

REPORT FOR THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP INTERFACE WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN BUNYORO SUB REGION.

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List of Symbols and Abbreviations

CSO	: Civil Society Organisation
EITI	: Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
GRA	: Global Rights Alert
MEMD	: Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development
NPA	: National Planning Authority
UCMP	: Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum
MoFPED	: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
MSG	: Multi-Stakeholder Group
UNOC	: Uganda National Oil Company
CNOOC	: China National Oil Offshore Company
UGEITI	: Uganda Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
PAPs	: Project Affected Person
UNRA	: Uganda National Roads Authority
CDO	: Community Development Organisation
CPF	: Central Processing Facility
CBM	: Community Based Monitoring
NEMA	: National Environment Management Authority
DGSM	: Directorate of Geological Survey and Mines
BOU	: Bank of Uganda
DLG	: District Local Government
DCDO	: District Community Development Officer
NAVODA	: Navigators of Development Organization
DNRO	: District Natural Resource Officer
DCDO	: District Community Development Officer
KWG	: Kwataniza Women farmers Group
KAWIDA	: Kakindo Women's Integrated Development Agency
MIRAC	: Mid-western Region Anti-Corruption Coalition
BAPENECO	: Bunyoro Albertine Petroleum network on Environmental Conservation
AFIEGO	: Africa Institute for Energy Governance

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Background

The Government of Uganda was admitted into the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) on the 12th of August 2020 as the 54th member. EITI is a body that promotes transparency, accountability and participation of citizens in the governance of their natural resources. The move led to the establishment of the Multi Stakeholder group (MSG) a body that represents interests of all stakeholders as precursor for admission to the EITI body. Much as the secretariat and the MSG have done a commendable job to popularize the UGEITI agenda, a lot is still desired to reach out a wider citizenry to share the updates and progress of EITI processes, understand the perceptions of the different groups and how they can inform the UGEITI discussions.

Therefore, it's against this background that GRA worked with the Uganda (UGEITI) secretariat plan to have a regional interface for MSG, Secretariat and the Bunyoro region stakeholders to follow up on the implementation progress of EITI Uganda.

The specific objectives of the meeting were;

- To update stakeholders in the Bunyoro sub-region on the progress of EITI in Uganda.
- To solicit support from the different stakeholders for the effective implementation of the EITI.

Methodology

The meeting was participatory to ensure that every participant contributed to the conversation. Presentations were made and followed by the plenary sessions to ensure proper understanding, question and answer. The proceedings of the meeting were documented and this report serves as a summary of the meeting outlines the presentations, concerns raised by participants, discussions and recommendations.

Day 1

Visitation to the royal tombs.

The team was welcomed by the minister of culture Haji Burhon Kyokuhairi. He took the team through the history of the kingdom and details concerning the burial site. This created a deep understanding on the region the MSG was interacting with.

Day 2

The meeting began at 8:30am with the Bunyoro Anthem. In the welcome remarks Executive Director Global Rights Alert expressed her gratitude to the prime minister who made time to interact with the MSG members. Mr. Gard Benda, MSG representative on behalf of the participants welcomed the prime minister and pledged the MSG-EITI commitment towards Accountability and Transparency of the natural resource sector.

Presentations.

Prime Minister Bunyoro kingdom

He started by appreciating Gard Benda for the warm welcoming remarks. He highlighted that the core mandate of the kingdom is to promote Bunyoro culture such as the values, norms, and language. Therefore, the call to this meeting serves it right into their strategic plans for the kingdom. He echoed that he looks forward to working together with the stakeholders present to help them fulfil their mandate. Through improvements of stakeholder engagements and forming strategic partnerships for proper utilization of the oil resource, the king hopes to see the kingdom prosperous in 30 years.

He hinted that it is only transparency that can help us understand the management of oil resource. He highlighted that we should get well aligned with the people so that they don't lose out on oil and gas and also improve stakeholder engagement so as oil and gas resources are well utilized.

He said that as a kingdom they have been reaching out to the people and stakeholders to see how their Bunyoro culture can be preserved amidst the pressure that comes with the influx of foreigners as they come into work on the oil resource.

