

# Minutes

These Minutes capture the purpose and agreed outcomes of the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EITI Board.

# MINUTES OF THE 56<sup>TH</sup> EITI BOARD MEETING

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## 56-1 Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The **EITI Board Chair, Rt Hon. Helen Clark** opened the 56<sup>th</sup> EITI Board meeting in Dakar, warmly welcoming the Board to Dakar. She expressed appreciation to Madame Awa Coll Seck and the dedicated staff at the EITI national secretariat in Senegal for their exceptional support in organising the meeting and Global Conference, ensuring a safe and hospitable environment for all participants.

The Chair acknowledged the challenging circumstances in Senegal in recent weeks. She conveyed her sympathy to those affected and emphasised the importance of coming together to address and overcome these challenges.

Additionally, the Chair expressed gratitude to those present attending the Conference and Board meeting in person, acknowledging the commitment and dedication demonstrated by participants.

The draft Board meeting agenda was approved.

The Chair noted apologies from the following Board members who were unable to join in person:

- Ms Viktoriia GNATOVSKA, Ministry of Energy, Ukraine
- Mr Ian Chitumba MWIINGA, EITI Secretariat, Zambia
- Ms Fernanda ÁVILA, Ministry of Productive Development, Argentina
- Mr François GAVE, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France
- Mr Matt GOBUSH, Director for Strategic Communications and International Government Relations, ExxonMobil Corporation
- Mr James NICHOLSON, Head of Corporate Responsibility, Trafigura Group
- Mr Erik NÜRNBERG, Senior Legal Policy Adviser, Equinor
- Ms Nathalie MOGNETTI, Senior Vice President, Tax, TotalEnergies
- Mr Nick COTTS, Vice-President, Sustainability and External Relation, Newmont Mining
- Mr Alan McLEAN, Former Executive Vice President Taxation and Corporate Structure, Shell International Limited

## 56-2 Report from the Secretariat

### Board paper 56-2-A Implementation Progress Report February-May 2023 (for information)

Mark Robinson introduced the Implementation Progress Report for the period February – May 2023, highlighting progress and challenges in EITI implementing countries. Board members expressed their gratitude to the Secretariat for providing a comprehensive and valuable report. They commended implementing countries for their continued progress in the face of ongoing challenges. Several points were raised during the discussion:

- There was a call for further analysis to understand the interplay between civic space and the implementation of the EITI. It was suggested that a proactive approach should be adopted to address conflicts and foster a conducive environment for EITI implementation.
- The concept of a just transition was emphasised, with a recommendation to focus not only on meeting the requirements of the EITI Standard but also on prioritising civic space good governance practices when addressing the energy transition and increasing demand for critical minerals. In this vein, when ‘mainstreaming’ EITI or pushing for systematic

disclosures, the participatory governance model that goes along with this must also be mainstreamed, also at the subnational level. Support was expressed for greater information on EITI implementation at the subnational level.

- Recognising the expertise of outgoing Board members on various issues, the importance of continued collaboration between the old and new Board members was emphasised to ensure continuity in addressing EITI-related matters.
- A Board member raised a question regarding the increasing trend of political instability in implementing countries and suggested tracking these trends to facilitate effective responses to violent overthrow of civilian governments. The Secretariat responded that the incoming Board would continue to work on securing agreement on a revised policy through the Implementation Committee.
- Awa Marie Coll-Seck expressed her appreciation for the valuable experience she gained during her tenure and thanked the Secretariat for their diligent work and support. She emphasised the significance of the Implementation Progress Report as a guiding document and welcomed the possibility of a global assessment of EITI implementation to commemorate the 20-year anniversary of EITI. She further emphasised the critical importance of preserving civic space, stressing the need for continuous dialogue among all stakeholders.
- Alongside the IPR, the Secretariat had also circulated a table on 'Summary of actions from previous Board meetings. A Board member commented on the importance that needs to be given to the proper monitoring of pending items, which are numerous, with some subject to significant delays. It was suggested that ahead of the next Board meeting a concerted effort is made to complete important actions, and that in future such tables contain an additional column specifying likely timing of completion for pending items.

### **Board paper 56-2-B: Outreach Progress Report (OPR) for the period January – May 2023**

The Chair extended an invitation to the Secretariat to present the report to the Board in the absence of the Committee Chair. Mark Burnett provided an update on country and corporate outreach activities and developments from the International Secretariat for the period January – May 2023.

