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MINUTES OF THE 23RD EITI BOARD MEETING

Sydney

Wednesday, 22 May 2013

23-1 Welcome from the Chair and adoption of the agenda

The Chair welcomed the Board members. She notified the Board of the reasons for Jean-Claude Kantende's absence and suggested that she would write to him to express support.

The Board agreed to the nomination of Antonio Dominguez to succeed Ignacio Quesada Morales as Baiba Rubesa's alternate, representing companies.

The agenda was adopted.

Actions

The Chair to write a letter of support to Jean Claude Katende.

23-2 Report from the Head of the Secretariat including follow-up on action points and decisions through circulars since the last Board meeting

Jonas Moberg provided an update on the Secretariat's activities including preparations for the 6th EITI Global Conference, the 2013 Progress Report and the revised EITI Standard. Procedures for transitioning to the EITI Standard would be discussed during the 24th Board meeting on 24 May 2013.

Jonas informed the Board of the various other activities that were taking place in parallel with the Board meeting, including the National Coordinators' meeting and the GIZ/WB MDTF Communications Training Seminar. Jonas informed the Board members of the growing number of staff at the International Secretariat and introduced John Kanyoni, who would be working with the Secretariat as a consultant on Francophone Africa. He pointed out that both the conference management and the production of EITI materials was done in-house and thanked Chantal Spit for her dedicated work in the organization of the conference.

23-3 Implementation Progress

Jonas introduced the Implementation Progress Report (IPR) reminding the Board that the IPR is a confidential assessment by the Secretariat. The traffic light system did not seek to evaluate the impact of the EITI in the country but intended to highlight areas where the Secretariat had concerns about progress with implementation. Eleven countries were highlighted by the Secretariat as experiencing

significant challenges. In most cases these challenges were related to delays and weaknesses in EITI reporting and Validation.

Alan McLean noted that progress with implementation in a number of countries had not improved since the Secretariat's previous assessment. He urged the incoming Board to take this into consideration when agreeing procedures for transitioning to the revised EITI Standard.

Jim Miller asked about an update on Nigeria's disclosure of revenues from the Joint Development Zone with Sao Tome and Principe, which was a requirement laid down by the Board members earlier. Eddie Rich explained that it was a bilateral issue to be resolved by both governments. The revenues from the Joint Development Zone were relatively low and thus the Nigerian government had not given it priority in its EITI reporting.

Anthony Richter noted that while Azerbaijan was currently assessed as on track (green), he remained concerned about the recent amendments to the NGO law and the implications for civil society participation in EITI. He thanked Clare for flagging these concerns by writing to President Ilham Aliiev. Shahmar Movsumov responded that the amendments do not create barriers to the EITI process. The government would convey its views in a response to the EITI Chair shortly.

Michel Okoko and Debra Valentine reminded the Board that it is important to take into account political commitment in the assessment. In DRC for example, despite significant technical challenges there was clear political will and commitment from the civil society and companies to improving the process. Michel Okoko also pointed to Gabon as a country where there is a clear political will. In Zambia, the new government seemed less committed to the EITI than the previous government. Jonas informed the Board of his recent discussion of the EITI with the Zambian delegation who welcomed high level intervention. He also suggested that the EITI Chair should write to the government of Zambia soon after the conference and welcomed any further support from Board members in conveying this message to the Zambian government.

Jonas concluded that the traffic light system needs to be improved, but also reminded the Board that the main means of communicating innovations and achievements was through the country pages on eiti.org.

Actions

The Chair to write to the government of Zambia recalling the need for strong political support.

The Secretariat to improve the structure and presentation of future IPRs.

23-4 Report from the Validation Committee

Eelco De Groot, Chair of the Validation Committee, provided the Board with a report from the Validation Committee. Since the last meeting of the Board, the Committee had processed draft and final Validation Reports from Afghanistan, DRC, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia and Togo. It had also considered the Validation deadline extension request from Indonesia and the Secretariat Review for Albania. The Committee had begun discussions of the transitional arrangements to the revised EITI

Standard and would provide a briefing at the first meeting of the incoming Board.