It's important to be transparent on how much money has been gotten from oil, be transparent on the available jobs and so as people are prepared with the necessary training. He advocated for the use of available local human resources and service providers. He emphasized that there is a need to know how much money is going to remain in Bunyoro because the role of the kingdom is to manage expectations. He encouraged CSOs to advocate for the availability of information on oil resources. He also encouraged them to keep engaging and identifying the challenges in regards to oil resources management and to understand the people's needs and expectations so that we can all succeed. He conferred his gratitude towards the CSOs such as UNOC, MEMD, and PAU for their mandates and information sharing.

Executive Director, Global Rights Alert

Her presentation was on the purpose of EITI which is to speak transparently on extractives and ultimately welcomed all other participants. The E.D reechoed the role of EITI and simplified it for the regional participants to relate and participate ably.

Mr. Ongaria Saul, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

His presentation was focused on the status and the journey of EITI in Uganda. He started by sharing that EITI started in 2003 as a voluntary organization to promote transparency and accountability in the management of natural resources. Benefits include access to information, business boom, and balance application of the rule, enhanced accountability and participation of local citizens.

Ms. Gloria Mugambe, UGEITI

Ms. Gloria's presentation highlighted the role of MSG which she mentioned is to ensure EITI is implemented according to standard. EITI standard is has a list of requirements to follow before the first report is produced. She explained how EITI works and how it achieves its impact. Uganda became an EITI member in august 2020 and as a member, Uganda agreed to follow the international best practices to manage the extractives. EITI has several requirements to follow which include; contracts, licenses and legal frameworks and regulatory processes that govern the oil resource, The production which details how much resource is available, how much money the country is earning from these extractives, Revenue collection and expenditure including social-economic benefit to the people and the general impact of this money. By Uganda joining the EITI, it means it is committed to ensuring transparency and honest discussions regarding extractives and how such extractive 'oil resource' will be utilized. She shared that Uganda will produce and submit its first report in 8months as a requirement after joining the EITI. EITI secretariat will validate and assess how the processes are being done and either there is a need for improvement on what has been reported. The EITI Secretariat will carry out constant checks to ensure that the EITI standards are being enforced and maintained,

failure to do so, UG EITI will be disqualified. The UG EITI Work plan came out of the discussions on the challenges facing the extractive industry in Uganda. It was shared and has three objectives which are transparency, revenue management and capacity building.

Questions raised concerning EITI	Responses to the Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Why isn't there any Local government representative on MSG? ❖ How is Information from EITI going to reach the community/Bunyoro? ❖ Why haven't people on Kaiso Tonya Road not been compensated? ❖ Do we currently have money from oil extraction at the Bank of Uganda and if so, what has the money been used for? ❖ Buliisa came up with a land ordinance. From 2017, it has never been approved by the solicitor general. How does EITI help the district? ❖ Some PAPs who requested resettlement have not been compensated ❖ How is EITI going to help with economic displacement and how will economic displacement be compensated? ❖ How is a local woman from Buliisa going to benefit from the information sharing of EITI? ❖ How is EITI going to ensure that those who want to be compensated with cash are cleared and resettlements are worked on immediately? ❖ Does EITI have offices where PAPs (Project Affected Person) can report their grievances since they don't have a place to report? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ It was highlighted that the local government not being on the MSG committee is a gap that was identified and is an issue to be addressed. ❖ The community representatives were encouraged to share information on EITI among their communities. ❖ A list of PAPs not compensated along Kaiso-Tonya Road needs to be compiled and submitted to UNRA for follow up. ❖ The Bank of Uganda representative advised participants to interest themselves in the budget processes and ask their parliamentarians about the Petroleum money, this didn't sound well to the participants who felt that they were not responded to. ❖ Gloria Mugambe offered to follow up with the solicitor general on why the land ordinance hasn't been approved since he's a member of MSG. ❖ It was highlighted by CNOOC that there are forums at the local structures where grievances and land compensation concerns are addressed and encouraged community members to utilize them. CNOOC highlighted that the budget for resettlement houses was approved and construction of houses will begin as soon as the contract is awarded

Challenges faced

Hoima local government was not represented which made it hard to respond to issues raised by Hoima community members.

Recommendations.

