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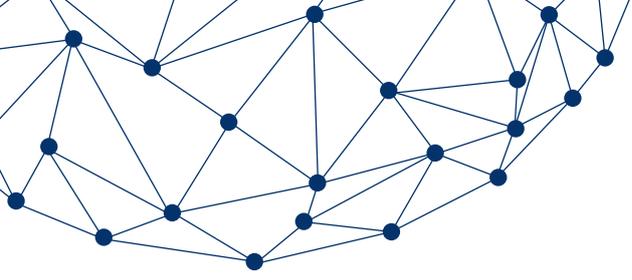
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Infrastructure
provisions and barter
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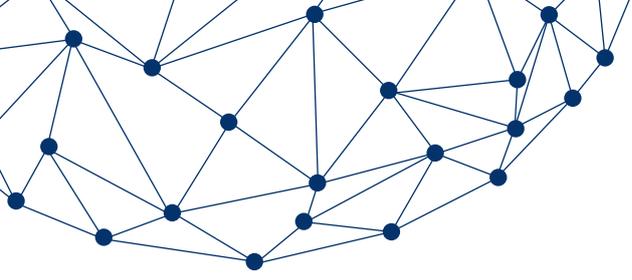
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Executive summary

Resource-rich countries that have limited access to capital and credit, but high needs for infrastructure development, often consider “package deals” to develop their infrastructure in exchange for their natural resources. The resources pledged by the state may include exploration or production rights for oil, gas and minerals, as well as access to land, energy and water resources or the future delivery of extractives commodities. The resources brought by the investor may include loans, grants and infrastructure works, such as railways, roads, ports, power plants, schools and hospitals.

These agreements are often referred to as “infrastructure provisions”, “barter agreements”, “resource financed infrastructure” or “resource-backed loans”. Such agreements may be governed by government-to-government agreements accompanied by complex supporting agreements and involving a number of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) or private sector entities.

The terms of these agreements and corresponding value transfers may be complex, opaque and difficult to oversee, making them vulnerable to corruption. In some countries, the values involved may represent a significant amount of the total extractives revenues accruing to government. They may also have an impact on a country’s debt sustainability, in particular during commodity price downturns.

[Requirement 4.3](#) of the EITI Standard requires that these types of infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements be publicly and comprehensively addressed when material, providing a level of detail and transparency commensurate with the disclosure and reconciliation of other payments and revenues streams.

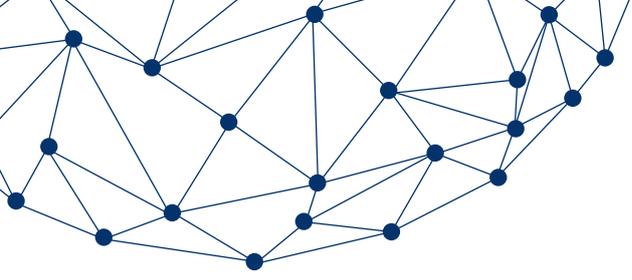
This note provides guidance to multi-stakeholder groups (MSGs) on how to report on such deals as part of EITI implementation, presents a set of examples from implementing countries and outlines opportunities to strengthen the dissemination and use of data.

What can the data help answer?

- 1) What revenues has the state pledged in exchange for the exploitation of natural resources or infrastructure deals?
- 2) What is the role played by SOEs in these agreements? What revenues are they collecting?
- 3) What are the infrastructure works covered by the agreement? For what value? Which government agency is responsible for them? Which companies are executing these works?
- 4) How are resources exchanged for loans or infrastructure valued? How do commodity price fluctuations affect repayment and broader debt sustainability?
- 5) What are the terms of the reimbursement of loans to extractive companies in exchange for resources, and are they being followed?

“Barter contracts, where investments in infrastructure are made in exchange for granting rights, present risks of corruption. Corruptive behaviours are more difficult to demonstrate in these cases, due to the difficulty in balancing the value of rights awarded with the value of the investment. The level of risk is also associated with the modalities through which the investment is carried out, whether through mere financing or through the building up of the infrastructure, involving in the latter case proper selection, qualification and monitoring of the suppliers.”¹

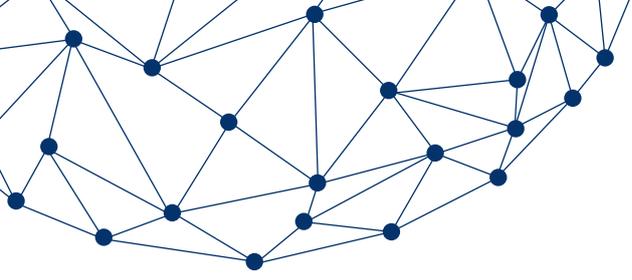
1. OECD (2016), *Corruption in the extractive value chain: typology of risks, mitigation measures and incentives*, <http://www.oecd.org/dev/Corruption-in-the-extractive-value-chain.pdf>, p. 47.



Overview of steps

Steps	Key considerations	Examples
<p>Step 1: Agree a definition of infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements (p.9)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the national context, what is the definition of infrastructure provisions and barter arrangement in line with the minimum required by the EITI Standard? Does this definition take into account the different types of arrangements involving the provision of goods and services in full or partial exchange for oil, gas or mining exploration of production concessions or physical delivery of commodities? 	
<p>Step 2: Identify existing infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements (p.11)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What types of infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements exist? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democratic Republic of the Congo Nigeria Republic of the Congo
<p>Step 3: Develop a more detailed understanding of the agreements (p.20)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the terms of the relevant agreements and contracts? Are these agreements and contracts publicly accessible? Who are the parties involved? Did the state pledge resources as part of the agreement? If so, what commodities, volume and value? What are the commitments made by the counterparty over the life of the project? What is the value of the balancing benefit stream (e.g. the infrastructure delivered in exchange for the commodity)? What are the existing mechanisms to track, on a continuing basis, the transfers that take place in the framework of the agreements? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Côte d'Ivoire Democratic Republic of the Congo Nigeria Republic of the Congo

Steps	Key considerations	Examples
<p>Step 4: Establish the reporting procedures (p.27)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the materiality of these agreements relative to conventional contracts? • What data points and information on the implementation of the agreement should be disclosed, based on the understanding of the agreements? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic Republic of the Congo • Republic of the Congo
<p>Step 5: Consider establishing a mechanism for data quality assurance (p.30)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the existing data quality assurance mechanisms that apply to data disclosed on the agreements? • If there are no existing mechanisms, which ones can be put in place to ensure that government and company disclosures related to the agreements are comprehensive and reliable? 	



Requirement 4.3

The objective of this requirement is to ensure public understanding of infrastructure provisions and barter-type arrangements, which provide a significant share of government benefits from an extractive project, that is commensurate with other cash-based company payments and government revenues from oil, gas and mining, as a basis for comparability to conventional agreements.²

The multi-stakeholder group and the Independent Administrator are **required** to consider whether there are any agreements, or sets of agreements involving the provision of goods and services (including loans, grants and infrastructure works), in full or partial exchange for oil, gas or mining exploration or production concessions or physical delivery of such commodities. To be able to do so, the multi-stakeholder group and the Independent Administrator need to gain a full understanding of: the terms of the relevant agreements and contracts, the parties involved, the resources which have been pledged by the state, the value of the balancing benefit stream (e.g. infrastructure works), and the materiality of these agreements relative to conventional contracts.

