

# Minutes

These Minutes capture the purpose and agreed outcomes of the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EITI Board.

# MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>TH</sup> EITI BOARD MEETING

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## 57-1 Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The 57th EITI Board meeting was inaugurated in Dakar by the EITI Board Chair, Rt Hon. Helen Clark, who extended a warm welcome to the members of the Board for their 2023-2026 term. The Chair emphasised the importance of commitment and engagement from among Board members, highlighting the need for a constructive spirit grounded in mutual respect and consensus. She assured the incoming Board that they would receive a fuller induction on their roles and responsibilities through the Secretariat at an appropriate time.

During the meeting, the Board Chair invited remarks from the outgoing Board members. They acknowledged and appreciated the substantial work accomplished in the lead-up to the launch of the 2023 Standard and the Global Conference. The outgoing members expressed gratitude to both the Secretariat and the Government of Senegal for their contributions. Additionally, members made a range of suggestions, including on constituency guidelines, grievance mechanisms, company expectations, and potential implications for industry engagement in the EITI.

The draft Board meeting agenda was approved by the Board.

## 57-2 Introductions

### Board Paper 57-2 Board member list

Apologies were received from Rinaldo Jeanty, Director General of the Natural Resources Canada, Nathalie Mognetti, Senior Vice President, Tax, TotalEnergies), Robert Nardi, Head of Consolidated Financial Statements and Reporting (ENI), James Nicholson, Head of Corporate Responsibility (Trafigura), and Christopher Rice, Executive Vice President, Tax, Shell International Limited.

Board members made brief introductions (please refer to Annex A for a full list of participants).

- A civil society constituency Board representative (a) acknowledged the great progress in achieving the new 2023 Standard; (b) noted that the Members' Meeting did not go smoothly, and at the request of the Chair at Board in the 56<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, , outlined a list of issues that might be considered by the incoming Board to avoid a repeat of this situation in the future; and (c) noted that trust-building relies on actions, and the constituency hopes to see all companies that wish to hold a Board seat in the future commit to project-level disclosures in all jurisdictions, as fiscal transparency is at the core of EITI. Proposals include progress on reviewing constituency guidelines and the grievance (voicing concerns) mechanism to ensure they are fit for purpose. The constituency looked forward to the disaggregated results of the assessment of company expectations and planned actions on the basis of the findings.
- A company Board member thanked the civil society constituency for their comments and committed to working together to look at these issues, calling for the process of publishing the disaggregated results of the assessment to move forward as planned and then agree the outcomes, next steps and timelines.
- An implementing country Board member stated their expectation that there would be concrete actions on the concerns that had been raised in order to strengthen EITI's governance mechanisms as a basis for a stronger initiative.

A representative of supporting countries expressed congratulations on the results of the Global Conference, drawing attention to the importance of implementing a revised Standard which takes the organisation and its constituencies to a higher level, noting the challenge to implementing

countries to meet the new requirements. She highlighted the commitment of the supporting country constituency to a constructive contribution going forward. The Board Chair asked CSO Board members to send to the International Secretariat a list of action points following the meeting.

The Board Chair handed over to Mark Robinson as Board Secretary to chair the remainder of the meeting.

## 57-3 Introduction to Board committees and future Board meetings

### Board Paper 57-3-A: Board Committees 2023-2026 (for information)

Mark Robinson informed the incoming Board of the induction sessions that the Secretariat would hold for them in early autumn, specifically designed to acquaint the new Board members with their roles and responsibilities.

Mark emphasised the significance of the Board Manual, highlighting that it contained essential information pertaining to the structure of the EITI Board, its operating procedures, decision-making processes, and other pertinent guidelines. He stressed that by becoming familiar with the Manual would enable the incoming Board members to gain a comprehensive understanding of their duties and contribute effectively to the Board's work.

In addition, Mark underscored the unique multi-stakeholder nature of the EITI and clarified the roles of the Secretary of the Board and the Secretariat vis-a-vis the Board. Secretariat staff provided details about the frequency and operations of the Board meetings, various committee meetings, the languages in which the Board operates, and the resources it requires. Mark assured the incoming Board members that Secretariat staff would provide support and further elaboration on these matters.

