

Opening Extractives – Global BOT Implementers Forum

Virtual - 8 September 2021

Background

The Global BOT Implementers Forum, organised by the EITI and Open Ownership, and supported by the BHP Foundation, will engage stakeholders working on beneficial ownership transparency, including government implementers from programme countries across four global regions, and representatives from local and global civil society organisations, to highlight the importance of beneficial ownership information and specific steps that are being taken to advance this agenda nationally and globally.

This global event will be the official launch of Opening Extractives, a global five-year programme delivered by the EITI and Open Ownership and supported by the BHP Foundation which aims to end the use of anonymous companies linked to corruption and mismanagement in the extractive sector.

Programme

MORNING SESSIONS

10:00-10:20 UKT (GMT+1) **Session 1 - Introduction to Opening Extractives**

This session will introduce the audience to the Opening Extractives programme. Speakers will discuss the importance of the programme, its timeliness and uniqueness in advancing beneficial ownership transparency in the extractives sector and beyond. Speakers will also provide a brief overview to the current state of beneficial ownership reforms and status of registers globally and state of play of government implementation of disclosures. A video explaining the initiative will also be shared.

This session will be moderated by **Mark Robinson, Executive Director of the EITI**.

James Ensor, Chief Executive Officer of the BHP Foundation and **Louise Russell-Prywata, Director of Policy and Programmes at Open Ownership** will address the audience with keynote speeches.

10:20-10:30 UKT (GMT+1) Coffee/tea break

10:30-11:30 UKT (GMT+1) **Session 2 - Reinvigorating and advancing commitments for beneficial ownership disclosure**

Nine countries have already confirmed participation in the Opening Extractives programme. In this session, participant governments from Africa and Asia will reinforce and reiterate specific commitments to advance BO reform, and global partners (OGP) will steer the session towards how commitments can be put in practice. Governments will be able to highlight the mechanisms for reform already stipulated in their confirmation to join the programme and reinforcing the mandate of the agencies they've put forward as lead implementers.

This session will be moderated by **Tonusree Basu, Director of Policy at the Open Government Partnership**.

Four panellists will present during the session, and the discussion will draw upon the particular experiences and perspectives of each speaker. Confirmed panellists:

- **Alfonso D. Lanuza, Jr., SEC chief for Anti-money Laundering, Philippines**
- **Jemima Oware, Registrar General at Registrar General's Department, Ghana**
- **Sampe L. Purba, Expert Staff to The Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, Indonesia**

- **TBC: Ministry of Finance, Liberia**

11:30-11:45 UKT (GMT+1) Coffee/tea break

11:45-12:45 UKT (GMT+1) **Session 3 - Leveraging extractives to promote beneficial ownership transparency at a global level**

This panel discussion will delve into how the progress on beneficial ownership transparency in extractives evidenced throughout the previous session, and the work planned under Opening Extractives, can be harnessed to increase beneficial ownership transparency at a global level in extractives and beyond. Panellists will be asked to share lessons learned and provide recommendations to address obstacles and support the global drive to implement beneficial ownership reforms.

This session will be moderated by **Thom Townsend, Executive Director of Open Ownership**, implementing partner of the Opening Extractives programme.

Four panellists will present during the session, and the discussion will draw upon the particular experiences and perspectives of each speaker. Confirmed panellists:

- **Abubakar Alhaji, CEO at Corporate Affairs Commission, Nigeria**
- **Ani Varderesyan, Ministry of Justice, Armenia**
- **Maira Martini, Research and Policy Expert, Transparency International Secretariat**
- **TBC: Member of Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**

AFTERNOON SESSION

14:00-15:00 UKT (GMT+1) **Session 4 - BOT in practice: The benefits of using beneficial ownership data**

In this panel session, governments (participating in the Opening Extractives programme), civil society and journalists from Latin America and Africa will highlight how BOT can be used in practice for different purposes, such as supporting the government's due diligence processes, award of mining licenses, flagging corruption risks or investigating corruption. Government speakers will also be able to highlight their commitment to the programme.

This session will be moderated by **Erica Westenberg, Governance Programs Director at NRGi**.

Four panellists will present during the session, and the discussion will draw upon the particular experiences and perspectives of each speaker. Confirmed panellists:

- **Laura Ropolo, Subsecretary of Mining, Argentina**
- **Khadija Sharife, Africa Editor, OCCRP**
- **Oleksandr Pomoshnikov, Head of International Business Development at YouControl, Ukraine**

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