Where the multi-stakeholder group concludes that these agreements are material, the multi-stakeholder group is **required** to ensure that EITI implementation addresses these agreements and disclosures provide a level of detail and disaggregation commensurate with the other payments and revenue streams. The multi-stakeholder group is **required** to agree a procedure to address data quality and assurance of the information set out above, in accordance with Requirement 4.9.

2. EITI (2021), *Validation Guide*, <https://eiti.org/document/2021-eiti-validation-guide#req43>

How to implement Requirement 4.3



Step 1

Agree a definition of infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements

The MSG should agree a definition of infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements that is in line with the minimum required by the EITI Standard. Requirement 4.3 defines infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements as “*any agreements, or sets of agreements involving the provision of goods and services (including loans, grants and infrastructure works), in full or partial exchange for oil, gas or mining exploration or production concessions or physical delivery of such commodities.*”

The definition should clearly distinguish between arrangements involving the provision goods and services in full or partial exchange for oil, gas or mining exploration or production concessions or physical delivery of such commodities, on the one hand, and those that do not feature such an exchange, on the other.

Types of infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements covered by the definition in Requirement 4.3 include, but are not limited to:

- **Agreements providing infrastructure in exchange for mining, oil or gas licenses**, whereby an investor pledges the development of infrastructure works in exchange for the granting of prospection, exploration or production licenses or contracts in the mining, oil and gas sectors. This includes cases where extractives licenses or contracts have been awarded contingent on the development of infrastructure in lieu of financial payments to government (e.g. signature bonus). A key test is to consider whether the extractives license would have been awarded in the absence of the provision related to the development of infrastructure for third-party access.
- **Agreements providing infrastructure in exchange for future delivery of mineral, oil or gas commodities**, whereby an investor pledges the development of infrastructure works in exchange for the future delivery of mineral, oil and gas commodities, e.g. an oil and gas company funds, develops and transfers a power plant to the government in exchange for deliveries of crude oil in kind. Such agreements are different from infrastructure works undertaken by the company as part of its own operations – even if the company agrees that the infrastructure can be used for other purposes, (e.g. roads,

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a port or energy plant – see examples below of agreements that are not considered within the scope of Requirement 4.3).

- **Agreements providing loans in exchange for future delivery of minerals, oil and gas commodities**, whereby an investor provides loans to a government in exchange for future delivery of mineral, oil or gas commodities. This loan is to be spent on investments external to the concession, meaning that they do not contribute to project finance or carried equity. An example of this is a commodity trader that provides sovereign loans (including pre-financing agreements and resource-backed loans) in exchange for future delivery of crude oil at set terms and for a set period.³
- **Agreements involving the exchange of mineral, oil and gas commodities**, whereby the state's in-kind revenues of mineral, oil and gas commodities are exchanged for other types of commodities. These include swaps, refined product exchange agreements and offshore processing agreements.

The following types of arrangements are typically not considered infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements:

- **Amortisation of infrastructure investments over future tax liabilities.** Common in many countries, these types of arrangements consist of tax incentives for companies undertaking infrastructure investment. For instance, a company could deduct the cost of its infrastructure investments (up to a set level) from its tax liabilities to government. However, the granting of those companies' mining, oil and gas licenses is not contingent on the companies availing themselves of the tax offset for their infrastructure investments. Several EITI implementing countries have nonetheless included disclosure of these tax credits in the scope of their EITI reporting as MSGs may decide that such information is of public interest.
- **Cost recovery of infrastructure investments.** These types of arrangements, common in many petroleum producing countries in particular, consist of companies recovering the cost of their infrastructure investments from government under "cost recovery" provisions of their production-sharing contracts.

3. The World Bank defines resource-financed infrastructure, a type of barter-type arrangement, as follows: "Under a resource-financed infrastructure arrangement, a loan for current infrastructure construction is securitized against the net present value of a future revenue stream from oil or mineral extraction, adjusted for risk. Loan disbursements for infrastructure construction usually start shortly after a joint infrastructure-resource extraction contract is signed, and are paid directly to the construction company to cover construction costs. The revenues for paying down the loan, which are disbursed directly from the oil and mining company to the financing institutions, often begin a decade or more later, after initial capital investments for the extractive project have been recovered. The grace period for the infrastructure loan thus depends on how long it takes to build the mine or develop the oil field, on the size of the initial investment, and on its rate of return." World Bank (2014), [Resource financed infrastructure: a discussion on a new form of infrastructure financing](#), p. 4.

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Pitfalls of collateralised financing

According to the IMF, “*Collateralized financing can be harmful in two key circumstances: Foremost, when a transaction does not produce an asset or revenue stream that can be used for repayment, and the volume of the transaction raises broader financing or debt distress concerns. Second, when the transaction does not involve adequate transparency or disclosure (and would thus impede the ability of future creditors to correctly assess risks and lend sustainably, contributing to future problems).*” The MSG could consider whether to outline risks related to collateralised financing linked to extractive resources in light of the national context.

Source: IMF (2020), [Collateralized transactions: key considerations for public lenders and borrowers](#), pp. 1-2.



Step 2 Identify existing infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements

In establishing the scope of EITI reporting, the MSG needs to determine whether the government or government-related entities (including SOEs) have entered into any agreements which meet the agreed definition of infrastructure provisions and barter agreements.

The MSG might task a technical working group, the national secretariat or an external consultant to examine whether any such deals are in force or have been discussed, through a review of publicly-available sources and consultations with government, industry and civil society actors. The findings from this work should be documented (e.g. in MSG minutes or a scoping report). The MSG may also wish to consider whether the disclosure of agreements related to the exploitation of oil, gas and minerals ([Requirement 2.4](#))⁴ is relevant in the context of any infrastructure provision or barter arrangements.

The following examples constitute infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements in accordance with Requirement 4.3:

4. Disclosure of the full text of all contracts, concessions, production-sharing agreements or other agreements granted by, or entered into by, the government which provides the terms attached to the exploitation of oil gas and mineral resources will be required from 1 January 2021, as per [Requirement 2.4.a](#) of the EITI Standard.

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Democratic Republic of the Congo Infrastructure agreement

The Sino-Congolese Cooperation Agreement is an inter-governmental agreement involving the DRC's state-owned mining company, Gécamines, and a consortium of Chinese enterprises (CREC3 and Sinohydro). The agreement established a joint venture, SICOMINES, which received mining rights in exchange for the development of infrastructure such as roads and hospitals.

1. Fournitures d'infrastructures

RD Congo Groupement
d'Entreprises
chinoises



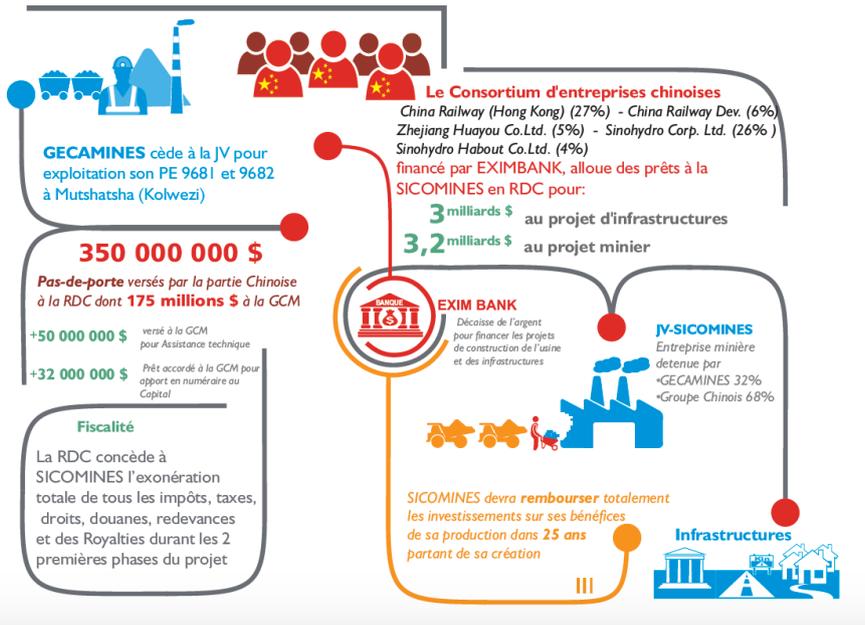
Accord de collaboration
(Cfr. Convention de collaboration et de J-V avril 2008)

Entre la RDC (représentée par la GECAMINES) et le Groupe d'Entreprises chinoises.

