

1 [Uganda]

Stakeholder engagement – template for EITI data collection

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Introduction

The EITI requires effective multi-stakeholder oversight, including a functioning multi-stakeholder group that involves the government, companies, and the full, independent, active and effective participation of civil society.

The key requirements related to multi-stakeholder oversight include: (1.1) government engagement; (1.2) industry engagement; (1.3) civil society engagement, including [EITI Protocol: Participation of civil society](#), and (1.4) the establishment and functioning of a multi-stakeholder group.

The purpose of this template is to collect information from MSG members about the implementation of these provisions. Parts I to IV of this template should be completed and submitted to the International Secretariat by the commencement of Validation.

Part I: MSG oversight addresses Requirement 1.4.b and should be approved by the MSG before submission to the International Secretariat.

Parts II to IV should be completed by each constituency and submitted to the International Secretariat. These should be shared with the MSG for information.

The Validation team will undertake virtual or in-person consultations to gather additional information. Ahead of the Validation, a public call for stakeholder views will be launched by the International Secretariat.

Part IV: Civil society engagement

This questionnaire seeks to collect information from civil society MSG members about the engagement of civil society in the EITI process from _ to _ [insert period under review]. Civil society MSG members are requested to fill out the form together and either submit it directly to the Validation team (xxx@eiti.org) or request the National Coordinator to submit it. The deadline for submitting the form to the Validation team is (insert Validation commencement date). It is recommended that civil society MSG members coordinate to agree one submission. Diverging views within the constituency can be documented in the form. The signatories of the submission should be indicated at the bottom of the form. Stakeholders may contact the Validation team directly to provide additional views.

1. MSG nominations

1. Describe the process for nominating civil society MSG members, including whether consideration was given to ensuring the diversity of representation.

Please provide supporting documentation related to the latest nomination process. This could include the invitation to participate in the MSG, a list of interested organizations or individuals, constituency ToRs, minutes of the election process, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Agreed procedure for replacing civil society MSG members	Practice in the period under review
<p><i>There is an agreed procedure established in the Terms of reference.</i></p>	<p>There was a centralized request that came through an umbrella civil society forum – Ngo Forum. Communication was thus channeled to respective sectoral sub-constituents especially NGOs working on extractives sector. CSCO and Publish What You Pay took leadership but widened the scope by bringing on board regional chapters from communities hosting extractive resources.... Bunyoro, Karamoja.</p> <p>There was an elaborate process of nomination of civil society MSG members. The process started with development and dissemination of the Terms of Reference, which were developed in a participatory manner. This was followed by compilation of an inventory of the civil society organizations, which were then invited to participate in the election process. There was development of the CSCO convening team, charged with steering the process. With guidance from the TOR, the convening/steering team requested for expressions of interest from members of the wider civil society intending to be MSG representatives. The criteria for selection were also developed based on the key competences and qualifications. The shortlisted members were then presented in the wider civil society assembly. The members were allowed to openly campaign in an open election. Voting was done, taking into consideration diversity, regional representation, gender aspects. 5 Members of civil society were thus elected on the MSG. Following the same process, the Civil society constituency elected the proxy members of the MSG. see the following documents for ease of reference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constituency ToRs 2. Minutes of the election process 3. Documentation of Civil Society’s Participation in the Formative Stages of EITI at National Level Narrative Report February 2020 accessed at; <p>https://eiti.org/sites/default/files/attachments/civil_society_participation_in_sign-up_processes.pdf</p> <p>https://ngoforum.or.ug/2021/04/01/cso-representatives-eiti-msg-uganda-elected</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PKmQKxNaHI&t=1s</p>

2. If any MSG representatives changed during the MSG's term, please describe the process followed for replacing them.

Agreed procedure for replacing civil society MSG members	Practice in the period under review
As per the ToR, the agreed procedure for replacement of the MSG member is through the whole nomination and election process.	During the term of the MSG no civil society member was replaced.