After the presentation, Mark invited the Committee Chair, who joined the meeting online, to contribute any additional points. James Nicholson expressed gratitude to the outgoing members of the Outreach and Candidature Committee, as well as the Secretariat, and highlighted the committee's work plan for the period 2023-2026.

A draft outreach strategy, which was shared through the latest Board Circular, aimed at guiding the outreach activities of the EITI International Secretariat for both country and company engagement over the next three years, will be made available for the incoming Committee members to consider. The final document is anticipated to be discussed and agreed upon by the Board during its meeting in November.

### **Board paper 56-2-C: EITI Data Strategy (for information)**

The Chair drew attention to the draft Data Strategy, which had been included in the Board pack for information. Board members were kindly requested to provide any feedback regarding the strategy to the Secretariat in writing.

## 56-3 Report from the Implementation committee

### Launch of the 2023 EITI Standard

The Chair commended the significant time and effort invested by Board Members and Secretariat staff throughout the past year to produce the 2023 EITI Standard. Additionally, she highlighted the updated Articles of Association that ensure its continued relevance for the EITI's 20th anniversary.

The Chair invited Lyddia Kilpi from the EITI Secretariat to present the background information and the Explainer of key changes to the Standard.

Board members expressed their congratulations to the EITI and celebrated the launch of the Standard at the Members' Meeting and the Global Conference. They highlighted the value of open dialogue and consensus-building in pursuit of a common objective. Board members emphasised the need for collaborative efforts between new Board members and the Secretariat to update the guidance notes, to ensure that some key clarifications on its implications for implementation which were not detailed in the Standard itself would be explicitly addressed in the guidance notes. The updated guidance notes are also vital to ensuring that implementing countries have a clear and comprehensive understanding of the 2023 Standard and to ensure meaningful implementation. Furthermore, Board members reiterated the significance of collaborative technical work with implementing countries to help move forward concretely on the refinements and incorporate these into work plans of national secretariats.

## 56-4 Report from the Finance Committee

### Board Paper 56-4 2023 Q1 Accounts and 2023 Outlook (for information)

Christine Detaille, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the paper. She noted that overall, the Secretariat's performance for the quarter in terms of total income, total expenditure, and the net result was significantly better than anticipated in the budget approved by the Board in Buenos Aires in March. She further elaborated that the Secretariat was able to control its expenses and stay within budget in the first quarter of 2023, with total expenditure being 6% lower than the budgeted amount. Christine invited Mark Robinson to add further points.

Mark made five key points about what the Secretariat accomplished over the last three months since the Board met in Buenos Aires:

- The Secretariat increased its share of secured and highly anticipated revenue for the year from 71% to 96%. The remaining 4% is expected to materialise from other sources e.g., implementing country fee contributions.
- The Secretariat is expecting to significantly reduce its anticipated deficit for 2023.
- Income in Q1 is 17% higher than budget and expenditure is 6% less.
- Q1 net result is USD 0.595m and better than budget.
- The Global Conference received USD 1.62m in committed funds with USD 1.58 estimated spending, inclusive of a USD 100k contingency.

Board members emphasised the value of learning from the lessons and experiences of the current year as a means to strengthen financial management practices moving forward. They encouraged the utilisation of these insights to drive continuous improvement and ensure more effective financial management in the future. They also encouraged the Secretariat to consider the financial implications of implementation of the 2023 Standard. A board member commented

positively on the work undertaken on the budget following the difficult discussion on the budgetary challenges during the previous Board meeting in Buenos Aires and asked the Secretariat to summarise the key financial challenges anticipated for 2024. Mark Robinson responded, pointing to three key actions:

The Secretariat will develop a three-year outlook and budget framework to guide year to year activities and fundraising priorities ahead of the next Board meeting.

The Secretariat will aim to secure multi-year funding commitments from supporting countries well ahead of the new financial year in a context of tighter budgets.

The third action is to identify new sources of financial support for the Secretariat, especially around the energy transition, and for implementing countries that cannot meet the full costs of implementation, mainstreaming and fresh reporting requirements.