Visé à financer plusieurs ouvrages d'infrastructures gouvernementales et à réaliser le projet minier SICOMINES (JV)



Le groupement d'Entreprises Chinoises alloue des prêts à la RDC pour la réalisation des infrastructures et pour la construction d'une usine minière. 3 milliards \$ seront investis dans les projets d'infrastructures, en plus des 3.2 milliards \$ à investir dans le projet minier SICOMINES.



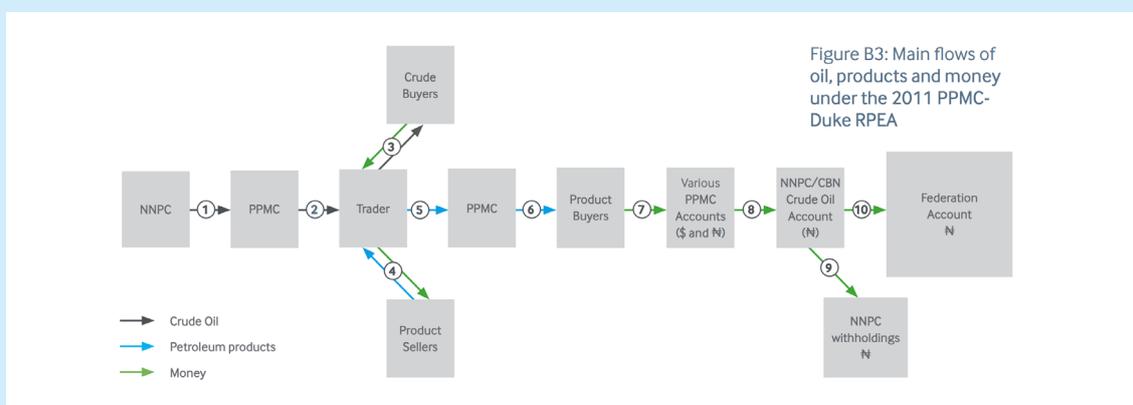
Source: ITIE-RDC (2019), Rapport Contextuel ITIE-RDC 2017-2018, p. 74.

CASE STUDY

Nigeria

Swaps with commodity traders

Nigeria's Petroleum Products Marketing Company (PPMC) has engaged in swaps with traders, exchanging crude oil for refined petroleum products. The swaps are called Refined Products Exchange Agreements (RPEA), or more recently known as Direct Sale Direct Purchases (DSDP). The below example illustrates a swap with the commodity trading company Duke Oil.



Source: Natural Resource Governance Institute (2015), *Inside NNPC's oil sales*, Annex B, p. 9.

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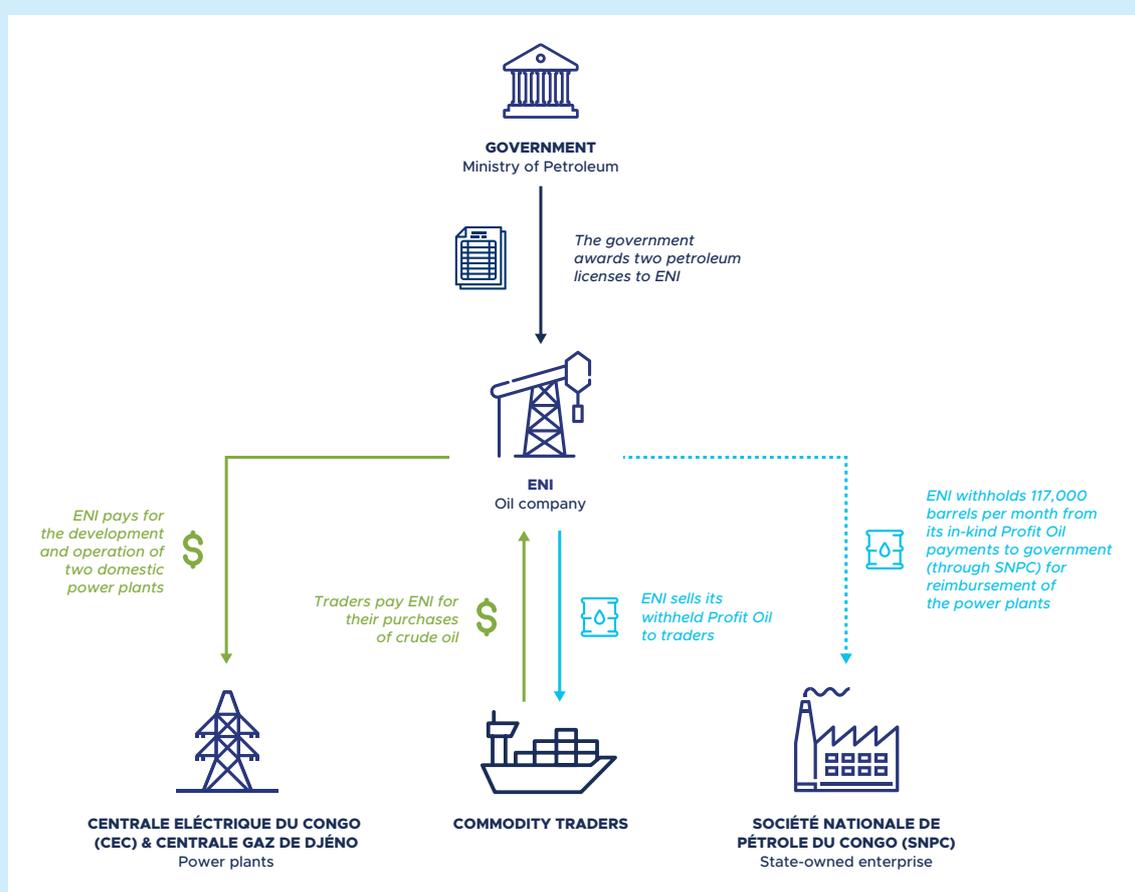
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Republic of the Congo Infrastructure for mineral rights and commodities

The oil and gas company ENI Congo has been compensated for the cost of development and operation of two power plants in Pointe Noire with the award of two oil and gas licenses and permission to deduct 117,000 barrels a month from its profit oil payments to government over a period of 10 years. This is deducted to reimburse the costs of developing and operating the two power plants in Pointe Noire. The subsidiary then sells this crude oil to trading companies.