2. Liaison with the broader constituency

3. Describe the civil society constituency's structures, policies and practices for coordination on EITI matters.

Please provide supporting evidence, such as constituency ToRs, dates and minutes of constituency meetings, number of emails to mailing lists, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Structures in place for liaison with the broader constituency, such as networks	Policies and agreed procedures for liaison with the broader constituency	Practice in the period under review
As such the meeting resolved to form a CSO Forum on EITI which was termed the Committee of the Whole House. It identified the conveners, formed a core team to steer the process and developed a CSO Roadmap for CSOs on EITI. PWYP-Uganda and Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO) were nominated as conveners with the mandate to coordinate all the CSO participation including organizing the CSO EITI Assembly to nominate	<p><i>CSO Road map</i></p> <p><i>CSO Manifesto</i></p> <p><i>CSO Terms of reference</i></p>	<p>The committee of the Whole House and the Conveners PWYP & CSCO have continued to work through a number of other existing CSO membership structures to implement EITI workplan and road map. These include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NGO Forum (Broader and National) ● Bunyoro Albertine Petroleum Network on Environmental Conservation (BAPENECO) – Regional Network for Bunyoro

<p>the CSO representatives to the MSG. Meanwhile the Core Team included Global Rights Alert (GRA), CSCO, CSBAG, PWYP and ACODE. The Core Team would work with the Conveners to operationalize the Roadmap.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Karamoja Women Network-regional Network for Karamoja Region ● Uganda Law Society ● Uganda Consortium for Corporate Accountability ● Northern Albertine Network on Environment and Petroleum (NANEP) – Regional Network for Greater Northern Uganda ● Albertine Graben Oil and Gas Districts Association (AGODA). ● Uganda Local Governments Association (ULGA).
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4. Have MSG members sought input from the broader constituency on the following documents. If yes, how and did you receive input?

- a) The latest EITI work plan, including priorities for EITI implementation
- b) The latest annual review of outcomes and impact

The Civil Society constituency has organized series of meetings in which members have evaluated progress on the implementation of the workplan and also sought for members input on the activities for the new workplan. These meetings include;

A Civil Society EITI Multi-Stake Holder Group Meeting was organized by ACODE and CSCO on the 29th August 2023. At the meeting, the following were discussed: Reflection of Civil Society Representation on Uganda’s MSG; Environment and Climate Change reporting in EITI; Uganda’s Theory of Change and Plans for the next five years; and Uganda’s EITI WP FY 2023/24 and proposals.

A meeting organized by Global Rights Alert in Collaboration with Karamoja Women Group In Mbale (Venue, date, numbers of participants)

A meeting organized by CSCO/ACODE to disseminate the UGEITI report and seek for stakeholder input into the UGEITI workplan for the year 2022/2023. The one-day meeting was organized at Hoima Buffalo Hotel, on November 2022. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp->

[content/uploads/2023/09/Dissemination-of-UGEITI-Report-FY-2019-2020-and-Work-Plan-FY-2022-2023.pdf](https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Dissemination-of-UGEITI-Report-FY-2019-2020-and-Work-Plan-FY-2022-2023.pdf)

A meeting organized by PWYP Uganda to review the implementation of UGEITI and seek input to the development of the UGEITI workplan, held Imperial Royale Kampala on 25th October 2022.

A meeting organized by CSCO/ACODE, NRGI, GRA, and Impact to disseminate the UGEITI report and seek for stakeholder input into the UGEITI workplan for the year 2022/2023. The one-day meeting was organized at Skyz Hotel Kampala. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/CSOs-consultative-meeting-on-the-EITI-Workplan-2022-2023.pdf>

A meeting Skyz; CSCO reports (2yrs); PWYP- Imperial; Oxfam- Speke (Energy Transition); Resource Rights Africa- Karamoja. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Dissemination-of-UGEITI-Report-FY-2019-2020-in-Karamoja-Region.pdf>

PWYP streamlined the EITI workplan in its general plan.

Mubende – led to representation of ASM on the MSG <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Report-of-the-MSG-Engagement-in-Mubende-Kasanda-Mining-Area.pdf>

MEMO-that was developed to inform the development of the second workplan.

3. Use of data

5. Have civil society representatives contributed to communicating or using EITI data, including participation in outreach activities or use of EITI data in advocacy and campaigns?

If yes, please provide examples with links to any supporting evidence, such as reports, blogs or news articles.

The civil society representatives have contributed to communicating and using EITI Data. They have participated in a number of outreach programs and carried out advocacy campaigns. They have also been able to use EITI data to publish several articles in both print and electronic media. They have also participated in a number of Television and Radio Talk shows.