### Board paper 56-4-B Update on Financing the EITI Secretariat (for decision)

Mark briefly presented the paper, noting that the Secretariat reviewed the status of company fee contributions in consultation with the companies' constituency in early 2023. Mark reported that the share of company contributions has decreased from 37% to 19% of the Secretariat's revenues over the past seven years. The key recommendation was an increase in fee rates to bring company contributions back into line with the share of revenue achieved with the 2016 Funding Review, supported by a more consistent level of contributions between oil, gas and mining companies based on market capitalisation. It was further recommended that the large mining companies that are ICMM members pay a further supplement based on market capitalisation. The paper also proposed a review of the fee rates paid by implementing countries and to adjust the size of fresh grant agreements with supporting countries to account for inflation increases. Mark clarified that these recommendations were put forward to this meeting of the outgoing Board for endorsement in principle and would then be presented to the incoming Board for final endorsement through a Board Circular.

The Board agreed in principle to the recommendation.

#### **Actions:**

- The Secretariat to seek the final approval for the revised funding structure from the incoming Board.

## 56-5 Report from the Validation Committee

The Chair introduced the report from the Validation Committee, noting that there were two Validation recommendations for decision (Colombia and Mozambique) and one recommendation on an extension request for decision (Honduras). Alex Gordy introduced each Validation case.

### Item 56-5-A Validation of Colombia (for decision)

The Chair requested observers from Colombia to recuse themselves from the discussion. Subsequently, the International Secretariat presented the recommendation of the Validation Committee to the Board, proposing that Colombia be recognised for achieving a moderate overall score of 80 out of 100 in the implementation of the 2019 EITI Standard. It was emphasised that this overall score is an average of the component scores for 'Stakeholder engagement,' 'Transparency,' and 'Outcomes and impact.' Notably, Colombia received a 'high' score for the

'Outcomes and impact' component, as well as a 'moderate' score for the 'Stakeholder engagement' and 'Transparency' components.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the assessment and the involvement of an external expert to validate Requirement 1.3 on civil society engagement. Sherwin Long, the representative of the LAC region on the Board, conveyed messages from the Government of Colombia. Firstly, he expressed the government's gratitude for utilising an independent evaluator to assess the environment for civil society engagement in Colombia. Secondly, he highlighted the need for caution when evaluating the feasibility of disclosing beneficial owners due to security threats, even though the laws exist to collect this data. In response, a civil society organisation (CSO) Board member raised a concern about the significance of allegations concerning past links between paramilitary units and individuals within government entities and noted continuing threats to environmental defenders. He welcomed Government efforts to address these matters by protecting civic space, but called for continued vigilance.

Following the discussion, the Board reached a consensus, agreeing that Colombia has attained a moderate overall score in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard.

**Actions:**

- The Board Chair to write to the Government of Colombia to communicate the Board decision.
- The Secretariat to publish the Board decision on Colombia's Validation.

**Item 56-5-B Validation of Mozambique (for decision)**

The Chair requested observers from Mozambique to recuse themselves from the discussion. Subsequently, the International Secretariat presented the recommendation from the Validation Committee, proposing that the Board recognise Mozambique's achievement of a 'moderate' overall score of 82.5 out of 100 in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard. This overall score is an average of the component scores on 'Stakeholder engagement', 'Transparency,' and 'Outcomes and impact.' Notably, Mozambique received a 'high' score for the 'Stakeholder engagement' component, and 'moderate' scores for the 'Outcomes and impact' and 'Transparency' components.

During the discussion, Board members raised the following points:

- One of the lead Validation Committee reviewers of the case emphasized the importance of continued monitoring by both the Secretariat and the MSG regarding the draft NGO law currently under review by the Government of Mozambique.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the militarisation of the Cabo Delgado region and the involvement of foreign military troops. The Secretariat was urged to remain vigilant and follow up on this issue.

Following the discussion, the Board reached a consensus, agreeing that Mozambique has achieved a moderate overall score in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard.

**Actions:**

- The Board Chair to write to the Government of Mozambique to communicate the Board decision.
- The Secretariat to publish the Board decision on Mozambique's Validation.

### Item 5-C: Extension of the Validation of Honduras (for decision)

The Chair requested observers from Honduras to recuse themselves from the discussion. The Secretariat then presented the recommendation from the Validation Committee to the Board regarding Honduras. It was noted that the MSG in Honduras had submitted a request for an extension to the next Validation, but the Secretariat's review did not identify any exceptional circumstances in support of the extension request. Therefore, it was recommended that the Board does not grant the extension. However, considering concerns over Honduras' preparedness for Validation and the level of multi-stakeholder oversight in the EITI process, the Validation Committee recommended that the Board conduct a targeted assessment of Requirement 1 starting in August 2023. As a result, the date for Honduras' next Validation would be rescheduled to 2024 after the completion of the targeted assessment.

