

USE OF INFORMATION ON BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP: INTERNATIONAL AND THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC PRACTICES

2 Days Training for Journalists

Venue: Park hotel, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Date: 16-17 March 2017

Participants:

- Speakers/Trainers: K&A, Communication officer from EITI International, Investigative/Data Journalists, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan
- Participants/Trainees: Journalists and civil society activists from Kyrgyzstan

Total number of training participants: 25

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day I

9:00-9:30	Registration [coffee/tea is served]	- K&A
9:30-10:00	Opening remarks and introduction of participants	- EITI Secretariat, KEITI
Part I	Legal aspects of access to information and beneficial ownership in the Kyrgyz Republic	
10:00-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BO International Experience – How has beneficial ownership been presented worldwide by journalists. - Q&A 	- EITI International, Victor Ponsford
11:00- 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BO International Experience - Ukraine. - Campaigning on BO legislation; - Use of BO register – investigative cases - Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lilya Baran, Program Manager, International Renaissance Foundation, BO legislation expert, Ukraine - Oleksiy Shalaisky, investigative journalist, chief editor of "Our Money", Ukraine
12.30-13.30	Lunch	-

13.30-15.30	<p>Finance Uncovered: Following the money.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where to find accounts - Company Accounts - The offshore world - How companies are structured - EU member states' "black box" of tax incentives 	<p>Nick Mathiason, director of the Finance Uncovered program, a former Guardian and Observer business correspondent.</p> <p>Skype</p>
15.30 – 15.45	Break	
15:45-16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal guarantees on access to information in the Kyrgyz Republic - Regulation of BO disclosure in the Kyrgyz Republic and international practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - K&A <p><i>[Discussion of legal basis for free access to information, provision of template applicants to state authorities on access to information, rights and obligations of state authorities to publish and/or provide information upon request etc.</i></p> <p><i>[Presentation of existing BO disclosure practice in the Kyrgyz Republic. Definition of BO, Expected changes into the legislation of the KR on BO in the mining sector</i></p>
16.30-17.00	Conclusions of the day	-

Day 2		
9.00-9.30	Recap of the day 1	
9.30 – 11.00	<p>PEPs. International practice (Ukraine) and prospects for Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oleksiy Shalaisyky will share cases on PEPs investigations, declaration system and open register. - K&A presentation on current practice in KR and outcomes of recent discussions with EITI stakeholders in November-December. What are the next steps for Kyrgyzstan?

11:00-11:15	Break	
11:15-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical tools in investigative journalism. • Sources of information. • Methods of data collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Observation ○ Interview ○ Experiment • Data analysis • BO data story telling with visualizations • Use of BO information. Electronic Sources/Data Bases/Registers. 	<i>Oleksiy Shalaisky, chief editor of "Our Money", Ukraine</i> <i>Gulnura Toralieva, journalist, Kyrgyz Republic</i> Trainer will present various tools on investigative/data journalist. Data collection Assessment/verification of sources Trainers will provide information on available sources with reference to specific investigations/examples.
12:30-13:00	Division into 4 groups and identifying major tools of investigations, sources of information, common methods of hiding beneficial ownership and how to present the information in a fair, lawful and accessible fashion.	Groups shall be led by Kyrgyz and international experts Outputs: 4 blogs on BO stories in Kyrgyz Republic
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 15.30	Group work continues and group presentations	Groups report back
15:30-16:00	Next steps and conclusions	All
16.00	Farewell Coffee	

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