

FY 2019-20 REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Uganda published her first EITI report in May 2022, following the guidelines set out in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Standard 2019. The report contained 6 key recommendations; they are listed below.

1. Mainstreaming and systematic disclosure of EITI data

The EITI data disclosed in the report was collected from different sources, including Government Agencies selected in the UGEITI reporting process. However, data on revenues collected and budget allocations is not systematically published on a centralised platform. It is recommended that the UGEITI website publishes the relevant links to the different information required by the EITI Standard as availed by the different Government agencies.

Government Agencies should set up an open EITI database in their systems as detailed in Section 8.1 of the EITI report.

2. Public disclosure of the register of mining licenses

Details on mining licenses, including the full text are available from the Directorate of Geological Survey and Mines at a fee. It is recommended **that the full text of mining licenses be made publicly accessible, as detailed in Section 8.2 of the EITI report.**

3. Public disclosure of contracts and licenses in Petroleum and Mining sectors

The Production Sharing Agreements (PSAs) signed with oil and gas companies are not currently publicly available. The UGEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group should set out a clear roadmap for the publication of all agreements in the extractive sector as detailed in Section 8.3 of the EITI report.

4. Data quality and assurance

A number of reporting entities did not comply with the assurance process agreed upon by the UGEITI MSG. The UGEITI MSG should **engage with reporting entities and emphasize the importance of complying with the provision of proper signature and certification of templates by auditors for future reports**, in order to meet EITI Requirement 4.9.

5. Accuracy of export data

Government Agencies' records on exports were different as detailed in Section 4.13.3 of the EITI report. The two agencies concerned, the Directorate of Geological Survey and Mines and Uganda Revenue Authority, do not systematically cross-check export data against each other's records to identify the inconsistencies.

The Directorate of Geological Survey and Mines and Uganda Revenue Authority should implement automated controls to ensure the comprehensiveness of export data reported by extractive entities, and develop analytical tools to ensure better control of mineral trading as detailed in Section 8.5 of the EITI report.

6. Public disclosure of beneficial ownership information

To date, there is no comprehensive register of data on beneficial owners of all companies operating in the mining, oil and gas sectors.

It is recommended that the **UGEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group and Uganda Registration Services Bureau put in place a roadmap relating to the disclosure of information on beneficial ownership.**