- ❖ CNOOC was advised to go to the community and explain when compensation will be resettled.
- ❖ There is a need to set up a feedback mechanism at the community level where concerns and issues raised are attended to.
- ❖ Panellists should prepare slides that are easy to understand.
- ❖ The Community Development Organisation (CDO) of Buliisa suggested that there is a need for more engagements at the district level.
- ❖ There is a need for MSG to be more organized before meeting the citizens on certain engagements.
- ❖ There is a need to have a UNRA representative in these engagements.
- ❖ MSG was requested to bridge the information gap.
- ❖ There was a need to have more representation on the MSG

In conclusion, one of the Local government officials appreciated GRA and the MSG for engaging Bunyoro First.

DAY 3

The MSG team made a visit to the oil wells in Buhuka, Kyagwali Sub County, Kikuube district. They visited King fisher oil development area which hosts the kingfisher oil pad, a central processing facility (CPF) staff camp residence and feeder pipeline to the main refinery at Kabaale sub county in Hoima district. The exercise was led by China National Oil Offshore Company (CNOOC). Day 3 ended at 3pm with travel back to Kampala.



The Executive director GRA Winfred Ngabiirwe and the Coordinator UGEITI Saul Ongaria welcoming Participants.



Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom Prime Minister Owek. Andrew Byakutaga addressing the MSG members



The prime minister presented two gifts to the UGEITI secretariat, a map of the kingdom and the official portrait of the King of Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom

List of Participants.

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2. Emanzi Chris, GRA
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5. Emilly Nakamya, UNOC
6. Joseph Kasumba, Liberty Fm
7. Jovan Kandwanaho, NPA
8. O. Wilberforce, CBM Buseruka
9. Philip A. Wabulya, BOU
10. Barugahara Atwooki, BuliisaDLG
11. Obed Noah, Oranto
12. Gilbert Kigozi, NBS TV
13. Ashaba Aggrey, UCMP
14. Sandra Atusiguza, AFIEGO
15. Kitembo Ambrose, CBM Kakumiro
16. Gloria Mugabe, UGEITI
17. Baguma Reagan, KDLG
18. Nyakojo Willa, Kibaale BK
19. Tuhaise Catherine, KIYADI
20. Emilly Nakamya, UNOC
21. Sandra Wobusobozi, UNOC

22. Amanyanya Dickens, BAPENECO
23. Alex Katusabe, Bunyoro Kitara kingdom
24. Brian Nahamya, GRA
25. Beatrice Rukanyanya, KWG
26. Faith Sera, OXFAM
27. Lt.col BK Tugume, UPDF
28. Balikurungi Nicholas
29. Tugume Benard, Bulisa DLG
30. Kabahanguzi Annet, DCDO Kikuube
31. Kabaramagi Ashai, HDLG
32. Bawamasa Janepher, NAVODA
33. Sandra Kyoshabire, PAU
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35. Muganzi Francis, president's office Hoima
36. Baguma Richard, BDLG
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38. Robert Atuhairwe, Journalist New vision
39. Kazimura Alice, KAWIDA
40. Munoli Richard, Kakumiro DLG
41. Kusemererwa Ismail, MIRAC
42. Nankinga Yudaya, DNRO Kakumiro
43. Tugume John Bosco, Spice Fm
44. Nickson Ankunda, DCDO Kakumiro
45. Saul Ongaria, MoFPED
46. Muhumuza Absolom, Kakumiro DLG
47. Edgar Mutungi, UGEITI
48. Rene Kaggwa, GRA
49. Arinda Bronia, UGEITI
50. Prof. Julius Kiiza, Makerere University (**Moderator**)
51. Abbey Gitta, UGEITI
52. Ngabiirwe Winfred, GRA
53. Kanakulya Edwin Kavuma, UGEITI
54. Marion Apio, GRA
55. Dan Denis Agaba, UGEITI
56. Kajenero Immaculate, CBM
57. Gertrude Angom, UGEITI
58. Jimmy Muhandi, GRA
59. Acom Angella Suzan, UGEITI
60. Asaba Gad, kazi Njema News
61. Sandra Mwesigye, CNOOC
62. Alinda Janet, CBM Buliisa
63. Jesse Musinuzi, MoIA
64. Fr. Magezi Francis Xavier, HOCADEV

65. Isaac I.G.Ntiju, NEMA
66. Nimwesiga Elias, president's office
67. Gard Benda, World voices Uganda
68. Bagamba Rogers, President's Office
69. Eng. Timothy Tibesigwa, Ministry of Works.
70. David Sebagala, DGSM/MEMD
71. Nyamahunge Millius, CBM Buseruaka