During the discussion, Board members emphasised the importance of exercising caution when considering postponements of Validations for countries that have not made significant progress in implementing the EITI. They stressed the need to establish clear procedures for determining who would conduct these targeted assessments, how they would be carried out, and what outcomes they would yield. This approach would ensure fairness, transparency, and provide countries with the necessary support and guidance to advance their EITI implementation. They urged that the Board consider limits to the number of times, and over how much time, a country can postpone its validation under circumstances of limited progress, and specifically urged no further postponements to Honduras' validation now slated for 2024. The Secretariat confirmed that this approach would be included in the agenda for the incoming Board in the 2023-2026 term.

#### **Actions:**

- The Board Chair to write to the Government of Honduras to communicate the Board decision.
- The 2023-2026 EITI Board to codify the procedure for targeted assessments under the 2023 EITI Standard.

## 56-6 Report from the Governance and Oversight Committee

### Board Paper 56-6-A Assessment of Company Progress in Meeting the Expectations for EITI Supporting Companies (for discussion)

The Board Chair noted that Board members were aware of her decision to instruct the Secretariat to share the final results of the company assessments of the eleven companies with representatives nominated to the incoming Board. This decision was made in light of the EITI's commitment to transparency and the direct relevance of the information to the decisions to be made during the Members' Meeting following the Board meeting. The Board Chair emphasised that this decision was not taken lightly, but that she considered it necessary to promote the smooth operation of the Members' Meeting. The desired outcome was to elect the new Board nominees at the Members' Meeting, enabling the Board to proceed with the ambitious agenda outlined in the updated Standard. Without an agreed-upon slate of Board members, EITI would face uncertainty with the old Board continuing. There would then be no clear pathway to elect a new Board, which could negatively impact on the organisation's governance.

The Board Chair stressed the importance of mutual respect throughout this process. She said that the organisation should learn from the process which had been followed to improve future assessments and processes around them and promote an effective approach. She then invited



the Committee Chair to present the paper.

Oleksiy Orlovsky introduced the paper, reminding the Board that it had agreed in October 2021 that company progress in meeting the Expectations for EITI supporting companies should be assessed by the International Secretariat every three years. Following a complaint about one company board member, the Board decided that the next assessment should be scheduled ahead of the 2023 EITI Global Conference. As a result, the Secretariat conducted an assessment of company progress in meeting the Expectations from February through May this year. In the lead up to this assessment, the Board agreed revised Expectations for supporting companies in February 2022. The Company Constituency agreed to consider whether supporting companies are meeting the Expectations, as assessed by the Secretariat, as a primary consideration in putting forward nominees to the EITI Board. The Secretariat prepared Guidance on the Expectations and the assessment process, which were reviewed by the Board in June 2022. At the Board's March 2023 meeting in Buenos Aires, the Board saw the Secretariat's plan for the assessment, including the suggested schedule, activities and outcomes. The Secretariat consistently briefed the Governance and Oversight Committee on the assessment as it progressed.

Oleksiy emphasised that the Secretariat's assessment was a significant undertaking that required substantial staff time, particularly considering the timing of company reporting in April and May, and the Board's request for an assessment to be ready for this meeting. He noted that the paper presented to the Board contains the aggregate results of the Secretariat-led assessment, along with the recommended next steps and a plan for publishing the disaggregated results by company after the Global Conference.

Oleksiy invited the Secretariat to provide a detailed presentation of the assessment. The Board Chair welcomed the presentation and highlighted that several supporting companies expressed their commitment to making further progress on the expectations. She also encouraged the Board to reflect on the process going forward and timing and presentation of the next assessment.