Regional stakeholders' engagement organized by Bunyoro Albertine Petroleum Network on Environment Conservation (BAPENECO) on 24th August 2023. The purpose of the engagement was to create community awareness about the availability of the EITI report to promote accountability and improve participation of local communities in the extractive sector.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To disseminate the EITI report to stakeholders at sub-national level and create discussion on elements that relate to business and human rights within the report.
- To enhance awareness of Beneficial Ownership in the oil region in further promotion of avenues for enhancing business and human rights.

<https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Dissemination-of-EITI-Report-FY-2020-2021-and-awareness-creation-on-Beneficial-ownership.pdf>

A consultative meeting was convened by the Advocates Coalition for Environment and Development (ACODE) in partnership with the Albertine Graben Oil Districts Association (AGODA) and the Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO). The broader purpose of the meeting was to create a platform for sharing proposals by Local Governments and other stakeholders for shaping a better resource revenue management and shaping the transparency of the revenues through improving reporting of the Uganda

EITI. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Sub-national-stakeholders-consultive-meeting-on-EITI-and-extractive-revenue-management-in-Uganda.pdf>

2022 ANNUAL RETREAT FOR THE TAX JUSTICE ALLIANCE UGANDA was organized by SEATINI, Tax Justice Alliance Uganda, EATGN and Oxfam from 30th Nov to 2nd Dec. 2022 for capacity building on Double Taxation Agreements where UGEITI's first Report FY 2019/20 was discussed. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SEATINI-TJAU-Annual-Retreat-for-the-Tax-Justice-Alliance-Uganda.pdf>

CSCO in collaboration with the Parliamentary Forum on Oil and Gas Sector (PFOG) and the Uganda Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Tax Justice (UPNIFFT) organized a symposium on Extractives Governance and it was held on 7th September, 2022. At this event, the first UGEITI Report FY 2019/2020 was presented. It aimed to improve legislators' capacity to oversee Uganda's oil and gas sector. It provided updates on key developments, discussed emerging issues, and recommendations from the first Uganda EITI report. It also discussed fiscal justice and mitigation of IFFs, and suggested ways parliament could play a more effective role in mitigating sector impacts. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Mitigating-Environmental-Challenges-and-Enhancing-Transparency-and-Fiscal-Justice-in-the-development-of-Petroleum-Resources.pdf>

5th Annual Conference of the Citizen's Convention on Mining

Global Rights Alert, in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, Action Aid Uganda, Transparency International Uganda, and the Uganda Association of Artisanal and Small-scale Miners, is organizing the 2021 Citizens' Convention on Mining to promote Africa's preparedness for mineral resources and modernization.

The Convention's overall objective was to harness East Africa's mineral wealth for sustainable regional development while attracting diverse organizations and participants. It created a platform for sector players to discuss issues, share information, and promote accountability and transparency in the minerals sub-sector. https://www.globalrightsalert.org/sites/default/files/newdocs/CONCEPT%20NOTE_0.pdf

The following links provide examples on how Civil Society has used EITI data and outreach activities:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fv7t22ay7jw>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h\]xyERlve14](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h]xyERlve14)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZD9eV1hXopE>

<https://www.acode-u.org/videos>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PKmQKxNaHI&t=1s>

[Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative: Why Ugandans should pay attention – African Centre for Media Excellence \(acme-ug.org\)](#)

<https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/oped/commentary/can-uganda-have-a-transparent-oil-sector--1680410>

4. Obstacles to participation

6. If civil society representatives have experienced any obstacles to participation in the EITI, including the use of publicly available extractive sector data, please describe and specify these obstacles below or convey your concerns directly to the Validation team (XXX@eiti.org) by the commencement of the Validation.

The [EITI's civil society protocol](#) requires that the government ensures an enabling environment for civil society engagement in the EITI. Any concerns related to potential breaches of the protocol should be accompanied with a description of the related incident, including its timing, actors involved and the link to the EITI process. If available, supporting documentation should be provided. Requests for confidentiality will be respected.

