

Peer Learning Event for EITI Implementing Francophone Countries in Africa

**MSG members and National Secretariats
Yaoundé, Cameroon
28-30 November 2017**

Time	Session	Resource Persons
Tuesday 28 November		
8h30-9h00	Registration	
9h00-9h45	<p><u>Opening session</u></p> <p>Welcome remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Alamine Ousmane Mey, Minister of Finance of Cameroon, - Mr Eddie Rich, Deputy Head, EITI International Secretariat - Mrs. Elisabeth Huybens, Country Director, World Bank, Cameroon (TBC) <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of participants and facilitators • Explanation of the agenda • Setting expectations for the workshop 	
9h45-10h00	Break	
10h00-12h00	<p><u>Session 1: Are we using the EITI to its full potential? Impact and Country Priorities (plenary)</u></p> <p>The aim of this session is to get an overview of governance challenges in the extractive sector in Francophone Africa. Ahead of the training, participants are asked to prepare a list of key issues where the EITI has had a tangible impact and potential areas where the EITI can be used to improve transparency and accountability. Participants will be asked to send in advance for each country a response to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the most pressing challenges facing the extractive sector in your country?</i> • <i>Has the EITI had an impact on the most pressing issues in the sector? in transparency of licensing? contracts? beneficial ownership? SOEs? production data? fiscal revenues at the central level? at the local level? revenue transfers to local communities? social payments to local communities? statistics on the sector's overall contribution to the economy?</i> • <i>Has the EITI contributed in improving the business environment or in attracting foreign direct investments?</i> • <i>Has the EITI contributed in the conception and implementation of legal reforms, in increasing fiscal revenues, in reducing corruption,</i> 	<p><u>Facilitators:</u></p> <p>Indra Thevoz, Country Officer, EITI International Secretariat</p> <p>Bady Baldé, Regional Director, EITI International Secretariat</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u></p> <p>Burkina Faso Central African Republic Madagascar Mauritania</p>

	<p><i>in facilitating dialogue, in artisanal mining, in local revenue management, in local content requirements?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the other areas where the EITI can produce tangible results?</i> <p>Participants will discuss the responses to this survey, share experiences and identify areas where they can use the EITI in their country.</p> <p><u>Session outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have identified key governance challenges in the extractive sector in the region • Participants have identified areas where the implementation of the EITI can help address these challenges. 	
12h00-13h00	Lunch	
13:00 – 14:30	<p><u>Session 2: What opportunities exist to mainstream EITI implementation? (plenary)</u></p> <p>The aim of this session is to follow-up on the mainstreaming exercise submitted by MSGs ahead of the workshop. Extractive industry transparency should not be confined to an EITI Report, but rather become an integral part of how governments manage their extractive sector. EITI implementing countries are increasingly making the information required by the EITI Standard available through government and corporate reporting systems (databases, websites, annual progress reports, portals etc.) - rather than relying on the EITI Report - to bring about transparency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Why mainstream in your country?</i> • <i>What are the initial findings of the feasibility study? What are the opportunities and challenges?</i> • <i>What are the next steps for Francophone EITI implementing countries on mainstreaming?</i> <p><u>Session outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have improved their understanding of the concept of mainstreaming and have identified practical aspects of implementation which can be mainstreamed. 	<p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <p>Gisela Granado Country Manager, EITI International Secretariat</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u></p> <p>Burkina Faso Mali Mauritania Togo</p>
14h30 -15h00	<p><u>Session 3: How can one use the online Guide to the EITI Standard? (plenary)</u></p> <p>The online Guide to the EITI Standard is the main tool of the International Secretariat to support implementing countries with understanding and implementing the EITI Standard. It provides detailed guidance notes, case studies and emerging best practices in EITI implementation. The aim of this session will be to train MSGs on using this tool with some practical examples such as summary data templates and other EITI requirements.</p> <p><u>Session outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants are familiar with the online Guide to the EITI Standard and EITI Guidance Notes. 	<p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <p>Indra Thevoz, Country Officer, EITI International Secretariat</p>
15h00-15h15	Break	
15h15-17h00 Theme 1, 2 & 3	<p><u>Session 4: How to use the EITI Standard to its full potential to improve contract transparency, data reliability and reporting on state-owned enterprises?</u></p> <p>The aim is to discuss technical aspects of the EITI, by exploring and discussing challenges in meeting the EITI Requirements, as well as highlighting best practices. Each session will focus on a specific topic.</p>	<p>Group 1 Ousmane Deme Operations Officer, World Bank</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u> Chad</p>