During the discussion, Board members stressed the importance of timely dissemination of disaggregated company assessment results, especially in anticipation of future Board nomination processes. The following points were raised:

- While acknowledging that some companies fall short or only partially meet expectations, several Board members recognised that it is important to celebrate the progress made by the majority of companies highlighted in the assessment.
- Some Board Members noted that civil society had consistently advocated for the past two years for release of disaggregated, company-by-company assessment results – especially for Board nominees – well in advance of the Members' Meeting, to allow Members to make an informed decision when electing the incoming Board.
- Civil society Board members emphasised the need to differentiate the significance of expectations, as certain expectations may carry more weight than others. They also sought clarity on how the Board should address situations where a particular company undermines the principles of EITI, considering that the challenges extend beyond the assessment and encompass the company's conduct over the past few decades, including claims concerning direct efforts to undermine EITI as a global standard. Frustration was expressed that several years of effort trying to prepare for this discussion led to the current impasse.
- The importance of considering sanctions for companies that fail to comply with expectations was highlighted by some Board members. They also requested clarification

on whether non-compliant companies provided explanations for their lack of compliance and if these explanations were taken into consideration during the Board nominations. The Secretariat confirmed it shared the preliminary results for Board nominees with the company constituency. During the meeting, Board members representing civil society emphasised companies' commitments to consider assessment results as the primary consideration in electing nominees to the EITI Board in line with the February 2022 Board decision. Some Board members representing civil society expressed disappointment that this commitment was not fulfilled as part of this nomination process. A current Board member representing the company constituency stated that they were not aware of the sharing of the preliminary results, and therefore how these informed the nomination process across the entire constituency for the future Board. Another Board member representing the companies' constituency emphasised that in accordance with the Articles of Association each Constituency of the EITI Association decides on its rules governing nominations of Members and Alternates to the EITI Board. Several members asked for reconsideration of one particular nominee from the companies' constituency to avoid a risk of the entire Board slate at the Members' meeting not being approved.

- Board members sought clarification on why different standards are applied to different constituencies, referring to the Articles of Association. They emphasised the importance of treating all constituencies equally.

The Board Chair concluded the discussion, expressing appreciation for the valuable conversation and urging the newly formed Governance and Oversight Committee to consider the discussion and recommendations for the next iteration of the company assessment.

#### **Actions:**

- Secretariat to publish a news item presenting the aggregate results of company assessment following the Board meeting.
- Secretariat to publish individual company assessment results following Global Conference.
- The newly formed Governance and Oversight Committee to consider the recommendations of the outgoing Board.

### **Item 8: 56-8 Winding up of outgoing Board**

The Chair concluded the meeting by conveying her gratitude to the outgoing Board members for their service to the EITI:

- She expressed special thanks to Alan McLean from Shell, an outgoing and long-standing Board member and constituency for a decade or more of Board service. His consistent engagement in Board affairs over this long period has made a significant contribution to the EITI.
- She further acknowledged the considerable contribution made by Oleksiy Orlovsky from Ukraine who served two terms on the Board and served as the GOC Chair. During his tenure, Oleksiy helped the Board to navigate a series of complex items of Board business and continued in this role under eighteen months of Russian aggression in his country which continues to this day.
- She signalled EITI's appreciation to Erica Westenberg from NRGI, who had to step back from her role in EITI's Board last year and was unable to join the Board meeting Dakar. She thanked Dani Kaufman for stepping into the role as a temporary replacement.

## Annex A – Board country decisions

### Board decision on the Colombia

*Colombia has achieved a moderate score in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard (80 points). The overall score reflects an average of the three component scores on Stakeholder engagement, Transparency, and Outcomes and impact.*

*On Outcomes and impact, Colombia achieved a high score (86.5 points), which reflects broad and vigorous debate on issues related to extractive governance and a growing use of EITI and systematically disclosed data by stakeholders. The Colombia EITI website serves as a point of reference for extractive information in the country. There are strong traditions of public interest and participation in the sector but there is opportunity to improve data literacy and accessibility, especially among communities hosting extractives activities, to enable greater citizen participation in often technical decision-making processes. Validation identified instances of public debate concretely influencing policymaking but recognised that not all stakeholders are satisfied with their ability to influence specific policies or disclosures in the extractive industries. The Board encourages Colombian stakeholders to consider establishing a clear mechanism to document follow-up on recommendations from EITI implementation to improve public understanding of the status of follow-up on recommendations for reform. Colombia is also urged to resume the publication of its annual reviews of outcomes and impact of the EITI process, with particular attention to efforts to strengthen the EITI's impact. Colombia was awarded two and a half additional points for the effectiveness and sustainability of its implementation.*