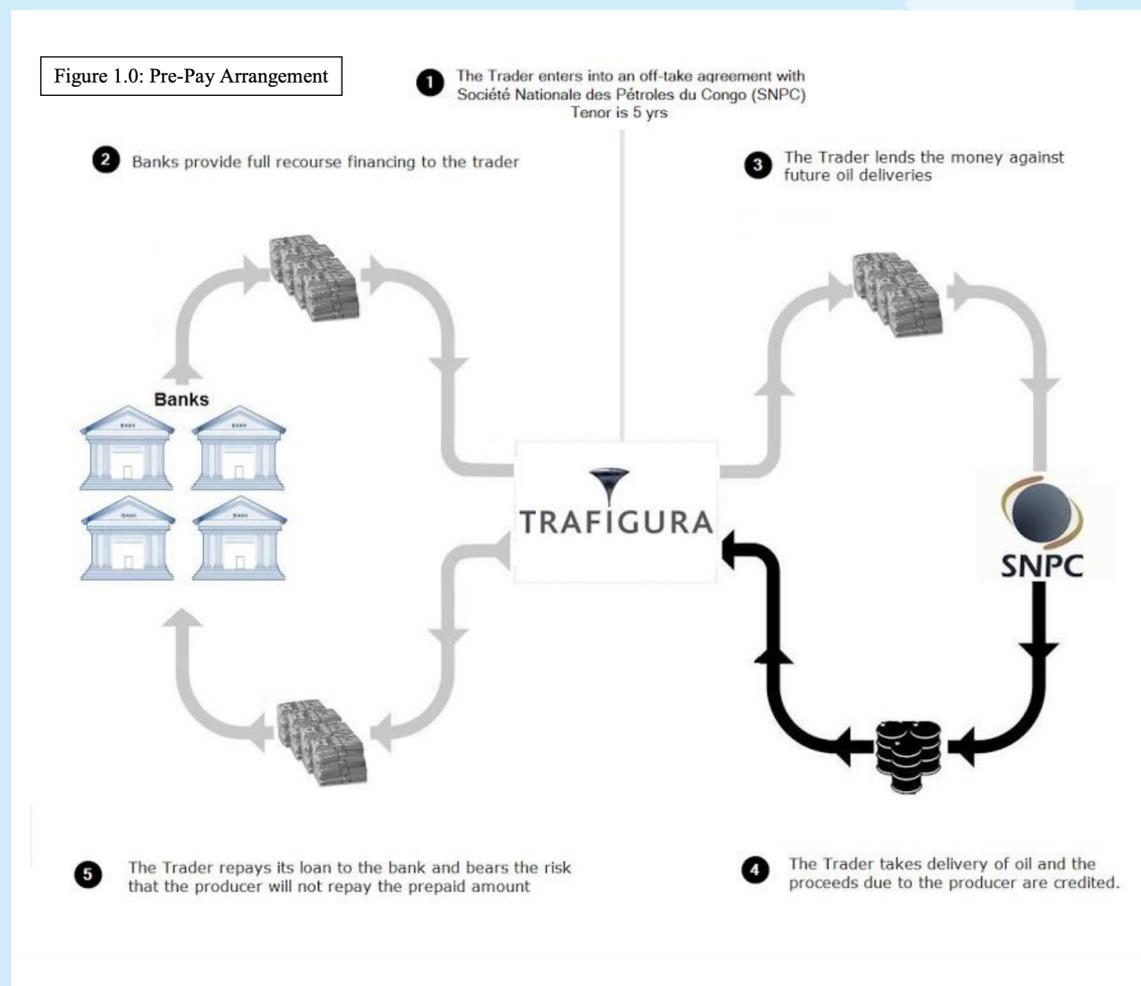
Source: EITI International Secretariat, based on ITIE Congo (2019), [ITIE Congo Rapport 2017](#).

CASE STUDY

Republic of the Congo

Loans in exchange for crude oil

Commodity traders like Trafigura have extended loans to governments in the Republic of the Congo, securitised against the delivery of crude oil.



Source: Jacques & Simondet (2016), [Traders of Commodity Finance Banks?](#), p. 4.

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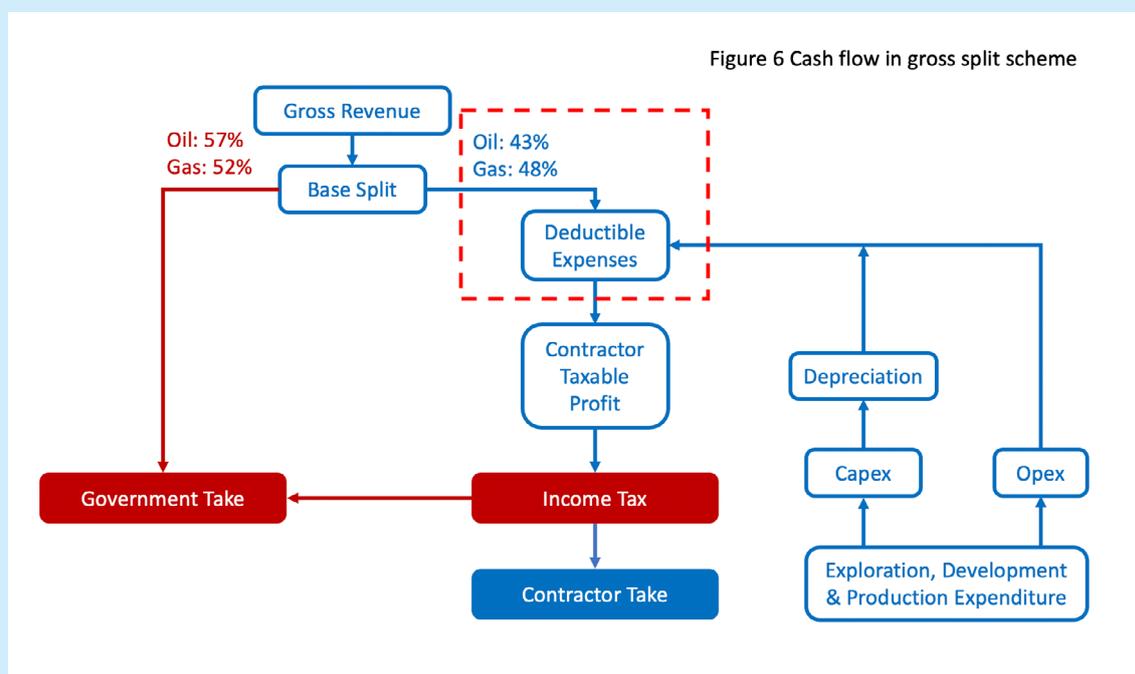
The following are examples of agreements that are not considered infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements in accordance with Requirement 4.3, but where MSGs have decided to disclose pertinent information about the agreement:

CASE STUDY

Indonesia Infrastructure cost recovery

Oil and gas companies in Indonesia were previously able to recover the cost of infrastructure investments from the government through cost recovery arrangements, these being common provisions of Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs). License awards or delivery of mineral, oil or gas commodities were not contingent on the infrastructure investment, and were thus not considered a barter-type infrastructure provision according to the EITI Standard.

Cost-recoverable infrastructure has since been abandoned following the introduction of the new gross split system through the 2017 enactment of the Indonesian Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) Regulation No. 8.



Source: EITI Indonesia (2018), [EITI Indonesia 2016 Contextual Report](#), p. 30.

CASE STUDY

Malawi

Tax exemptions

Malawi's 2015-16 EITI Report describes a Development Agreement between the government and Nyala Mines including infrastructure provisions and social expenditures in exchange of several tax exemptions. However, the exemptions were not provided in full or partial exchange for extractives licenses or delivery of mineral, oil or gas commodities. Therefore, these are not considered a barter-type infrastructure provision according to the EITI Standard.