For purposes of Validation, 'civil society representatives' refer to civil society representatives who are substantively involved in the EITI process, including but not limited to members of the multi-stakeholder group. **The 'EITI process' refers to activities related to preparing for EITI sign-up; MSG meetings; CSO constituency side-meetings on EITI, including interactions with MSG representatives; producing EITI Reports; producing materials or conducting analysis on EITI Reports; expressing views related to EITI activities; and expressing views related to natural resource governance.**

Provision of the EITI civil society protocol	Potential breach identified in the period under review and accompanying evidence
2.1 Expression: Civil society representatives are able to engage	The civil society representatives have been able to participate in series of public meetings, expressed

<p>in public debate related to the EITI process and express opinions about the EITI process without restraint, coercion or reprisal.</p>	<p>opinions in a number of public fora and platforms, convened and directed debates on the EITI process in Uganda. They have expressed opinions in the media, in meetings, before respective parliamentary committees, on Radio, Television, and online spaces such as twitter.</p> <p>Most of these engagements are captured under the section highlighted as MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS below. This has all the relevant links.</p>
<p>2.2 Operation: Civil society representatives are able to operate freely in relation to the EITI process.</p>	<p>The Civil Society Representatives have been able to operate with some level of freedom in relation to EITI Process. They have participated in MSG meetings, CSO constituency side-meetings on EITI, including interactions with MSG representatives, producing EITI reports, producing materials or conducting analysis on EITI reports, expressing views related to EITI activities, and expressing views related to natural resource governance. They have been able to be part of a number of committees on the MSG, and have also been given an opportunity to chair MSG meetings.</p> <p>However, there has been some restrictions arising from the stringent administrative and regulatory framework which have limited the CSO engagement effort. Such regulatory restrictions to operation include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The stringent NGO Act 2016, NGO regulations 2017, which require NGOs to obtain written approval from the districts before operating in the area, when they are already licensed to operate nationally. (b) Limiting civil society access to funds through restriction of donor operations in the country; - For example the closure of the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) which was a major funding basket for CSOs doing work on extractive and other natural resources governance. (c) Limited access to donor funding as a result of the global trends such as the world economic depression, and effects of the COVID 19.

<p>2.3 Association: Civil society representatives are able to communicate and cooperate with each other regarding the EITI process.</p>	<p>CSOs are able to associate, communicate and cooperate with each other. They are able to share information to inform MSG discussions. They have often organized joint meetings, and other informal interactions.</p>
<p>2.4 Engagement: Civil society representatives are able to be fully, actively and effectively engaged in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the EITI process.</p>	<p>CSO representatives have been able to actively participate in national MSG processes. They have been engaged in the design of the EITI process, have participated in discussion relating to EITI reports, selection of Independent Administrators, defining the scope and methodologies for EITI reporting, design and implementation of the EITI workplan.</p> <p>However, CSO effective participation in monitoring and evaluation of the EITI process is still limited by financial constraints, and restrictions to access extractive sector project sites and documents.</p>
<p>2.5 Access to public decision-making: Civil society representatives are able to speak freely on transparency and natural resource governance issues, and ensure that the EITI contributes to public debate.</p>	<p>Civil society has participated in the initiation, design and promotion of UGEITI. CSOs have also facilitated public debate on EITI in Uganda, through meetings, advocacy on Natural resources governance. They have steered debate on transparency and governance issues, influenced public decision-making processes such as – contributing to the review of Extractive Revenue management laws such as the Public Finance Management Act, Company’s Act 2012 (as amended), regulations for implementation of the Mining & Minerals Act, contributed to the drafting of the downstream and midstream petroleum laws.</p>

State the positive and good things and the limitations.

The CSOs had a number of engagements relating to civic space in the country. These are highlighted below:

1. Conduct a Regional Dialogue on Civic Space

In July 2022, GRA conducted a regional dialogue on civic space in the Bunyoro sub-region where 57 people in total (13 F, 44 M) attended. As a result of the dialogue, there was clarity in terms of the fees payable by civil society organisations. The ED of the NGO Bureau clarified that fees being charged by local governments were illegal. Local government officials clarified that they were no longer charging such fees. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Global-Rights-Alert-Summary-Civic-Space-Related-Engagements-with-Government-Entities.pdf>

There was also commitment from the NGO Bureau to rectify a number of issues that had affected some CSOs. For instance, Midwestern Region Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (MICOD) is a fully compliant NGO and yet the NGO Bureau had erroneously not included them as a compliant organisation. Their issue was considered for resolution. The dialogue created a space where civil society and government could hold each other accountable. From the meeting, civil society organisations asked the NGO Bureau to accord them fair hearings while NGO Bureau asked them to be fully compliant with the legal and regulatory framework in place. A number of concerns were taken note of by the bureau to be considered in the review of the NGO Policy process such as creating regional offices.

