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Session 4: Group Discussions





Relevance of EITI for SAIs

The EITI as an annual diagnostic:

- The EITI requires an annual diagnostic of the rules and practices of extractive governance.
- The EITI as a forum for raising deviations from international audit and assurance procedures in practice.

EITI recommendations for reform:

- The EITI can uncover irregularities that SAIs have the legal mandate to follow up on.
- EITI recommendations relate to broader public finance and extractive industry reforms

Multi-stakeholder consensus-building via EITI:

- The EITI MSGs convene key stakeholders in the extractives (gov, industry & civil society).
- The EITI provides a forum for multistakeholder consensus-building on analysis of current practices and reform proposals.

The EITI as a driver of transparency reforms:

- The EITI has led to transparency and governance reforms in many countries.
- Scope for greater complementarities between EITI and SAIs in recommending & driving reforms in government.



CONTRACTS AND LICENCES

Legal & fiscal framework, contracts & licenses

- Diagnostic of deviations from the legal environment & fiscal regime in practice.
- Disclosure of government entities' roles and responsibilities in the extractive industries.
- Contracting & licensing performance review.
- Public disclosure of contracts (inc. terms).
- Beneficial ownership transparency.



Implemented in 57 countries, the EITI provides a platform for peer learning on extractive industry governance. Given that assessment of public policies is one of SAIs' roles, the EITI provides an opportunity to share good practises in extractive sector governance.



Using BO data on state contractors in Colombia



State participation in the extractive industries

- Diagnostic of deviations from rules on financial relations between SOEs & state.
- Analysis of SOE financial management (inc. retained revenues, quasi-fiscal spending).
- Traceability of extractive revenues managed by SOEs on behalf of the state.
- Assessment of commercialisation of the state's inkind revenues in minerals, oil & gas.
- Disclosures on SOE corporate governance, procurement, expenditures, financial statements.



Corruption risks in commodity trading in Indonesia



Production & exports

- Disclosure of production & export data.
- Description of systems for production and reliability of government data on extractives production & exports.
- Cross-reference export data with export destination countries' import statistics.
- Increasing granularity of production data, at a project level.

Zambia

In Zambia, production and revenue data have been used to create a financial model to inform discussions on the mining fiscal regime. The country has made several changes to its mining taxation policies over the past decades, giving rise to substantial debate and discussion.

In this context, Zambia EITI has been able to provide data to inform debate, as Zambia adjusts to fluctuating commodity prices. Zambia's 2020 EITI Report included recommendations to strengthen the country's production monitoring system and to use these mechanisms for public disclosure of disaggregated production data to improve oversight of extractive revenue collection.



Zambia 2020 EITI Report

Nigeria

Nigeria EITI (NEITI) has drawn attention to the reliability of available data on crude oil production in the country. A policy brief published by NEITI in 2019 notes that Nigeria relies on companies to provide data on production, as well as losses caused by oil theft, but that these figures are not verified by government agencies. NEITI has advocated for improved infrastructure to independently track and monitor crude oil from the point of production through to the point of export.

Policy brief





REVENUE COLLECTION

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Revenue collection

- Granular disclosures of government extractive revenues according to IMF GFS at national & subnational levels.
- Tracking execution of resource-backed agreements (e.g. minerals-for-infrastructure, swaps & resource-backed loans).
- Accounting for transportation revenues.
- Annual diagnostic of government and extractive company audit & assurance practices vis-à-vis international standards.
- Shift towards assessing whether companies pay what they are required to.



Financial modelling in Republic of Congo: comparing government oil revenues to other countries

Revenue allocation

- Ensuring traceability of revenues not transferred to the single Treasury account.
- Assessing deviations in practice in subnational transfers of extractive revenues.
- Disclosure of data and assumptions underpinning budget process, inc. forward looking projections to inform public of resource dependence and revenue sustainability.



Tracking oil revenues not transferred to Treasury in the Republic of Congo



Etude sur les patentes versées aux collectivités



Tracking subnational transfers of 'la patente' in Mali



Social & economic spending

- Diagnostic of rules and practices of extractive companies' social spending and environmental payments & expenditures.
- Expanding transparency to off-budget management of extractive revenues & quasifiscal expenditures.
- Shedding light on the extractive industries' contribution to the national economy.
- Assessing rules and practices of mechanisms to manage environmental impacts of the extractive industries.



Discussion points

- What do SAIs see as the most relevant aspects of the EITI for their work?
- What areas of the EITI Standard are covered by different SAIs' existing mandates?
- Do SAIs feel sufficiently represented EITI MSGs?
- What are the lessons learned from SAIs' use of the EITI process to date?
- What are the opportunities for greater use of the EITI process by SAIs?







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