

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP OF THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (EITI) HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M. PROTEA HOTEL KAMPALA.**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

| <b>No.</b>                         | <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Institution</b>  |
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| <b>GOVERNMENT</b>                  |                              |   |
| 1.                                 | Mr. Moses Kaggwa             | Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development ( <b>MSG Chairperson</b> ) |
| 2.                                 | Mr. Robert Tugume            | Ministry of Energy & Mineral Development  |
| 3.                                 | Ms. Allen Bucyana            | Ministry of Justice & Constitutional Affairs                                    |
| 4.                                 | Eng. Timothy Tibesigwa       | Ministry of Works & Transport   |
| 5.                                 | Mr. Phillip Wabulya          | Bank of Uganda  |
| 6.                                 | Mr. Mucurezi Godfrey (Proxy) | Uganda Revenue Authority  |
| 7.                                 | Ms. Sara Aijuka (Proxy)      | National Environment Management Authority                                       |
| <b>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS</b> |                              |   |
| 8.                                 | Ms. Winfred Ngabiirwe        | Global Rights Alert   |
| 9.                                 | Mr. Magara Siragi            | Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group   |
| 10.                                | Mr. Gard Benda               | World Voices Uganda   |
| 11.                                | Ms. Margaret Lomoyang        | Karamoja Women Umbrella Organisation  |
| <b>INDUSTRY</b>                    |                              |   |
| 12.                                | Dr. Tom Buringuriza          | Amour Energy Limited  |
| 13.                                | Mr. Elly Karuhanga           | Uganda Chamber of Mines & Petroleum   |
| 14.                                | Mr. Obad Noah                | Oranto Petroleum  |
| 15.                                | Mr. Nathan Morgan            | TOTAL E&P   |
| 16.                                | Mr. Likun Kuang              | China National Offshore Oil Corporation (Proxy)                                 |
| 17.                                | Ms. Emily Nakamya            | Uganda National Oil Company (Proxy)   |
| <b>OBSERVERS</b>                   |                              |   |
| 18.                                | Ms. Clara Mira               | International Monetary Fund   |
| 19.                                | Mr. Christian Raitz Frentz   | European Union  |
| 20.                                | Mr. Thomas Tiedmann          | European Union  |
| 21.                                | Mr. Lavis Frederic           | Belgium Embassy   |
| 22.                                | Mr. James Muhindo            | ACODE   |
| 23.                                | Mr. Richard Ssewakiryanga    | Uganda National NGO Forum   |
| 24.                                | Mr. Kush Amir                | Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development                            |
| 25.                                | Ms. Fiona Akullo             | Uganda Revenue Authority  |
| 26.                                | Mr. Innocent Kayiza          | Kampala Capital City Authority  |
| 27.                                | Mr. Olekwa Abdunassar        | Ministry of Lands Housing & Urban Development                                   |

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| 28. | Ms. Mary Namakula          | Ministry of Lands Housing & Urban Development  |
|     | <b>OTHERS</b>              |  |
| 1.  | Mr. Saul Ongaria           | UGEITI National Coordinator / Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development<br><b>(Secretary)</b> |
| 2.  | Mr. Edwin Kanakulya Kavuma | Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development   |
| 3.  | Ms. Sandra Kobugarure      | Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development   |

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening remarks
2. Communication from the Chairperson
3. Reactions to the Chairperson's communication
4. Presentation on the status of EITI in Uganda
5. Review of the Draft Terms of Reference of the MSG
6. Way Forward

#### **MIN 1. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson welcomed the members of the Multi Stakeholder Group and requested all members to introduce themselves.

#### **MIN 2. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson made the following remarks;

- 2.1 In January 2019, Cabinet approved Uganda to join the EITI. In that regard, the Government issued a public statement to express its intention to join and implement EITI.
- 2.2 Uganda had made significant progress in the EITI process with the following steps that had been taken:
  - a) A Senior Government Official had been appointed to lead EITI; and
  - b) The Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) had been established and constituted to oversee its implementation.
- 2.3 Uganda's petroleum industry was developing and attracting more foreign investment and this had resulted in increased revenue collections from the sector.
- 2.4 Further, a petroleum revenue investment advisory committee had been set up by the Government to oversee the investment of the revenue in the petroleum fund.

- 2.5 The minerals industry had also shown a strong potential to grow if well organised.
- 2.6 The Government aimed to submit the EITI candidature application in the financial year 2019/2020.
- 2.7 Various development partners had expressed interest to support Uganda in the EITI implementation process. The European Union and the EITI international Secretariat had provided the initial technical support.
- 2.8 The Civil Society group had selected its representatives to the MSG and these were formally appointed to the MSG by the Honourable Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development.
- 2.9 Invited the representative of the European Union Office to make a few remarks on behalf of all the observers that were present during the meeting.