### Board Paper 57-3-B EITI Board meetings 2023–2024 (for information)

In accordance with the EITI's Articles of Association, EITI Board is expected to meet at least twice a year, though Mark noted that the Board usually meets three times a year. The following dates were identified for the next Board meetings:

- 29-30 November 2023 – 58<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to be held virtually or in person.
- 29 February-1 March 2024 – 59<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to be held in Toronto with 28 February as a Board retreat day.

## Annex A: List of participants

# Participant List – 57<sup>th</sup> EITI Board Meeting

Grey = virtual attendance

### Chair

Rt Hon. Helen CLARK

### Countries

#### Implementing Countries

**Mr Mohamed Lemine AHMEDOU**, EITI National Coordinator, Mauritania

Alt: **Mr Samou SIDIBE**, EITI Permanent Secretary, Mali

**Ms Isabel CHUVAMBE**, EITI National Coordinator, EITI Secretariat, Mozambique

Alt: **Ms Francess ALGHALI**, Minister of State, Office of the Vice-President, Sierra Leone

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

Alt: **Mr Agus Cahyono ADI**, EITI National Coordinator, Indonesia

**Mr Jean-Jacques KAYEMBE**, EITI National Coordinator, Democratic Republic of Congo

Alt: **Mr Florent Michel OKOKO**, EITI National Coordinator, Republic of the Congo

**Mr Miguel Angel DÍAZ**, Vice-Minister of Mines, Dominican Republic

Alt: **Mr Gregory McGUIRE**, Chairman of TTEITI Steering Committee, Trinidad & Tobago

**Ms Lusine TOVMASYAN**, EITI National Coordinator, Armenia

Alt: **Mr Genci TERPO**, EITI National Coordinator, Albania

#### Supporting Countries

**Ms Christine DETAILLE**, Head of Unit Transitional Development and Governance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Belgium

Alt: **Ms Melissa SÄILÄ**, Programme Director, Taxation for Development Action, Unit for Development Finance and Private Sector Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

**Mr Rinaldo JEANTY**, Director General and Chief Inspector of Explosives, Lands and Minerals Sector, Natural Resources, Canada

Alt: **Mr Carl WATSON**, Director, Office of Policy Analysis & Public Diplomacy (ENR/EGA/PAPD), Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State, USA

**Mr Jürg VOLLENWEIDER**, Head, Macroeconomic Support Section, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Switzerland

Alt: **Ms Katja POHLMANN**, Head of Division Energy, Hydrogen, Raw Materials, Infrastructure, Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation, Germany

