



BUILDING CAPACITY IN ARMENIA FOR THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (EITI)

Workshop Agenda Location: American University of Armenia 22-24 March 2016

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Tuesday 22 March, 14.00-17.00, Room 133W (for CSO, Government, and Industry participants)

14.00 Introductions, expectations, review/agree programme & methodology¹

14.30-17.00 Session 1: Extractive industry transparency: global and Armenian context

14.30-15.30 *Session 1a. Global context (facilitator talk plus discussion)*

- The “resource curse” - <http://www.bloombergtake.com/quicktake/resource-curse>
- Publish What You Pay - <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/about/>
- Origins and development of the EITI - <https://eiti.org/eiti/history> ; 7 requirements - https://eiti.org/files/eiti_factsheet_en_0.pdf
- Mandatory extractive industry reporting: US - <https://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-25-15/s72515-45.pdf> ; EU/UK - <http://bit.ly/1U6n39V> ; <http://bit.ly/228a3C7> ; Canada - <http://bit.ly/1UkzU7a> ; Norway - <http://bit.ly/228arRd>²
- Recent developments in the EITI - <https://eiti.org/blog/improved-standard-improved-sector-governance> ; <http://resourcegovernance.org/blog/what-you-didnt-hear-about-eiti-last-week-six-new-elements-2016-standard-and-their-potential> ; <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/blog/new-era-transparency-moving-lima/> ; <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/pwyp-news/statement-eiti-governance-failures-threaten-independent-civil-society/>
- Q&A / general discussion

15.30-15.45 Tea/coffee

15:45-17.00 *Session 1b. Armenian context (facilitated discussion)*

- Which natural resources are present?
- Which companies are operating or potentially interested?
- What are the government’s views and policies on the extractive industries and transparency?
- What are the private sector’s views?
- What are civil society’s views?
- How much information is currently available?
- Recent and possible future developments
- What challenges does civil society face?
- Q&A / general discussion

¹ Combining plenary with breakout groups.

² In Norwegian - needs online automatic translation.



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Wednesday 23 March, 10.00-17.00, Room 133W

10.00-13.00 Session 2. How the EITI works (facilitator talk plus discussion) **(for CSO, Government, and Industry participants)**

- Difference between EITI and mandatory reporting: reconciliation; the MSG; reporting elements (sale of state's share of production, req. 4.2; transportation revenues, req. 4.4; social expenditures, req. 6.1)
- The EITI Standard 2016 - <https://eiti.org/document/standard>
- EITI guidance notes: covering e.g. candidacy, workplan, licensing, contract transparency, subnational reporting, materiality, social expenditures - <https://eiti.org/guidance-notes-and-standard-terms-reference>³
- Work of the Multi-Stakeholder Group - <https://eiti.org/files/Guidance-note-8-MSG-oversight-of-EITI-Reporting.pdf>
- National EITI Secretariat - <http://www.msi-integrity.org/assessing-eiti-msg-governance/> pages 31-36
- Civil Society Protocol - <https://eiti.org/document/civil-society-protocol>

11.00-11.15 Tea/coffee

- Content of EITI Reports: e.g. context chapter; reconciled data – e.g. Zambia <http://bit.ly/23vxtTy>
- 2016 EITI reforms - <https://eiti.org/blog/improved-standard-improved-sector-governance>: mainstreaming; beneficial ownership disclosure; improved validation procedures; implementing recommendations; open data policy; per diems - <https://eiti.org/blog/improved-standard-improved-sector-governance> ; <http://resourcegovernance.org/blog/what-you-didnt-hear-about-eiti-last-week-six-new-elements-2016-standard-and-their-potential> ; <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/blog/new-era-transparency-moving-lima/>
- Independent Administrator - <https://eiti.org/guidance-notes-and-standard-terms-reference#GN8>, steps 3-7
- Open data - <https://eiti.org/eiti/open-data-policy>
- Validation - <https://eiti.org/validation>
- Evaluations of the EITI - <https://eiti.org/blog/what-point-transparency> ; <http://bit.ly/1RbK0IF>
- Q&A / general discussion

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-17.00 Session 3. Civil society in the EITI: role and practical organisation (facilitator talk plus discussion) **(for CSOs)**

- MSG governance: *Protecting the Cornerstone* - <http://www.msi-integrity.org/assessing-eiti-msg-governance/>
- CSO experience in UK EITI:
- CSO experience in other countries: Democratic Republic of Congo model - <http://bit.ly/1YQfaol>
- Connecting with and representing citizens
- CSO experience in EITI at global level - <http://www.msi-integrity.org/assessing-eiti-msg-governance/> and <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/pwyp-news/statement-eiti-governance-failures-threaten-independent-civil-society/>
- EITI and the Open Government Partnership: UK - commitment 21; Armenia - <http://www.opengovpartnership.org/country/armenia>
- Q&A / general discussion⁴

³ See also (although dated, from 2008) <https://eiti.org/document/drillingdown>

⁴ If this session ends early, we can move into Session 4 below ahead of schedule.



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Thursday 24 March, 10.00-17.00, Room 233W (for CSOs)

10.00-12.30 Session 4. Discussion of specific topics on the workings of the MSG and civil society's levers of influence⁵ (facilitated discussion)

- Beneficial ownership disclosure - EITI 2016 Standard requirement 2.5
- Offshore companies
- EITI experience/impacts, successes and failures in other countries (participants share knowledge of EITI in post-Soviet Azerbaijan (<http://bit.ly/1GBbQTI>), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan)

11.00-11.15 Tea/coffee

- Disclosure the EITI currently does not require; need for additional data; fiscal modelling - <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/feb/24/oil-gas-minerals-firms-tax-havens-extractive-industries> ; http://goxi.org/profiles/blogs/open-fiscal-models-are-at-the-forefront-of-transparency?xg_source=msg_mes_network ; OpenOil online modelling course <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYCeDA3DUqbwkBhvG-zTy3TAMGLuq3OXU>
- Networking with international civil society to access data on Canadian, US, EU mining operators - <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/pwyp-news/big-data-ready-set-go/>
- Corporate social responsibility and social payments - <http://www.forbes.com/sites/harrybroadman/2016/02/29/how-the-secs-implementation-of-dodd-frank-muzzles-transparency-on-corruption-in-csr-initiatives/#7d8ab8881c15> ; pages 8-9
- Economic impacts of extractives transparency - <http://bit.ly/1NIJVVj> (good governance's 300% long-term development dividend) ; <https://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-25-15/s72515-28.pdf>
- Social and environmental impact disclosure - <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/pwyp-news/position-statement-from-latin-american-civil-society-ahead-of-eiti-conference/>

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-16.30 Session 5. Next steps and action planning (facilitated action planning)

- Armenian CSOs and the EITI: strengths/weaknesses/opportunities and challenges
- Agree EITI objectives and goals for Armenian CSOs
- Agree ways of working:
 - civil society TOR/membership principles?
 - elect a steering group and/or coordinator?

15.30-15.45 Tea/coffee

- Action planning

16.30-17.00 Workshop evaluation

Close

⁵ All but the last of these topics were suggested by Armenian CSOs.