	<p>The cross-cutting issues of Validation, mainstreaming, data quality and assurance, reporting and impact will be addressed in each session, including through country case studies and the use of EITI instruments: work plans, EITI Reports, scoping studies, APRs, etc.</p> <p>Parallel sessions will address the various topics, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Group 1: What role for the EITI in contract transparency? (Requirement 2.4)</i> • <i>Group 2: Data comprehensiveness and reliability (4.1 and 4.9)</i> • <i>Group 3: State participation and State-Owned Enterprises (Requirements 2.6, 4.2, 4.5, 6.2).</i> <p><u>Session outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have improved their understanding of key EITI technical issues related to contract transparency, data comprehensiveness and reliability and state-participation and state-owned enterprises. 	<p>Democratic Republic of Congo Guinea</p> <p>Group 2 Trygve Christiansen Senior Advisor, Office of the Auditor General of Norway</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u> Cameroon Mauritania Senegal</p> <p>Group 3 Evelyne Tsague Africa Co-Director, NRGI</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u> Cameroon Chad Congo Brazzaville Cote d'Ivoire Democratic Republic of Congo Togo</p>
19h00-21h00	Dinner	

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<p>8h45-10h15 Theme 1 & 2</p>	<p>Session 5: How to use the EITI Standard to improve transparency in exploration, production, export, and fiscal revenues at the central and local level? (<i>parallel group sessions</i>)</p> <p>The aim is to discuss technical aspects of the EITI related to exploration, production, export and fiscal revenues, by exploring and discussing challenges in meeting the EITI Requirements, as well as highlighting best practices. Each session will focus on a specific topic. The cross-cutting issues of Validation, mainstreaming, data quality and assurance, reporting and impact will be addressed in each session, including through country case studies and the use of EITI instruments: work plans, EITI Reports, scoping studies, APRs, etc.</p> <p>Parallel sessions will address the various topics, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Group 1: What role for the EITI in transparency of licenses allocation, and licenses registers (Requirement 2.2, 2.3)? Can this be mainstreamed in government systems?</i> • <i>Group 2: Exploration, production and export data in EITI Reports (3.1, 3.2, 3.3). Are these requirements relevant for artisanal and small-scale mining in your respective countries? Do we need EITI Reports for this data or can the publication of such data be mainstreamed in government systems?</i> <p><u>Session outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have improved their understanding of key EITI technical issues related to transparency in license allocation, license registers, exploration, production and exports. 	<p>Group 1 Ousmane Deme, Operations Officer, World Bank</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u> Cameroon Cote d'Ivoire Mali</p> <p>Group 2 Evelyne Tsague Africa Co-Director, NRGI</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u> Cameroon Guinea Senegal Togo</p>
<p>10h30-12:00 Theme 3 & 4</p>	<p>Session 5 continued: How to use the EITI Standard to improve transparency in exploration, production, export, and fiscal revenues at the central and local level? (<i>parallel group sessions</i>)</p> <p>The aim is to discuss technical aspects of the EITI related to exploration, production, export and fiscal revenues, by exploring and discussing challenges in meeting the EITI Requirements, as well as highlighting best practices. Each session will focus on a specific topic. The cross-cutting issues of Validation, mainstreaming, data quality and assurance, reporting and impact will be addressed in each session, including through country case studies and the use of EITI instruments: work plans, EITI Reports, scoping studies, APRs, etc.</p> <p>Parallel sessions will address the various topics, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Group 3: Sub-national payments and transfers (4.6, 5.2). Who is the audience of such data? Have you considered putting this in a separate publication?</i> • <i>Group 4: Social expenditures and contribution of the extractive sector to the economy (Requirements 6.1, and 6.3) and local content requirements.</i> <p><u>Session outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have improved their understanding of key EITI technical issues related to transparency in subnational transfers, social expenditure and contribution of the extractive sector to the economy. 	<p>Group 3 Demba Seydi, Regional Coordinator, Francophone West Africa, PWYP</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u> Burkina Faso Cameroon Guinea Madagascar</p> <p>Group 4 Bady Baldé Regional Director EITI International Secretariat</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u> Democratic Republic of Congo Senegal Togo</p>
<p>12h00-13h00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	