### **MIN 3. REACTIONS TO THE CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

The representative of the European Union Office made the following remarks:

- 3.1 The European Union office representative was pleased to be invited to speak as well as to observe the EITI process.
- 3.2 The Development Partners would continue to participate as observers in other meetings of the Multi-Stakeholder Group.
- 3.3 Commended the progress made by Government in fulfilling the sign up steps to join EITI, and participation of Civil Society in the Multi-Stakeholder Group.
- 3.4 Reiterated that, technical support would soon be provided by the European Union to assist the National Secretariat in the implementation of EITI.
- 3.5 Envisioned substantial workload in terms of reporting on extractive industries and in particular, the minerals sector which is faced by various challenges.

### **MIN 4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 4.1 The members REVIEWED and ADOPTED the minutes of the previous meeting.

### **MIN 5. PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF EITI IN UGANDA**

The presentation on the status of EITI in Uganda highlighted the following:

- 5.1 The outline of the presentation included an introduction, the sign-up steps taken, institutional set up, EITI International Secretariat mission, next steps to be taken, candidature application and concluding remarks.



- 5.2 Noted that, Government approval for Uganda to join EITI was granted on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 by Cabinet and the sign-up steps had been completed.
- 5.3 The Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development would spearhead the EITI implementation process, and a secretariat would be established under that Ministry to carry out the day to day operational and technical work involved in the process.
- 5.4 The next step was for the MSG to finalise and approve the Terms of Reference.
- 5.5 The Government hosted an EITI mission that involved experts from the EITI International Secretariat between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The objectives of the mission were;
  - a) To discuss the developments in Uganda's EITI process;
  - b) Prepare Uganda to submit its candidature application;
  - c) To provide guidance to Uganda in developing a work plan and timelines for implementing EITI; and
  - d) To provide guidance on setting up the institutional framework of EITI.
- 5.6 Several steps would be taken before submission of Uganda's EITI candidature application. The steps included:
  - a) Approval of the MSG Terms of Reference;
  - b) Development of a detailed work plan for the MSG;
  - c) Establishment of a National Secretariat;
  - d) Submission of Uganda's candidature application;
  - e) Approval of Uganda's membership to EITI; and
  - f) Preparation of the EITI report.
- 5.7 The key factors that could enable Uganda to succeed in EITI include:
  - a) The need to work closely with the EITI International Secretariat;
  - b) The need to build collaboration between the civil society, the private sector and the government;
  - c) Sensitization of the public on EITI developments;
  - d) The need to involve the political leadership in Government; and
  - e) The need to define Uganda's expectations from EITI.
- 5.9 Members' reactions to the presentation were as follows:
  - a) Uganda's EITI process was mainly skewed to the oil and gas industry. A lot of works needed to be done to improve the institutional and regulatory capacity of the mining sector.
  - b) The EITI would not be implemented in a holistic manner and would include the oil, gas and mining industry.
  - c) There was need for the interim secretariat to take note of the issues raised concerning the mining sector by members of the MSG.

- d) There was need for the MSG to understand the EITI process and to define the expectations and objectives of Uganda in joining EITI.

**MIN 6. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- 6.1 Reviewed the draft Terms of Reference and agreed that a smaller Technical Working Group of the MSG be constituted to study the drafted Terms of Reference.
- 6.2 The members selected to Technical Working Group included:
- a) Dr. Tom Buringuriza of Armour Energy Limited;
  - b) Ms. Allen Bucyana of Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs;
  - c) Ms. Winfred Ngabiirwe from the Civil Society fraternity; and
- 6.3 The Technical Working Group would work with the interim secretariat to finalise the report.
- 6.4 The reviewed draft Terms of Reference would be presented to the MSG for approval.
- 6.5 The meeting deferred the discussion of implementing the EITI in phases by first adopting on the oil and gas sector and involving the mining sector at a later period.
- 6.6 The meeting deferred the discussion of creating a high-level steering committee of EITI.
- 6.7 Recommended that the secretariat should further study the proposition of adopting the Office of the Auditor General as the independent auditor for the EITI report.

**MIN 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7.1 The meeting agreed that the next meeting would take place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- 7.2 There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

**Signed:**

MSG Chairperson: Mayanja Date: 10/6/2019

Secretary: Opikul Date: 10/06/2019