3.2.15. Infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements

We identified agreements involving the provision of goods and services in exchange of mining concessions as defined by EITI Requirement 4.3, in the agreement between the Government of the Republic of Malawi and Nyala Mines Ltd. This agreement stipulates in article 2 that, in consideration of the Government granting the Mining Licence, Nyala shall:

Agreement	Infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements	Beneficiaries	Government obligations
Agreement between the GoM and Nyala Mines Ltd	Renovate the local hospital at Katsekera by providing funds and materials such as new beds and linen	Local hospital at Katsekera	- Duty free on import of materials, consumables and equipment used in the mining and processing of minerals
Agreement between the GoM and Nyala Mines Ltd	Install a solar panel	Local hospital at Katsekera	- Exemption of Resource Rent Tax
Agreement between the GoM and Nyala Mines Ltd	Provide financial assistance to the Clinic through the provision of drugs, medicines, dressings and other general medical supplies for use within the local community. This financial aid shall not exceed USD 20,000 per calendar year; and	Katsekera Community	- Exemption of VAT
Agreement between the GoM and Nyala Mines Ltd	Provide funds and materials to build at least four (4) houses for teachers at the school at Kandoma	Kandoma Community	- Exemption of Fuel Duty used in direct mining operations
			- Certification of exemption from duties and taxes

Source: Malawi EITI (2018), Malawi 2015-2016 EITI Report, p. 32.

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Papua New Guinea Infrastructure tax credits

In Papua New Guinea, companies can deduct the cost of infrastructure investments against future tax liabilities to government. Award of licenses or delivery of mineral, oil or gas commodities is not contingent on the infrastructure investment, and is thus not considered a barter-type infrastructure provision according to the EITI Standard.

4.3.4 Infrastructure tax credits

The Infrastructure tax credit (ITC) scheme is a public/private partnership model to promote the development of infrastructure in areas where mining and petroleum resource projects or agricultural companies are operating.

In 2017 companies could claim expenditure on prescribed infrastructure projects as a credit against tax payable. The credit amount is generally limited to the lesser of 0.75% of assessable income or tax payable each year. Unspent amounts can be carried forward and utilised within the next two years, while unused credits can be carried forward to succeeding years of income until fully utilised. A further 1.25% can be utilised for specified projects. Guidelines and project approvals for ITCs are managed by the Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM).



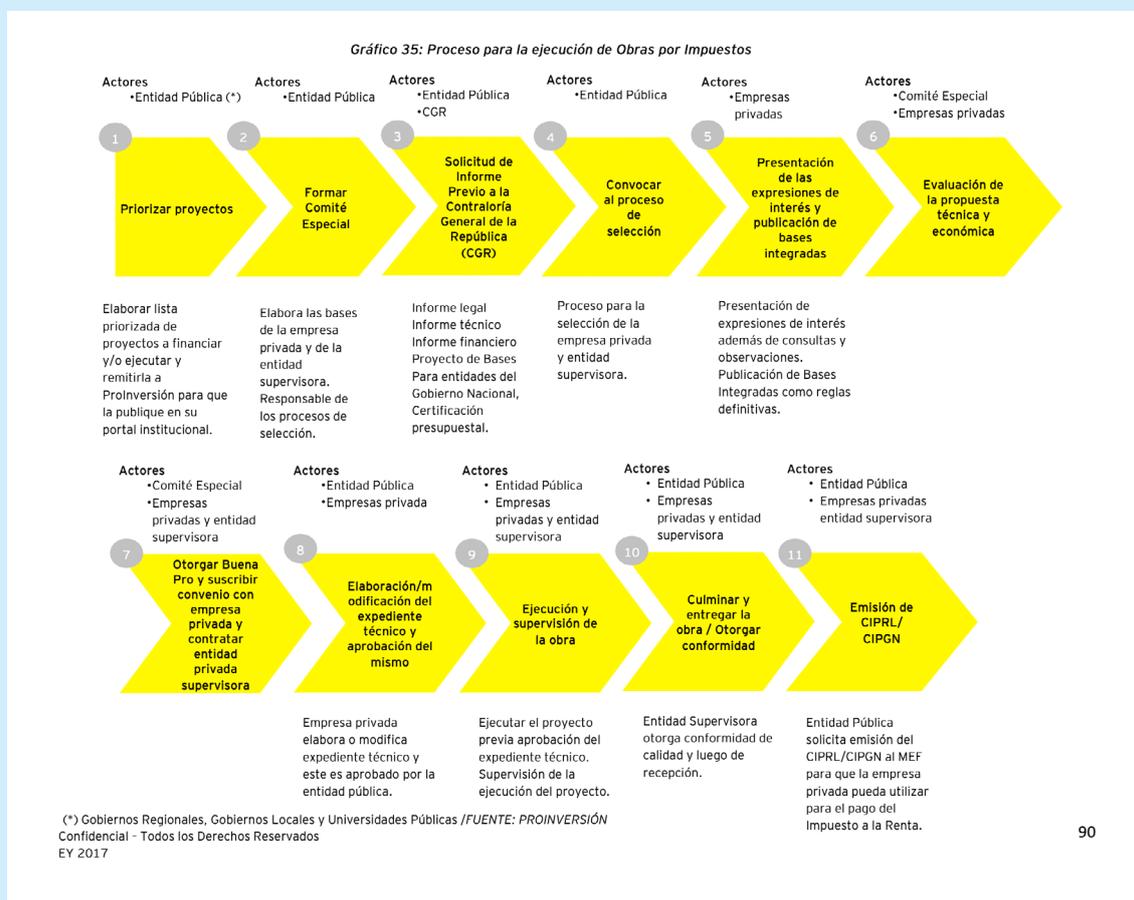
Source: PNGEITI (2018), [Papua New Guinea 2017 EITI Report](#), pp. 33 and 127.

CASE STUDY

Peru

“Works for Taxes” regime

Peru’s “Works for Taxes” (WxT) regime is a method for all companies to offset Corporate Income Tax against the value of infrastructure projects. Companies have the option to pay this tax in-kind based on pre-approved conditions through the execution of public work projects, instead of a cash settlement. The companies are not required to undertake such public works in full or partial exchange for oil, gas or mining exploration or production concessions. Therefore, these are not considered a barter-type infrastructure provision according to the EITI Standard.



Source: EITI Perú (2018), [Sexto Informe Nacional de Transparencia de las Industrias Extractivas](#), p. 90.

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Step 3

Develop a more detailed understanding of the agreements

Where the MSG has established that infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements are material, additional consideration is needed to gain a full understanding of these agreements. Findings from this work should be documented through EITI reporting.

For each agreement or sets of agreements, the MSG needs to clarify:

a) The terms of the relevant agreements and contracts

The MSG should gain access to and publicly disclose the key terms of such agreements. The key terms could include the timeframe for the agreement, the resources pledged by the state, the value of the balancing benefit stream (e.g. infrastructure works), the interest rate and reimbursement modalities of relevant loans (where applicable).

Where contracts are not available, the MSG should ensure that the government and relevant parties to the agreement provides a summary of the key terms of all mining, oil and gas contracts related to infrastructure provisions or barter arrangements.

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Measuring and mitigating risks related to reimbursement

The MSG could consider whether the disclosed information should specify whether down payments start once the resource asset is operational, or only after the resource investment is paid down and the asset is generating profits. This distinction affects the distribution of risks in the long term, and whether the borrower or the lender assume risks related to delays in the completion of the extractive project.