13h00-14h30	<p><u>Session 6: EITI Validation peer learning session (panel discussion)</u></p> <p>The aim is to share experiences of the Validation process between countries that have been validated and countries which are preparing for Validation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the best way of communicating Validation results with the general public and government officials? - How can self-assessment tools be put to best use in preparation for first and second Validation? - How to prioritize and implement Validation recommendations alongside day-to-day implementation? - How can the Validation process be improved? <p><u>Session outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have identified key messages in communicating on Validation, best practices in Validation preparation and tools in implementing Validation recommendations. 	<p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <p>Bady Balde Regional Director, EITI International Secretariat</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u></p> <p>Cote d'Ivoire Madagascar Mali Senegal</p>
14h30-15h45	<p><u>Session 7: How can use EITI planning tools effectively? (plenary)</u></p> <p>Countries will be divided by country groups to discuss their priorities and workplan for 2018. They will use current beneficial ownership roadmap and Validation recommendations workplan, to complement other activities in EITI implementation.</p> <p><u>Session outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have discussed ways of improving the quality of workplans and monitoring of the EITI process. • Participants have identified priorities for implementation in the coming year. 	<p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <p>Bady Baldé Regional Director EITI International Secretariat</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u></p> <p>Democratic Republic of Congo Mali</p>
15h45-16h00	<i>Break</i>	
16h00-17h00	<p><u>Session 8: Funding (plenary)</u></p> <p><i>Partners or national secretariats may wish to prepare and facilitate a session on e.g. grant application procedures for funding from the World Bank.</i></p>	<p>Dylan Gélard Regional Director</p> <p>Ousmane Deme, Operations Officer, World Bank</p>
19h00-21h00	<i>Reception hosted by the Cameroonian government</i>	

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8h45-10h15	<p><u>Session 9: What are the next practical steps in publishing beneficial owners? (plenary)</u></p> <p>By 2020, all EITI countries have to ensure that companies that apply for or hold a participating interest in an oil, gas or mining license or contract in their country disclose their beneficial owners. The EITI Standard also requires public officials – also known as Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) to be transparent about their ownership in oil, gas and mining companies. This information will be publicly available and will be published in EITI Reports and/or public registries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of EITI updated guidance on beneficial ownership 	<p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <p>Dylan Gélard, Regional Director EITI International Secretariat</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u></p> <p>Cote d'Ivoire Democratic Republic of Congo Madagascar Togo</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitments at the Jakarta Conference 2017 and next steps <p><u>Session outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have improved their understanding of practical disclosure mechanisms for beneficial ownership ahead of 1 January 2020 and commit to next steps on the issue. 	
10h15-10h30	<i>Break</i>	
10h30-12h00	<p>Session 10: Governance of the EITI process – internal governance challenges, the EITI Code of Conduct and plans for regional coordination and representation (<i>plenary</i>)</p> <p>The aim is to share experiences of governing EITI implementation, including the roles and mandates of the different actors. This will specifically focus on MSG representatives' internal governance challenges and the EITI Code of Conduct. The session will also discuss how to improve regional coordination, representation and consultations, including through the operationalisation of the EITI Implementing Country Guidelines for Coordination and information-sharing across the region.</p> <p><u>Session outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have identified key MSG governance challenges • Participants are familiar with the EITI Code of Conduct 	<p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <p>Michele Ferenz, Consensus Building Institute</p> <p><u>Contributors:</u></p> <p>Congo Brazzaville Democratic Republic of Congo Togo</p>
12:00-12h30	<p><u>Closing session: conclusions from the workshop and next steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mme Agnès Solange Ondigui Owona, Coordinatrice Nationale de l'ITIE et membre du Conseil d'administration de l'ITIE 	<p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <p>Dylan Gélard, Regional Director EITI International Secretariat</p>
12h30-13h30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13h30-17h30	<u>Study trip - La Société Nationale des Hydrocarbures du Cameroun (SNH) and Appui au Développement des Activités Minières (CAPAM).</u>	