*Colombia achieved a moderate component score on Stakeholder engagement (75 points). Many civil society stakeholders expressed frustration at the outcomes of decision-making processes within the MSG and considered that issues central to their agenda were not being taken forward. Compounded with issues concerning MSG communications among different constituencies, the need to better align the objectives of the EITI process with national priorities, and calls for the further expansion of the EITI process to communities hosting extractive projects, there is room for increased stakeholder dialogue among constituencies. The Board expresses concern over allegations of constraints on broader civic space in Colombia and it urges the government and the MSG to establish a mechanism to regularly monitor civic space related to public debate on the EITI process and extractive industry governance and to investigate any allegations of government constraints in a timely manner. The government and MSG should swiftly follow up on the corrective action related to the EITI protocol: Participation of civil society in order to discuss and resolve any government constraints on civil society engagement in the EITI process and public debate on extractive industry governance.*

*On the Transparency component, Colombia achieved a moderate score (78.5 points). The Board commends Colombia for systematic disclosures of a significant amount of the information required by the 2019 EITI Standard for the oil and gas sector, including on the national oil company's financial relations. Colombia continues to publish comprehensive lists of all contracts and licenses in the extractives sector, with all mining and hydrocarbons contracts now publicly available. Detailed information on licensing and transfer processes is systematically disclosed and government websites publish enough information on subnational transfers to empower local stakeholders to track whether they are receiving the transfers that are due. The Board encourages Colombia to publish*

comprehensive information on the transportation of extractive commodities and related revenues to the government. Moreover, the Board encourages Colombia to sustain its efforts to ensure full transparency of beneficial owners of all mining and hydrocarbons companies, including those applying for extractive rights.

The Board has determined that Colombia will have until a next Validation commencing on 1 July 2025 to carry out corrective actions regarding Civil society engagement (Requirement 1.3), MSG governance (Requirement 1.4), Contract and license allocations (Requirement 2.2), Beneficial ownership (Requirement 2.5), Exports (Requirement 3.3), Comprehensive disclosure of taxes and revenues (Requirement 4.1), Transportation revenues (Requirement 4.4), Level of disaggregation (Requirement 4.7), Subnational payments (Requirement 4.6), Social and environmental expenditures (Requirement 6.1), and Review of outcomes and impact (Requirement 7.4). Failure to demonstrate progress on Stakeholder engagement, Transparency or Outcomes and impact in the next Validation may result in temporary suspension in accordance with Article 6 of the EITI Standard. In accordance with the EITI Standard, Colombia may request an extension of this timeframe or request that Validation commences earlier than scheduled. In accordance with Board decision 2023-21, as of 1 January 2025 Validation will be undertaken following the 2023 EITI Standard.

Full Board decision is available here: <https://eiti.org/board-decision/2023-28>

## Board decision on the Mozambique

Mozambique has achieved a moderate score in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard (82.5 points). The overall score reflects an average of the three component scores on Stakeholder engagement, Transparency, and Outcomes and impact.

On Outcomes and impact, Mozambique achieved a moderate score (82 points). The Board commends Mozambique for making progress on meaningful EITI implementation that addresses nationally relevant challenges in extractive sector governance, despite instability in the gas-rich northern province of Cabo Delgado. EITI has informed public debate about transfers of extractive revenues to the subnational level, and the MSG has contributed to policymaking on, for example, the management of future gas revenues. Systematic, high-level follow up on corrective actions and EITI recommendations has led to progress in disclosures and data management. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Mozambique EITI continued to engage with key stakeholders beyond the MSG, including parliamentarians, journalists and communities affected by extractive activities. Despite these efforts, there are shortcomings in the availability of data in open format. Data disclosed systematically and through EITI reporting continues to be mostly available only in static format.

The high score (86.5 points) on Stakeholder engagement reflects the sustained commitment of Mozambican stakeholders to the EITI process. The national secretariat's move to the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy has helped to strengthen government engagement at all levels and across institutions. Industry engagement has improved, with the revitalisation of the Chamber of Mines promising further progress in coming years. Civil society remains fully and actively engaged, with previous coordination challenges mostly overcome. Given challenges in the broader context for civic participation, the MSG is encouraged to actively monitor the space for civil society participation in the extractive sector.