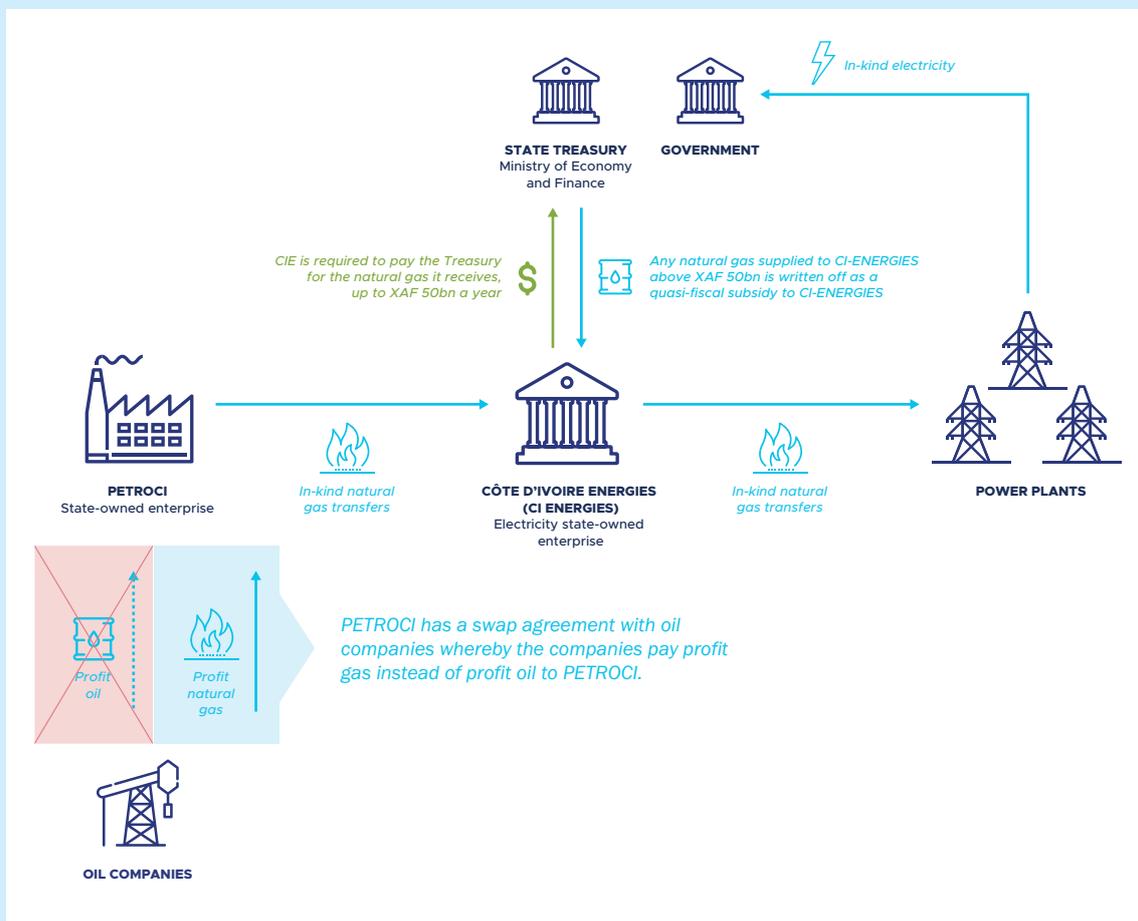
b) The parties involved

The MSG should map the relevant actors to the signature, implementation and monitoring of the agreement. These may include: joint-ventures arising from the contracts and the respective partners; SOEs contracting on behalf of the government; government agencies monitoring the implementation of the agreement; financial institutions providing loans for infrastructure development; and companies building the infrastructure.

CASE STUDY

Côte d'Ivoire Swap agreements

Côte d'Ivoire's oil and gas sector is geared towards domestic electricity generation. Oil and gas companies pay profit gas to the government through a swap with the national oil company PETROCI, in lieu of profit oil. PETROCI also has an agreement with the domestic power plants to supply natural gas, which is paid for in part by the provision of electricity to the government. The cost of natural gas in excess of the electricity supplied must be paid for in cash (up to 50 billion CFA francs).



Source: EITI International Secretariat, based on ITIE Côte d'Ivoire (2019), ITIE Côte d'Ivoire Rapport 2017.

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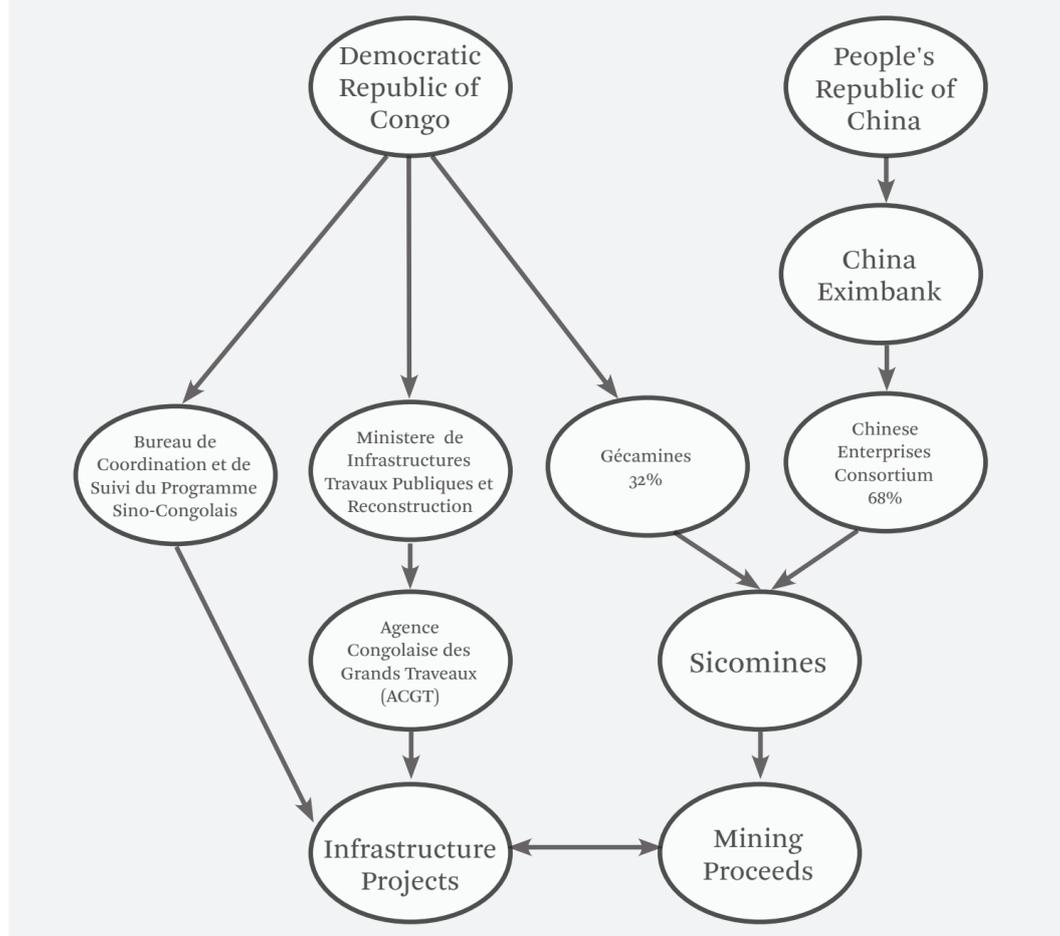
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Democratic Republic of the Congo Parties involved in the SICOMINES agreement

The joint venture SICOMINES is registered in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with a 32% stake for the state-owned mining company Gécamines and a 68% stake for a Chinese consortium. Although not a party in the contract, China Exim Bank plays an important role as it financed infrastructure projects and development of the mining project itself. The Agence Congolaise des Grands Travaux is the government agency responsible for the development of the infrastructure, with the Bureau de Coordination et de Suivi du Programme Sino-Congolais in charge of overseeing the infrastructure works and revenue flows.