2. Quarterly Engagements with District Officials in Hoima

In April 2022, GRA attended a quarterly meeting between CSOs and district officials in Hoima district which was attended by 38 people (17F 21 M).

Civil Society Organisations raised the following issues:

- The various fees levied have frustrated the work being done by the various NGOs in the district especially those that are fairly new. The exorbitant fees have made it difficult to comply with the district leadership.
- The District NGO Monitoring Committee has not been active and hence this explains why NGOs have not complied by registering with the district and entering into MoUs with the same.
- NGOs requested for a scheduled timeframe for when District NGO Management Committee meets to ensure that the Committee is aware of the challenges being faced by the NGOs in the district.
- There was heated debate on the persistent clamping down of NGO activities by the Hoima District Local Government. Some members present made it clear that NGO efforts are meant to assist the government and not to be subversive. They reasoned that frustrating NGO work is a double-edged sword that will merely curtail development in the district. NGOs called upon the district leadership to embrace dialogue and collegiality as opposed to issuing of threats and directives during such meetings.
- GRA called upon the district to embrace business and human rights in its approaches. We reminded the leadership that the state has an obligation to respect, protect and promote human rights in their programming.

The meeting however agreed to the following resolutions:

- The meeting agreed that the District NGO Monitoring Committee would meet NGOs operating in the district two weeks at the end of every quarter at the district offices.
- The NGOs appointed a representative called Mr Dickens Amanyana to the District NGO Monitoring Committee.
- NGOs agreed to help the district in compiling an inventory for the NGOs in the district. They agreed to share their information before close of April.
- NGOs also agreed to share a file of their work plans and budgets with the district leadership by next week with the CAO. Copies should be made and shared with the District Internal Security Officer (DISO) and the Resident District Commissioner (RDC). <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Global-Rights-Alert-Summary-Civic-Space-Related-Engagements-with-Government-Entities.pdf>

On 7th October 2022, they held a CSOs meeting on civic space and the EITI process in Uganda. At the meeting, key highlights of the UGEITI Report FY 2019/20, Work Plan FY 2022/23, Validation, Reflection on Civil Society Protocol and Civil Society Participation in EITI Processes and Reflection on EITI for 2020/2022 and restructuring the activities for 2022/2023 were presented and discussed. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/CSOs-meeting-on-Civic-space-and-EITI-processes-in-Uganda.pdf>

On 8th December 2022, the IS provided support to the MSG and Secretariat for the CSOs to better carryout their activities during EITI implementation. It was also held to provide clarification and guidance on a number of issues related to Civic Space in Uganda. The training was to engage UGEITI to get a broad understanding of CSO participation in the EITI process, challenges faced and the critical considerations to be made for civic space in order for EITI to have an impact. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Uganda-EITI-and-Civil-Society-Engagement.pdf>

Evidence of MSG members seeking input from the broader constituency on UGEITI Workplan

On the 11th/08/2022, CSCO in collaboration with PWYP, SEATINI, IMPACT and Oxfam organized a consultative workshop for civil society at the national on UGEITI MSG workplan for 2022/2023, at Protea Hotel by Marriott Kampala Skyz. In attendance were

Further on the 23rd/08/2022, CSCO/ ACODE in collaboration with UGEITI secretariat organized a subnational workshop to disseminate the first UGEITI report (2019/2020), and consultation on the UGEITI MSG workplan for FY 2022/2023 at Hoima Buffalo Hotel – Hoima City. The meeting was attended by 69 participants (**53 Males** and **16 females**) drawn from sub-national CSOs working on extractives, local government political leaders and technocrats, and faith-based institutions, from the Districts of Hoima, Kikuube, Buliisa, Nwoya, Kagadi, Kakumiro, Mubende, Kasese, Kibaale districts and Kampala. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Dissemination-of-UGEITI-Report-FY-2019-2020-and-Work-Plan-FY-2022-2023.pdf>



Pictorials of UGEITI MSG Work plan consultations and dissemination of the first UGEITI Report (2019/ 20) at the national and sub national levels

As part of clearly defining the role of CSOs on the Multi Stakeholder Group (MSG), draft Terms of References (ToRs) were developed as a documented basis for making future decisions and for confirming a common understanding of the scope among the other stakeholders. Its therefore against this background that the Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO) organized a meeting for selected CSOs to review and approve the draft ToRs for the MSG-CSO representatives to UGEITI on 7thDecember, 2020 at the Kampala Skyz Hotel.