The details of the Board's decision on Validation are presented in Annex A. Sam Bartlett reminded the Board that the recommendations on Côte d'Ivoire and Togo were aligned with the 2011 EITI Rules and did not reflect the new Validation deadlines as set out in the EITI Standard. The Board agreed that the decisions should reflect that both countries would be required to be revalidated within three years.

23-4-A Validation: Côte d'Ivoire

The Board considered the final Validation report from Côte d'Ivoire. Noting the assessment of the Validation Committee, the Board was satisfied that all requirements were met and agreed to designate Côte d'Ivoire as EITI Compliant effective as of 22 May 2013.

23-4-B Validation: Togo

The Board considered the final Validation report from Togo. Noting the assessment of the Validation Committee, the Board was satisfied that all requirements were met and agreed to designate Togo as EITI Compliant effective as of 22 May 2013. The Board agreed to monitor the challenges highlighted in the Validation report related to subnational transfers, in-kind payments and civil society capacity.

23-4-C Indonesia: Extension request

The Board considered the extension request from Indonesia. Noting the assessment of the Validation Committee, the Board agreed to grant Indonesia a three months extension of the Validation deadline, i.e. until 18 July 2013, although the request was for one month. The Validation Committee suggested a longer period to ensure quality of the report. The additional three months would not extend Indonesia's maximum candidature period.

Michel Okoko expressed the necessity of considering the decision for Indonesia as a reference for implementing countries. Suspension should not be the preferred alternative.

Actions

The Secretariat to inform the government of Côte d'Ivoire, Togo and Indonesia of the Board's decision.

23-5 Report from the Outreach and Candidature Committee

23-5-A Outreach progress report: January-March 2013

Anthony Richter, Chair of the Outreach and Candidature Committee, presented the outreach efforts of the EITI since the last meeting of the Board, noting that a large number of representatives from outreach countries were present at the conference and expected to make commitments. Edward Bickham asked about progress in Denmark, including Greenland, and South Africa. Jonas reported that there had been some contact with Denmark, including Greenland and that it was his

understanding that the issue was being discussed. Anthony briefed about the recent progress in South Africa, suggesting that President Zuma had made a commitment, as part of South Africa's participation in the Open Government Partnership. Jonas added that there was a need for greater coordination between civil society organisations and companies in urging the government to implement the EITI. The upcoming G20 summit may offer an opportunity for further progress.

23-5-B Candidature Assessment: Honduras

The Board considered the candidature application from Honduras and agreed to admit Honduras as an EITI Candidate country effective as of 22 May 2013. The Board noted the need to monitor civil society participation in the EITI process. The details of the Board's decision are presented in Annex B. The Board agreed that EITI reporting and Validation deadlines should be revised in accordance with the EITI Standard and transition procedures.

23-5-C Candidature Assessment: the Philippines

The Board considered the candidature application from the Philippines and agreed to admit the Philippines as an EITI Candidate country effective as of 22 May 2013. The details of the Board's decision are presented in Annex B. The Board agreed that EITI reporting and Validation deadlines should be revised in accordance with the EITI Standard and transition procedures.

Actions

The Secretariat to inform the government of Honduras and the Philippines of the Board's decision.

23-6 EITI revised Standard, formal approval

Clare and Jonas thanked the Board for their support and contributions to the revised EITI Standard. He reminded the Board that several drafts had been circulated since the last Board meeting and that the final version had been approved in principle via circular 149. The Board approved the EITI Standard.

23-7 Reports from Finance and Audit Committees

David Diamond, the co-chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the EITI budget remained healthy and that the International Secretariat would increase its reporting frequency by elaborating (unaudited) quarterly reports, for discussion by the Finance Committee. A slight increase in budget expenditure in 2013 was foreseen due to an increase in costs related to Spanish translation, additional travel associated with rolling out the EITI Standard, and additional staff expected to join the International Secretariat.