*On the Transparency component, Mozambique achieved a moderate score (79 points). The Board commends Mozambique's progress on most corrective actions identified in the previous Validation. A thematic study on state participation in the extractive sector strengthened public understanding on the role of state-owned enterprises, and EITI reporting now provides a clearer picture of government revenues from the sector. Publicly available gas and mining contracts are being actively utilised by civil society and researchers for analysis. However, the lack of beneficial ownership disclosures should be addressed as a priority to ensure that the public has access to information about the individuals benefitting from extractive activities.*

*The Board has determined that Mozambique will have until a next Validation commencing on 1 July 2025 to carry out corrective actions regarding Industry engagement (Requirement 1.2), Contract and license allocations (Requirement 2.2), Beneficial ownership (Requirement 2.5), State participation (Requirement 2.6), In-kind revenues (Requirement 4.2), data quality (Requirement 4.9), Subnational transfers (Requirement 5.2), Social and environmental expenditures (Requirement 6.1), Quasi-fiscal expenditures (Requirement 6.2), and Data accessibility and open data (Requirement 7.2). Failure to demonstrate progress on Stakeholder engagement, Transparency or Outcomes and impact in the next Validation may result in temporary suspension in accordance with Article 6 of the EITI Standard. In accordance with the EITI Standard, Mozambique may request an extension of this timeframe or request that Validation commences earlier than scheduled. In accordance with Board decision 2023-21, as of 1 January 2025 Validation will be undertaken following the 2023 EITI Standard.*

*Full Board decision is available here: <https://eiti.org/board-decision/2023-29>*

## Annex B – List of participants

# Participant List – 56<sup>th</sup> EITI Board Meeting

Grey = not attending / online participation

## Chair

**Rt Hon. Helen CLARK**

## Countries

### Implementing Countries

**Ms Viktoriia GNATOVSKA**, Director of Energy and Resource Efficiency Policy Formation Directorate, Ministry of Energy, Ukraine  
Alt: TBC

**Ms Awa Marie COLL-SECK**, Minister of State, Senegal  
Alt: **Mr Samou SIDIBE**, National Coordinator, Mali

**TBC**

Alt: **Ms Cielo MAGNO**, Undersecretary, Department of Finance, Philippines

**Mr Ian Chitumba MWIINGA**, National Coordinator, EITI Secretariat, Zambia  
Alt: **Ms Francesc ALGHALI**, Minister of State, Office of the Vice-President, Sierra Leone

**Ms Agnès Solange ONDIGUI OWONA**, EITI National Coordinator, Ministry of Finance, Cameroon  
Alt: **Mr Florent Michel OKOKO**, National Coordinator, EITI Secretariat, Republic of the Congo

**Mr Sherwin LONG**, National Coordinator, EITI Secretariat, Trinidad & Tobago  
Alt: **Ms Fernanda ÁVILA**, Secretary of Mines, Ministry of Productive Development, Argentina

### Supporting Countries

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Alt: **Mr Mtwalo MSONI**, Global Tax Advisor, ActionAid Nigeria

**Ms Diana EL KAISSY**, Advisory Board Member, Lebanese Oil and Gas Initiative-LOGI, Lebanon  
Alt: TBC

**Mr Oleksiy ORLOVSKY**, Programme Director, International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine  
Alt: **Ms Mariya LOBACHEVA**, Executive Director, Echo - Public Association, Kazakhstan

**Mr Dani KAUFMANN**, President Emeritus, natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI)  
Alt: **Mr Simon TAYLOR**, Co-founder and Director, Global Witness

## Companies including Investors

**Mr James NICHOLSON**, Head of Corporate Responsibility, Trafigura Group  
Alt: TBC

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**Mr Erik NÜRNBERG**, Senior Legal Policy Adviser, Equinor  
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**Mr James ENSOR**, Executive Director, BHP Foundation  
Alt: **Mr Nick COTTS**, Vice-President, Sustainability and External Relation, Newmont Mining

**Mr Alan McLEAN**, Executive Vice President Taxation and Corporate Structure, Shell International Limited  
Alt: **Ms Ivanka MAMIC**, Senior Vice President, Sustainability, bp

**Mr Lawrence DECHAMBENOIT**, Global Head of External Affairs, Rio Tinto  
Alt: **Mr Richard MORGAN**, Head of Government Relations, Anglo American

## Board Secretary

**Mr Mark ROBINSON**, Executive Director, EITI International Secretariat, Oslo

## Observers

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