- *Nomination and Election of proxies to MSG of UGEITI*

The Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO)¹ and Publish What You Pay – Uganda (PWYP)² were nominated as CSO conveners with the mandate to coordinate all the CSO participation in EITI implementation. As part of consolidating CSOs’ efforts on the MSG, CSCO and PWYP convened a physical and virtual CSOs meeting that elected 5 (five) Proxy Representatives of the Civil Society to the EITI MSG. Out of the seven shortlisted members, only 5 were elected namely; • Henry Bazira, • Paul Twebaze, • Regina Navuga, • Sam Mucunguzi, • Paul Mulindwa. This was held on the 19th March 2021, in a blended meeting that had both a physical and virtual engagement. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Orientation-of-CSO-Proxies-to-UGEITI-MSG.pdf>



Tally sheet during elections for CSO MSG Proxies and, elected proxy members together with CSO MSG Members

¹ The Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO) is a loose network of 60-member organizations working towards sustainable governance of Uganda’s oil and gas resources so as to maximize the benefits to the people of Uganda. The Coalition was founded in 2008 to nurture and harness a shared civil society platform for promoting and strengthening civil society coordination, networking and advocacy in the Oil and Gas sub-sector.

² The PWYP coalition in Uganda was launched in 2008 and addresses a range of issues, from campaigning for the country to join the EITI to conducting advocacy for the publication of extractive contracts.

- ***ORIENTATION OF PROXY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UGEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP***

A training event for the proxies was organized by ACODE in partnership with PWYP with support from VOICE on the 30th of March 2021, at Skyz Hotel, Kampala. The objective of the training was to acquaint them with the EITI instruments, their role as MSG representatives and deepen their EITI understanding and effective participation in the process. During the training, the proxies benefitted from enriching presentations and discussions about the EITI Standard, Term of Reference, Code of Conduct, workplan, budget, timelines, roles, expectations, the budget and compliance requirements. The meeting enhanced the capacity of the proxy members and improved the preparedness of CSO actors in the implementation of EITI. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Orientation-of-CSO-Proxies-to-UGEITI-MSG.pdf>

- ***Sub national consultative meetings on EITI***

CSCO in partnership with COTFONE has therefore organized a consultative meeting to equip key stakeholders with information on EITI and build their confidence to engage in the process. The meeting is scheduled for 21st August 2020 at Brovad Hotel in Masaka District, starting at 8:30AM – 2:00pm. The meeting will attract 35 participants majorly from Gomba, Sembabule, Lwengo, Rakai, and Kyotera districts.

The second consultative meeting on EITI was held in Hoima City on the 27th August, 2020 at Hoima Resort Hotel. This meeting was attended by 35 participants (27 Males and 8 Females), who comprised district local government technical officers, and civil society actors drawn from the 4 districts that form Bunyoro sub region



Mr. Muhindo National Coordinator – CSCO makes a presentation

- ***Capacity building Retreat for UGEITI MSG on Beneficial Ownership***

As part of capacity building, CSCO in partnership with the UGEITI Secretariat conducted a training retreat for Uganda EITI Multi Stakeholder Group on beneficial ownership and development of the communications strategy. This was held between 19th – 21st may 2021, at Speke Resort Munyoyo, Kampala – Uganda. In attendance **were 43 participants (29 males & 14 females)**, that included representatives of agencies like the BoU, PAU, UGEITI, CSCO/ CSOs, NEMA, MDAs, MoFPED etc. Participant’s capacity was enhanced on beneficial ownership, and communication strategy

development. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Report-of-the-MSG-Training-on-Beneficial-Ownership.pdf>

- **National Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on EITI**

CSCO in collaboration with Publish What You Pay (PWYP) and the Natural Resources Governance Institute (NRGI) convened a stakeholder dialogue on EITI on the 16th September 2020 at Imperial Royale Hotel, in Kampala. The event attracted 100 (71 Males and 29 Females) participants, whose attendance was categorized into physical at a designated venue and some online virtually. These participants included representatives of Government (MDAs), petroleum and mining companies, legislators, local government leaders, private sector, civil society, media, academia and development partners. The event provided stakeholders with up to date information on the progress made by Uganda to subscribe to the EITI, the implications of joining the initiative, and the requirements for Uganda to effectively implement the EITI standard.