Figure 1: Sicomines Structure (African Association for Defense of Human Rights, 2014)



Source: David Landry (2018), [The risks and rewards of resource-for-infrastructure deals](#), p. 12.

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c) The resources which have been pledged by the government

Such resources can include exploration and production licenses issued by the state, tax exemptions, loan repayment programs and loan guarantees.

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Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mineral rights awarded as part of the infrastructure agreement

The joint venture SICOMINES was awarded rights to several mining production licenses. The company is entitled to profits from these mining projects for the reimbursement of a certain share of costs for the mining investment and infrastructure categorised as “urgent”. The state has guaranteed the reserves associated with the mining rights, a stable fiscal regime for the duration of the project, and the non-nationalisation of SICOMINES.

Source: ITIE-RDC (2019), [Rapport Contextuel ITIE-RDC 2017-2018](#), p. 71.

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Nigeria

Exchange for crude oil for refined petroleum

The Nigerian government provided crude oil to commodity trading companies in exchange for refined petroleum products. Under the “Crude Product Exchange”, crude oil was exchanged for refined petroleum products of any origin. In the “Offshore Processing” agreement, the petroleum product supplied by the traders were supposed to be Nigerian crude that was refined offshore and re-imported to Nigeria.

Table 10.4: Comparison of Utilisation of Domestic Crude Allocation (2009-2015)

	Total Domestic Allocated Crude	Refinery Delivery	Unprocessed Crude Export	Offshore Processing	Crude Exchange	Crude Product Exchange
Year	MBBLS	MBBLS	MBBLS	MBBLS	MBBLS	MBBLS
2009	161,914	19,363	142, 551	-	-	-
2010	166,523	34,703	97,792	27,336	950	5,742
2011	164,454	45,394	39,341	23,688	-	56,032
2012	162,343	34,927	49,214	22,755	-	55,447
2013	154,796	34,274	36,392	24,665	-	59,464
2014	160,201	26,474	56,181	21,111	-	56,435
2015	153,918	8,740	56,111	89,067	-	-

Source: NEITI (2017), [2015 Oil and Gas Industry Audit Report](#), p. 154.

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- d) **The commitments made by the counter-party, whether a government or one or more extractive company(ies) and their affiliates over the life of the project**

Such commitments can include infrastructure projects, investments, signature bonuses and other applicable benefit streams.

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Measuring and mitigating risks related to reimbursement

The MSG could consider whether the disclosed information should specify whether down payments start once the resource asset is operational, or only after the resource investment is paid down and the asset is generating profits. This distinction affects the distribution of risks in the long term, and whether the borrower or the lender assume risks related to delays in the completion of the extractive project.

CASE STUDY

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Infrastructure works

The table below shows ongoing and completed infrastructure works carried out as part of the SICOMINES agreement, and corresponding amounts disbursed in 2016.

Annexe 7. Projets d'infrastructures financés par la SICOMINES

Désignation Projet réalisé	Lieu du projet	Montant décaissé USD
Contrat d'acquisition des équipements de production des préfabriqués et des groupes électrogènes	NC	602 951
Contrat d'Etudes de Travaux du Projet de Réhabilitation et de modernisation de la route Mwene Ditu-Nguba	Mwene Ditu-Nguba	2 280 000
Contrat d'Etudes et de travaux du projet de réhabilitation et de modernisation de l'avenue Nzolana et de la lutte anti-érosive sur l'avenue Nzolana	Nzolana	3 848 316
Projet achat des énergies solaires	NC	5 500 000
Projet d'Asphaltage et Modernisation de la route Lwambo - Mitwaba - Manono- Kalemie	Lwambo - Mitwaba - Manono- Kalemie	2 795 440
Projet de Construction de l'Unité de Captage et de traitement d'Eau à Kamina au Katanga	Kamina - Katanga	2 280 000
Projet de construction et Modernisation du Pont Kabalo	Kabalo	1 574 067
Projet de construction d'un nouveau stade de Kalemie	Kalemie	589 405
Projet de Modernisation de la Traversée de Butembo	Butembo	8 086 482
Projet de Réhabilitation de la route Kabongo - Dianda - Mukwende	Kabongo - Dianda - Mukwende	1 368 000
Projet de Réhabilitation de la route Kamina - Kabongo	Kamina - Kabongo	1 368 000
Projet de Réhabilitation et de Modernisation de la route de Kikwit Idiofa	Kikwit Idiofa	581 940
Projet de Réhabilitation et de Modernisation de la Route Kitanda-Ankoro	Kitanda-Ankoro	1 140 000
Projet de Réhabilitation et de Modernisation de la voirie de Kalemie	Kalemie	581 940
Projet de Réhabilitation et de Modernisation de la voirie de Kisangani	Kisangani	4 292 909
Projet de réhabilitation et de modernisation de la voirie de Manono	Manono	1 140 000
Projet de Réhabilitation et de Modernisation de la voirie d'Uvira	Uvira	1 430 970
Projet de Réhabilitation et Modernisation de la route Ankoro - Manono	Ankoro - Manono	1 710 000
Projet de renforcement de la Route revêtue Mbuji Mayi -Mwene Ditu	Mbuji Mayi -Mwene Ditu	872 909
Projet du Stade de Bukavu	Bukavu	2 280 000
Réhabilitation et Modernisation de la Voirie de Kolwezi	Kolwezi	514 933
RN5 Travaux de la RN5 Lubumbashi-Kasomeno-Kasenga	Lubumbashi-Kasomeno-Kasenga	8 635 758
Travaux du Projet d'Asphaltage de la route Bukavu- Kamanyola	Bukavu- Kamanyola	6 336 289
Projet de Réhabilitation et de modernisation de la Route Bunagana -Rutshuru - Goma	Bunagana -Rutshuru - Goma	581 940
Contrat d'études, de fourniture et d'installation des Poteaux Solaires et accessoires	NC	2 280 000
Frais mensuels de gestion	-	3 600 000
Total		66 272 246

Source: ITIE-RDC (2018), [Rapport de conciliation ITIE-RDC 2016](#), p. 111.

CASE STUDY

Republic of the Congo

Infrastructure for mineral rights and commodities

ENI Congo funded, developed and operated two power plants in Pointe Noire, the 50MW Centrale Gaz de Djéno and the 300MW Centrale Eléctrique du Congo until 2018. The cost of development and operation of the two power plants has not yet been publicly disclosed, pending completion of an audit.

Source: ITIE Congo (2019), [ITIE Congo Rapport 2017](#).

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- e) What mechanisms have been put in place to track, on a continuing basis, the value transfers that are taking place, and the value of the balancing benefit stream

CASE STUDY

Côte d'Ivoire Oversight of gas-to-electricity arrangements

The government has established a tripartite committee to oversee the gas-to-electricity arrangements, consisting of the Ministries of Finance and Petroleum, PETROCI and CI Energies to determine valuations of natural gas and electricity supplied. Similar reconciliation meetings take place related to the Profit Oil for Profit Gas swaps on a per-contract basis between the Ministry of Energy, PETROCI and three producing oil and gas companies.

CASE STUDY

Nigeria Oversight of swap-type agreements

The Petroleum Products Marketing Company (PPMC) has oversight of the implementation of swap-type arrangements, while the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation's (NNPC) Crude Oil Marketing Department (COMD) handles deliveries of crude oil as part of these agreements.