A detailed draft 2014 budget would be elaborated in September for discussion by the Board during its October meeting together with the draft work plan for 2014.

David announced that the Committee would task the Secretariat with pursuing further discussions

with the World Bank and the Management Committee of the MDTF regarding funds for Validation.

Elodie Grant-Goodey, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the Audit Committee had discussed the audited accounts and confirmed that the auditor was satisfied with the financial management of the Secretariat. The Audit Committee had no further comments on the audited accounts. The earlier suggestion of merging Audit and Finance Committees was reviewed by the Governance Committee, which recommends the Board to keep the committees separate.

Elodie informed the Board that the Audit Committee had tasked the Secretariat to draft guidelines for a short review of the selection of the auditor.

Actions

The Secretariat to pursue discussions with the WB MDTF and its Management Committee regarding funds for Validation.

The Secretariat to draft guidelines for a short review of the selection of the auditor.

23-8 Report from the Governance Committee

Alan McLean, Chair of the Governance Committee, reported on the deliberations that had led to the proposal to hold the Members' Meeting at least once every three years and that the Openness Policy had been approved. Board members were encouraged to send their comments on the draft Code of Conduct, which is available on the EITI website to the Secretariat. Alan reminded the Board that it is important to review the draft and make it available for the new Board members to approve soon. He reported on the draft guideline on in-country payments, which needed to be consulted further on.

It was acknowledged that the different constituencies had varying practices with regard to actual tenure of Board members. Anthony Richter noted that it would be desirable with standardize term limits throughout all constituencies and suggested that the Governance Committee looks into it in future.

Clare emphasized that it was important that the next Governance Committee was informed about the different views.

23-9 Preparations for the Members Meeting and Conference

Jonas gave an update on preparations for the Global Conference, noting that 1450 participants from 95 different countries had registered for the conference. Among the registered participants 22% were civil society representatives, 35% government representatives, 17% company representatives, with the remaining participants representing media, academics and international organizations. More than 100 speakers were expected. Jonas urged the Board members to recognize the financial support provided by the Australian government and others, which made it possible for the Secretariat to fund approximately 150 delegates from implementing countries.

23-10 Any other business

There were no questions raised.

23-11 Winding up of outgoing Board; thanks to Board Members

Clare thanked the outgoing Board members Edward Bickham, Anthony Richter, Sidi Ould Zeine, Ibrahim Dankwambo, Roosevelt Jayjay, Erry Riyana Hardjapamekas, Donal Brown, Dorjdari Namkhajantsan, Mericio J. Dos Reis, Hannah Owusu-Koranteng, SabitBagirov, Epifanio Baca Tupayachi for their commitment to the EITI in the past years and expressed high hopes for future collaboration.

List of participants

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The Rt. Hon. Clare SHORT

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Mr Ibrahim DANKWANBO, Governor of Gombe State, Nigeria

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Alt. to: **Mr Davaajav GANKHUYAG**, Minister of Mining, Deputy Chairman, EITI National Council, Mongolia

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Annex A – Summary of Board decisions on Validation

Côte d'Ivoire

The EITI Board designates **Côte d'Ivoire** as EITI Compliant as of 22 May 2013. In accordance with the EITI Rules:

- Côte d'Ivoire must be revalidated within 5 years (i.e., by 22 May 2018). The government of Côte d'Ivoire is advised that the Board is currently reviewing the Validation procedures, including proposals relating to timing for revalidation of Compliant countries. Accordingly this deadline may be modified;
- Stakeholders in the process may call for a new validation at any time within that period if they think the process needs reviewing;
- Where valid concerns exist that a country has become EITI Compliant, but its implementation of the EITI has subsequently fallen below the standard required for Compliance, then the Board reserves the right to require the country to undergo a new validation or face delisting from the EITI; and
- In accordance with the 2011 edition of the EITI Rules, Côte d'Ivoire is required to produce EITI reports annually. EITI Reports should cover data no older than the second to last complete accounting period. To maintain compliant status the 2012 EITI Report should be published by 31 December 2014;
- In accordance with requirement 21(c), Côte d'Ivoire is required to publish a public report annually on the previous year's activities, detailing progress in implementing the EITI and any recommendations from the Validator. The progress report for 2012 should be published by 30 June 2013.