Facilitators from UGEITI Secretariat and MEMD during National EITI Dialogue

- **Parliamentary Symposium**

A Parliamentary Symposium on Petroleum governance under the theme: *“Mitigating environmental challenges and enhancing transparency and fiscal justice in the development of petroleum resources in Uganda,”* was convened on the 7th September 2022 at Speke Resort, Munyonyo. This engagement was organized by CSCO in collaboration with the Parliamentary Forum on Oil and Gas Sector (PFOG) and the Uganda Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Tax Justice (UPNIFFT) – and with financial support from Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF)-Uganda and Oxfam, targeting selected members of the parliament of Uganda. The event provided a platform for UGEITI Secretariat to disseminate the first UGEITI report and remind the members of parliament on their role in fast tracking the implementation of recommendations in the report.

<https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Mitigating-Environmental-Challenges-and-Enhancing-Transparency-and-Fiscal-Justice-in-the-development-of-Petroleum-Resources.pdf>

CSO Meeting on the challenges and Opportunities for implementing EITI

On 25th October 2022, **SEATINI** in collaboration with **PWYP-Uganda** organized a meeting for civil society actors to discuss and funding opportunities and challenges for implementation of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) In Uganda. This was held at Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala, and strategies drawn on how to fast track financing and other capacity needs to effectively and efficiently implement EITI.

- ***Workshop on Extractives Governance***

ACODE in collaboration with CSCO and the EITI Secretariat organized a workshop for the Environment and Natural Resources Committee of Parliament on extractives governance. The workshop which took place on the 30th of November 2022 at Protea hotel, was attended by members of the ENR committee, members of the MSG, civil society, and some donors. The meeting was aimed at disseminating the findings and recommendations of the first UGEITI report, informing the next report, and discussing the role of Parliament in enhancing transparency and accountability in the extractives sector for the benefit of all Ugandans.

- ***Strategic meeting to review first UGEITI Draft Report***

A Civil Society Organizations Strategic meeting was held the 5th – 6th May, 2022 to review the draft UGEITI report supported by NRGI, SEATINI & GRA – PWYP. A memo of comments and recommendations was developed and shared with UGEITI secretariat.

- ***Community consultative meetings on EITI Processes***

The Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO), hosted by the Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) organized a Community Consultative meeting on the Extractives Industry transparency initiative (EITI). The meeting was held on 23rd February 2022 at the Adonia Hotel – Buliisa District. In attendance were 34 participants (24 males and 10 Females).



CSO Reflection and Feedback Workshop on Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
Venue: Ridar Hotel, Seeta Date: 16th March 2022 supported by Oxfam.

- ***CSO meeting to review UGEITI Work plan for FY2020/ 21 and approve ToRs of the MSG-CSO representatives***

The Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO) in partnership with Publish What You Pay (PWYP) brought together the wider constituency of CSOs to interact with their representatives and share the Uganda EITI (UGEITI) workplan. The participants also reviewed the Terms of Reference under which the CSO representatives and their proxies will operate. The meeting was held on 11th December 2020 and held both Physically at Esella Country Hotel in Wakiso District and virtually via Zoom.

- ***Meeting to Discuss Civil Society Outreach and the Work plan.***

CSCO/ ACODE was part of a meeting to discuss civil society outreach and the work plan to streamline and strengthen civil society participation in the implementation of the Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) that Uganda ascended to in mid-2019. The meeting was held on the 20th August, 2021 virtually. CSCO was represented by 3 of its members as representatives of CSOs on the Multi-Stakeholder Committee – UGEITI. With this meeting, CSCO has been able to shape the discourse for CSO participation in Promoting public awareness of the EITI process and its benefits, debates on natural resource governance (National & local levels), advocacy role, participation in legislative formulation & reviews, monitoring and evaluation of the EITI process (UGEITI work plan) among others

- ***Evaluation of offers for EITI Independent Administrator***

In consolidating implementation of the EITI through enhancement of oversight function, CSCO through its MSG member, Mr. Onesmus Mugenyi participated in the evaluation of candidates for the EITI Independent Administrator role. This was in a bid to procure personnel to steer the process of preparing Uganda's first EITI report. The evaluation was done and an Independent Administrator was selected. This is a clear indication of the growing appreciation of the role civil society plays in providing oversight for the effective and efficient development of extractive resources in Uganda, as well as commitment from government in ensuring transparency and accountability.