Step 4

Establish the reporting procedures

Where infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements are material, the MSG is required to develop a reporting process with a view to achieving a level of transparency at least commensurate with other payments and revenue streams. The MSG might wish to refer to [Requirement 4.1.b](#)) of the EITI Standard with regard to the approach to materiality.

In designing reporting templates, the MSG can consider the following information and data points:

- A list of mining, oil or gas projects where mineral or hydrocarbon extraction is contingent on public infrastructure provision, or other barter-type arrangements; and/or a list of agreements where loans, grants or the provision of mining, oil or gas commodities is contingent on deliveries of mining, oil or gas commodities;
- A list of the parties involved in each agreement;⁵
- A description of the key terms, including the resources pledged by the government and companies;⁶
- An overview of the status of implementation of each agreement, including whether they have been renegotiated and how renegotiations have modified the terms;⁷
- A declaration from the relevant companies regarding the value involved in, transferred and outstanding under these projects during the reporting period;
- A declaration from the relevant government agencies regarding the value involved in, transferred and outstanding under these projects during the reporting period;
- Any other information as agreed by the MSG regarding the implementation of these projects; and, where available,
- Valuations provided by independent persons of the value involved in, transferred and outstanding under specific clauses of the agreement(s).

5. For bilateral financings, the Institute of International Finance (IIF)'s [Voluntary Principles for Debt Transparency](#) encourages disclosures of the lender at signing for bilateral financings. For syndicated financings, the principles recommend disclosures of the mandated lead arrangers and the facility agent, as well as any applicable agent/trustee/transaction intermediary.

6. The IIF's [Voluntary Principles for Debt Transparency](#) recommends disclosures of the amount which can be borrowed/raised and details of disbursement period; applicable currency or currencies; repayment or maturity profile (including any puts or calls where applicable); and interest rate (or commercial equivalent).

7. The IIF's [Voluntary Principles for Debt Transparency](#) recommends that where the amount which can be borrowed, the interest rate or the repayment profile of a financial transaction is amended or varied, the amendments or variations should be disclosed.

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CASE STUDY

Democratic Republic of the Congo Production and loan reimbursements

The reporting template below for SICOMINES tracks production and loan reimbursements, including the value of outstanding debt at the end of the year covered.

Annexe 7 : Formulaire de déclaration de la SICOMINES/ Remboursement du prêt



PRIERE DE REMPLIR UN FORMULAIRE PAR PROTOCOLE D'ACCORD DE PRET

IDENTIFIANTS DU PRÊT:

REFERENCE DU PROTOCOLE D'ACCORD POUR LE PRET :

DATE DU PROTOCOLE D'ACCORD :

MONTANT TOTAL PREVU PAR LE PROTOCOL D'ACCORD DU PRET:

NIF :

NOM DE L'ENTREPRISE :

SICOMINES

Production et remboursement du prêt

ID SUBSTANCE	METAUX	SUBSTANCES MINERALES	TENEUR	Production		Exportation		Transporteur		Acheteur		Remboursement du prêt		Dette restante		Observations
				Poids (T)	Valeur (\$)	Poids (T)	Valeur (\$)	Nom	Adresse	Nom	Adresse	Au cours de l'année	Cumul	Au cours de l'année	Cumul	

Source: ITIE-RDC (2018), [Rapport Contextuel ITIE-RDC 2016 - Informations Complémentaires](#), p. 94.

CASE STUDY

Republic of the Congo

Infrastructure reimbursements

The Republic of the Congo's 2017 EITI Report provides the volumes and values of monthly crude oil liftings (deductions from profit oil payments to the state) by ENI in reimbursement of the development and operational costs of the CEC power plant. The costs of developing and operating the power plant are however not disclosed.

Tableau 31: Prélèvements au titre de remboursement des coûts de construction de la CEC (2017)

Mois	BBL	Nature du brut	Prix USD	Montant USD
Février	102 762	Nkossa blend	54,60	5 610 394
	147 568	Djéno mélange	52,82	7 794 984
	91 670	Nkossa blend	54,60	5 004 815
Mars	74 367	Djéno mélange	53,45	3 975 065
	96 633	Nkossa blend	53,85	5 203 784
Avril	171 000	Djéno mélange	50,58	8 649 693
Mai	171 000	Djéno mélange	50,96	8 714 502
Juin	171 000	Djéno mélange	50,26	8 594 631
Juillet	171 000	Djéno mélange	45,41	7 765 452
Août	171 000	Djéno mélange	48,84	8 351 640
Septembre	171 000	Djéno mélange	50,93	8 708 688
Octobre	171 000	Djéno mélange	55,24	9 446 382
Novembre	171 000	Djéno mélange	57,12	9 767 007
Décembre	171 000	Djéno mélange	62,30	10 653 642
Total	2 052 000			108 240 680

Tableau 32: Le prélèvement au titre du remboursement des coûts d'exploitation de la Centrale Electrique du Congo (CEC)

Mois	BBL	Nature du brut	Prix USD	Montant USD
Février	161 804	Djéno mélange	54,596	8 833 856
Mars	153 118	Djéno mélange	53,452	8 184 447
Avril	183 271	Djéno mélange	50,583	9 270 388
Mai	198 192	Djéno mélange	50,962	10 100 276
Juin	260 792	Djéno mélange	50,261	13 107 668
Juillet	286 326	Djéno mélange	45,412	13 002 621
Août	303 771	Djéno mélange	48,84	14 836 171
Septembre	291 804	Djéno mélange	50,928	14 861 003
Octobre	255 402	Djéno mélange	55,242	14 108 922
Novembre	269 092	Djéno mélange	57,117	15 369 751
Décembre	200 406	Djéno mélange	62,302	12 485 680
Total	2 563 978			134 160 783

Source: ITIE Congo (2019), *ITIE Congo Rapport 2017*, pp. 63-65.

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Step 5

Establishing a mechanism for data quality assurance

The MSG should ensure that an assessment of the comprehensiveness and reliability of information related infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements is disclosed in accordance with [Requirement 4.9](#).

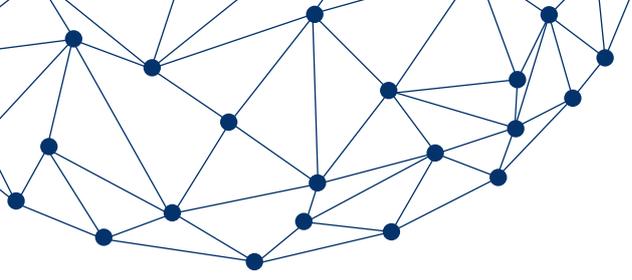
The MSG could also consider agreeing recommendations on opportunities to further enhance transparency in the governance of these agreements.

The MSG should consider the underlying audit and assurance practices related to the sources of information on these agreements. Where comprehensive and reliable information is not available, the MSG should agree an approach for ensuring the reliability of information on these agreements in its EITI reporting, which could include reconciliation of reporting by the different parties to the transaction(s) and/or reference to audited financial statements related to these transactions.

GOING BEYOND THE EITI STANDARD

Auditing transactions related to the loans

If there are concerns about the oversight of any infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements or the quality of information, the MSG could consider whether audits have been undertaken and what are the accounting practices related to the agreements. If a single account has been established to manage funds related to such agreements, it will allow stakeholders to more easily account for and audit transactions. If such an account is set up as a special purpose vehicle in a jurisdiction with strong rules for tax transparency, this could further enhance transparency and accountability.



Further resources

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