVA, Member of Parliament, Deputy Head of the Committee on Fuel and Energy Complex, Ukraine

Mr Charles ABEL, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Treasury, Papua New Guinea
Alt: Ms Maria Teresa S. HABITAN, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Finance, Philippines

Mr Ian Chitumba MWIINGA, Communications Officer, EITI Secretariat, Zambia Alt: Mr Samuel URKATO, Minister of Mines and Petroleum, Ethiopia

Ms Awa Marie COLL-SECK, Minister of State, Senegal Alt: Mr Django Mady COULIBALY, EITI National Coordinator, Mali

Ms Agnès Solange ONDIGUI OWONA, EITI National Coordinator, Ministry of Finance, Cameroon Alt: Ms Marie-Thérèse HOLENN AGNONG, EITI National Coordinator, Democratic Republic of Congo

Ms Carolina ROJAS HAYES, Vice Minister of Mines, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Colombia Alt: Mr Eduardo GUEVARA, Vice-Minister of Hydrocarbons, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Peru

# **Supporting Countries**

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**Alt: Mr Michael TOYRYLA**, Director, Office of Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State, USA

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Alt: Mr Timo VOIPIO, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

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**Alt: Mr Sören DENGG**, Head of Division, Energy, Infrastructure and Raw Materials, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

# **Civil Society Organisations**

**Mr César GAMBOA**, Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos naturales, Perú **Alt: Mr Óscar PINEDA**, Project on Organizing, Development, Education and Research (PODER), Mexico

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**Ms Cielo MAGNO, Assistant Professor** Bantay Kita; School of Economics University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines

Alt: Ms Diana El KAISSY, Executive Director, The Lebanese Oil and Gas Initiative (LOGI), Lebanon

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