- ***Training Workshop on Roadmap to Contract Disclosure***

As part of enhancing capacity for implementation of EITI, CSCO MSG members were part of a training workshop organized by the Disclosure and Legal Affairs Committee on 29th September to 1st October 2021 at Mestil Hotel, Kampala. The core objective of the event was to train members of MSG on contracts disclosure, with the aim of them developing a plan/roadmap for contract disclosure.

- ***Civil Society Organizations Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) Validation Reporting Working Session***

The Southern, Eastern Africa Trade Information, and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI) in collaboration with the Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO), organized a meeting for selected members within their constituency on 18th April, 2023 at Esella Country Hotel, Najjera, to create and provide a platform for CSO MSG members & selected CSO constituents collect and compile information and evidence on stakeholder engagement in EITI implementation processes. A CSO completed data set on engagements in EITI processes was developed and shared with the UGEITI secretariat for consolidation



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MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

A number of media engagements, on both print and electronic platforms on EITI related interventions by the civil society constituent of the Multi-Stakeholder Group, as outlined below;

Press Conference held by CSCO that was aimed at seeking government's amplified commitment to EITI. It was organized by ACODE on 18th September 2023. At the conference, At the event, some of the issues raised were:

- Government should expedite the process of formalizing all miners in the country.

- The need to track all those involved in mining for better understanding the sector, and
- Government to plug all loopholes that facilitate revenue leakages in the minerals supply chain. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Civil-Society-Coalition-on-Oil-and-Gas-CSCO-press-release-on-the-launch-of-the-second-of-EITI-Report.pdf>

- **Television and Radio Talk shows**

Thematic areas discussed on EITI on both electronic and mainstream media include the following;

Talk show on the role of EITI implementation in enhancing transparency, accountability and domestic resource mobilisation in the extractive sector 03 August 2023. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Radio-talk-show.jpeg>

The impact of energy transition on Uganda's oil and gas sector 21 September 2023. <https://www.ugeiti.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Radio-talk-show-on-impact-of-energy-Transition-on-Ugandas-oil-and-gas-sector.jpg>

Enhancing Transparency and Revenue Mobilization in the Extractives Sector through EITI implementation held on Wednesday 09/11/2022, Radio One and Friday 11/11/2022 on NBS Tv.

- Role of EITI implementation in enhancing transparency, fiscal justice, and domestic resource mobilization in Uganda, held on 29th September, 2022 on Radio One and NBS Television.
- Enhancing transparency in extractives revenue generation, management, and allocation of royalties.
- EITI and its implication on Uganda's citizenry, dissemination of Uganda's first EITI Report, 29th September, 2022 on SPICE FM a radio station at the sub national level.
- Uganda's progress in joining the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) held on 20th August, 2020, on Radio One and NBS Television.

Enhancing Transparency in the Extractives Sector

NBS TV
Nov 11, 2022
7-8pm

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Uganda's Progress in Joining the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)

Radio One FM 90
Thursday
Aug 20, 2020
7 - 8pm

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RADIO DISCUSSION ON...

- Where are we from, where have we reached, where are we going insofar as EITI is concerned?
- Why is transparency and accountability important for the Oil, Gas and Mining Sector?
- What does being admitted to Join EITI mean for an Ordinary Ugandan?
- What can stakeholders in the oil and mining Sector do to complement Government Efforts?

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The talk shows involved panelists drawn from the Technical arms of the District Local Governments, selected CSCO members from both the national and sub national levels, and experts from key governments entities and the EITI Secretariat.

<https://youtu.be/X1OSqyvW3Bo>

Newspaper articles

EITI Contract Transparency – A member of the MSG from CSO Constituency prepared an article in one of the Newspapers on Contract Transparency on 17th August 2023 titled, “On lack of contract transparency in the extractives industry. “It was noted that the disclosure of contracts helps to manage expectations held by communities, governments, and companies.
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5. Sign-off

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