## Civil Society Organisations

**Mr Aliou Ba COULIBALY**, President, Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Coalition, Mauritania

**Alt: Mr Kossi KOUGBLENOU**, Executive Director, ACOMB, Togo

**Ms Diana EL KAISSY**, Advisory board member at the Lebanese Oil and Gas Initiative-LOGI, Lebanon

**Alt: Mr Matthieu SALOMON**, Interim Governance Programs Director, Senior Governance Officer, NRGi, France

**Ms Vanessa CUETO LA ROSA**, Environmental Lawyer, Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Peru

**Alt: Ms Yessica PRIETO RAMOS**, National director of projects and research, Crudo Transparente, Colombia

**Ms Mariya LOBACHEVA**, Executive Director, Echo - Public Association, Kazakhstan

**Alt: Ms Olena PAVLENKO**, President, DiXi Group, Ukraine

**Mr Clancy MOORE**, Chief Executive Officer, Transparency International, Australia

**Alt: Ms Tamika HALWIINDI**, Environmental Governance Officer, Transparency International Zambia

## Companies including Investors

**Ms Kathryn CASSON**, Chief Adviser, Civil Society and Outreach, Rio Tinto

**Alt: Mr Richard MORGAN**, Head of Government Relations, Anglo American

**Mr Chinonso EMEHELU**, Director, Sub-Saharan Africa, International Government Relations, ExxonMobil

**Alt: Mr Mike ANDERSON**, Senior Vice President, Sustainability and External Affairs, Kosmos Energy

**Mr James ENSOR**, Chief Executive Officer, BHP Billiton Foundation

**Alt: Mr Nick COTTS**, Senior Vice President, Sustainability and External Relations, Newmont Mining

**Ms Nathalie MOGNETTI**, Senior Vice President, Tax, TotalEnergies

**Alt: Mr Roberto NARDI**, Head for Consolidated Financial Statements and Reporting, Eni

**Mr James NICHOLSON**, Head of Corporate Responsibility, Trafigura Group

**Alt: TBC**

**Mr Christopher RICE**, Executive Vice President, Tax, Shell International Limited

**Alt: Ms Ivanka MAMIC**, Senior Vice President, Sustainability, bp

## Board Secretary

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

## Observers

**Mr Ibrahima BALDÉ**, Manager of Communication and Public Relations, EITI Senegal

**Mr Joe BARDWELL**, Campaigns Manager, Publish What You Pay (PWYP), UK

**Ms Margarita BATLLE**, Principal Advisor, Civil Society and Outreach, Rio Tinto

**Ms Rayah BHATTACHARJI**, Project Manager, Stichting Projekta, Suriname

**Mr Jan BOLLMANN**, Junior-Advisor, Extractives for Development, GIZ, Germany

**Mr Jelle BEZEMER**, EITI National Coordinator, Netherlands

**Ms Hannah CLAYTON**, Just Transition Lead, BP

**Ms Sophie DONSZELMANN**, Senior Program Officer, The International Council on Mining and Metals Limited, ICMM

**Ms Ellen DUNBAR**, Policy Analyst, Natural Resources and Governance, Economic Development Bureau, Global Affairs, Canada

**Mr Mustapha FALL**, Legal Advisor, EITI Senegal

**Mr Clyde GRIFFITH**, National Coordinator, Suriname

**Mr David Benjamin HALSTENBERG**, Advisor, G Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation, Germany

**Mr Vincent HANAPPIER**, VP Corporate, Expertise and Methods in Exploration & Production Legal Department – TotalEnergies

**Ms Daniela HERKUL**, Counsel Upstream & Corporate Secretary, Corporate Legal Affairs, Staatsolie

**Mr Peer HOTH**, D-EITI National Coordinator and MSG Chair, Germany

**Mr Mark HUNTING**, Managing Counsel, Competition & Regulatory Compliance, BP

**Mr Dani KAUFMANN**, President Emeritus, natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI)

**Mr Yannic KIEWITT**, Senior Policy Officer for raw materials, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

**Mr Jeffrey KRILLA**, VP Global Public Policy & Government Affairs, Kosmos Energy

**Mr Sherwin LONG**, National Coordinator, EITI Secretariat, Trinidad & Tobago

**Mr Thomas MASBOU**, Policy Officer, Extractives Industry Governance, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

**Mr Gustavo A. MEJÍA-RICART**, Director, International Relations, Ministry of Energy & Mines, Dominican Republic

**Ms Aubrey MENARD**, Senior Policy Advisor, Extractive Industries Transparency, Oxfam America

**Mr Christian MOUNZEO**, Third Vice President of the Executive Committee, EITI National Committee, Republic of the Congo

**Mr Daniel MULÉ**, Policy Lead, Extractive Industries Tax and Transparency, Oxfam America

**Ms Emily NICKERSON**, Senior Policy Advisor, Natural Resource Governance (NRCan), Canada

**Mr Oleksiy ORLOVSKY**, Programme Director, International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine

**Mr Rob PITMAN**, Senior Governance Officer, Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), USA

**Ms Olivia REYNOLDS**, VP Global Public Policy & Government Affairs, Kosmos Energy

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**Mr Luigi SAMPAOLO**, Vice President, Projects and sustainability strategic relations, Sustainability Department, ENI

**Ms Marie-Christine SCHROEDER-VAN WAES**, Senior Legal Counsel Sustainability, Legal Services Corporate (LSC), Shell International

**Ms Ciara SHEEHAN**, Business Advisor to SVP Sustainability, bp

**Ms Jennifer SMITH**, Senior Policy & Advocacy Adviser – Finance, Tax & Trade, Shell International Limited

**Mr Matt TRUMBULL**, Office of Bilateral and Regional Affairs, International Communication & Information Policy, U.S. Department of State

**Mr Simon TAYLOR**, Co-founder and Director, Global Witness

**Ms Marième Diawara THIAW**, Permanent Secretary / Coordinator, National EITI Committee (CN-ITIE), Senegal

**Ms Paula VALENCIA**, Senior Development Officer, Global Affairs, Canada

**Mr Pasquale VETTA**, Head – Human Rights, Transparency and Global issues, ENI