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Note on TTEITI Open Data Policy

Introduction

The EITI Standard 2016 Requirement 7.1 (b) requires the multi-stakeholder group "to agree a clear policy on the access, release and re-use of EITI data. Implementing countries are encouraged to publish EITI under an open license, and to make users aware that information can be reused without prior content." Given this requirement, the EITI International Secretariat has given all implementing countries a deadline of January 1, 2017, to agree on an open data policy in line with the EITI Open data policy .

The Policy

This policy notes that access to EITI data adds value by increasing transparency and public awareness on natural resource revenue and the use of this revenue for sustainable, effective development projects. The policy also alludes to the benefit of open data to Government as it relates to forming policy prescriptions and management of the extractive sectors.

The TTEITI is in the final stages of developing its open data portal and the general public will be able to access all of the detailed information included in the appendices of the four published EITI Reports. The TTEITI Steering Committee agreed at its Meeting No. 75 on November 17, 2016 that the free access to and subsequent re-use of data generated by the reports adhere to the principles of the EITI Open Data Policy and the data available on the open data portal is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International terms.

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