In all decisions on Validation the Board places a priority on the need for comparable treatment between countries and the need to protect the integrity of the EITI brand. The Board reviewed the Validator's report in detail. The Board agreed with the Validator's assessments on all requirements.

The Board congratulates the government of Côte d'Ivoire and the Côte d'Ivoire EITI National Council for their sustained commitment and leadership of the EITI process. Noting the Validator's and secretariat's assessment, the Board expressed satisfaction that EITI stakeholders in Côte d'Ivoire have systematically and collegially improved implementation of the EITI, particularly the quality of reporting, and that the government is now providing the necessary political and financial support. The Board calls on stakeholders and the government to maintain this level of cooperation and commitment to ensure Côte d'Ivoire maintains its status as Compliant country. The Board also calls on the National Council to adopt and publish its 2012-13 Workplan as soon as possible.

Togo

The EITI Board designates Togo as EITI Compliant as of 22 May 2013. In accordance with the EITI Rules:

- *Togo must be revalidated within 5 years (i.e. by 22 May 2018.) The government of Togo is advised that the Board is currently reviewing the Validation procedures, including proposals relating to timing for revalidation of Compliant countries. Accordingly this deadline may be modified;*
- *Stakeholders in the process may call for a new validation at any time within that period if they think the process needs reviewing;*
- *Where valid concerns exist that a country has become EITI Compliant, but its implementation of the EITI has subsequently fallen below the standard required for Compliance, then the Board reserves the right to require the country to undergo a new validation or face delisting from the EITI;*
- *In accordance with the 2011 edition of the EITI Rules, Togo is required to produce EITI reports annually. EITI Reports should cover data no older than the second to last complete accounting period (e.g. an EITI Report published in calendar/financial year 2013 should be based on data no later than calendar/financial year 2011); and*
- *In accordance with requirement 21(c), Togo is required to publish a public report annually on the previous year's activities, detailing progress in implementing the EITI and any recommendations from the validator.*

In all decisions on Validation the Board places a priority on the need for comparable treatment between countries and the need to protect the integrity of the EITI brand. The Board reviewed the Validator's report in detail. The Board agreed with the Validator's assessments on all requirements.

The Board congratulates the government of Togo for its sustained commitment and leadership of the EITI process. The Board also congratulates Togo's EITI Supervisory Council and the Steering Committee for its efforts and effective leadership in EITI implementation. The Board also thanked the Validator and all stakeholders involved in the validation process.

Annex B – Summary of Board decisions on EITI Candidature

Honduras

The EITI Board admits Honduras as an EITI Candidate country on 22 May 2013. In accordance with the EITI Rules, Honduras is required to publish their first EITI Report within one year and six months of becoming a Candidate (by 22 November 2014) and to submit a final (MSG endorsed) Validation Report to the Board within two years and six months of becoming a Candidate (by 22 November 2015). The government and MSG is advised that the Board is currently reviewing the procedures for how the EITI Standard will come into force, including revised reporting and validation deadlines for newly admitted candidates. Accordingly these deadlines may be modified.

Philippines

The EITI Board admits Philippines as an EITI Candidate country on 22 May 2013. In accordance with the EITI Rules, the Philippines is required to publish their first EITI Report within one year and six months of becoming a Candidate (by 22 November 2014) and to submit a final (MSG endorsed) Validation Report to the Board within two years and

six months of becoming a Candidate (by 22 November 2015). The government and MSG is advised that the Board is currently reviewing the procedures for how the EITI Standard will come into force, including revised reporting and validation deadlines for newly admitted candidates. Accordingly these deadlines may be modified.