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Launch of Uganda's Fourth EITI Report (FY 2022/2023)

Dear Stakeholders,

I am pleased to present yet another edition of the UGEITI Newsletter, which highlights key engagements and activities from the quarter. These activities aim to strengthen institutional collaboration, enhance public understanding of extractive sector governance, and promote accountability in managing extractive revenues.

During this period, UGEITI launched the fourth Uganda National EITI report, participated in national and regional fora, and citizen engagement initiatives. These engagement platforms presented unique opportunities for fruitful discussions on extractive governance and citizen participation in decision-making processes.

We are grateful to the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) and all our partners for their ongoing collaboration and support. As we move forward, we encourage stakeholders to use the information shared to promote informed discussions, accountability, and evidence-based engagement in Uganda's extractive sector.

UGEITI launched the Fourth EITI Report for FY 2022/2023 on 20th November 2025 at Protea Hotel Kampala, under the theme "Advancing the Extractive Sector Governance through Transparency and Accountability." The launch was presided over by the Minister of State for Planning, Hon. Amos Lugolobi. In attendance were key stakeholders from government MDAs, development partners, civil society, the media, and reporting companies.

The event provided a platform for discussions on the report's findings, recommendations, and corrective actions, and demonstrated how the EITI framework supports transparency and accountability across the extractive value chain. Different reporting entities that met disclosure requirements were awarded certificates of compliance, reinforcing incentives for transparent reporting.

● Advancing Transparency and Accountability in Uganda's Extractive Sector

During the fourth quarter of 2025, the Uganda Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (UGEITI) implemented key activities to strengthen transparency, accountability, and inclusive governance of the extractive sector. This quarter was marked by the launch and dissemination of Uganda's Fourth EITI Report, renewal of the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG), regional cooperation, and sustained citizen and policy engagement.

UGEITI continued to work with government institutions, civil society organisations, development partners, the private sector, and communities to promote the use of extractive sector data for informed decision-making and public accountability.

● MSG Field Visit to Entebbe Airport Customs Unit

On 6th October 2025, a committee of MSG members visited Entebbe Airport Customs Unit to address persistent discrepancies in gold export data highlighted in the previous EITI Reports. The visit was approved during the 37th MSG Meeting held on 22nd May 2025 and coordinated through the Uganda Revenue Authority.

The committee engaged with customs officials to better understand data flows, controls, and reporting systems. The visit informed ongoing efforts to improve transparency, traceability and accountability in Uganda's gold subsector.



● Mubende United Miners Assembly License Launch

On 7th November 2025, the Mubende United Miners Assembly (MUMA) celebrated obtaining an artisanal mining licence (Mining Licence SML000575) at Kagaba Playground, Bukuya Town Council, Kassanda District. The event marked a significant milestone for Uganda's artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) subsector, happening years after the evictions from the Mubende gold mines in August 2017. The launch was attended by local government leaders, political representatives, and key stakeholders, including UGEITI representatives. MUMA recognised various stakeholders with certificates. The event symbolised renewed hope and efforts towards formalisation within the ASM sector, which was acknowledged for providing a platform for ASMs to engage with various government entities to secure the licence.

● International engagements.

UGEITI participated in a regional forum on EITI implementation held in Lusaka, Zambia, from 10th to 11th November 2025, under the theme "Transparency in Action: Unlocking Investment in Strategic Minerals for Shared Prosperity in Africa." The forum examined how transparent licensing, contracting, fiscal regimes, and mineral value chains can attract responsible investment and promote shared prosperity.

UGEITI also participated in an EITI Africa and MENA regional online workshop on production and export reporting on 10th December 2025, which strengthened capacity in reporting and the use of production data under the EITI Standard, mainly for fiscal analysis, ASM formalisation, and traceability.

● Dissemination of the Fourth EITI Report

Following the launch, UGEITI provided a structured dissemination program to enhance public access to the report. Activities included a press conference and media engagements on 19th and 20th November 2025, the printing and distribution of report monographs, the publication of newspaper articles, and targeted outreach through UGEITI's social media platforms.

These efforts aimed to broaden public understanding of extractive-sector governance and encourage the use of EITI data by policymakers, civil society, the media, and citizens.





● Sustainable development of the oil and gas sector



On 9th December 2025, UGEITI participated in a brainstorming dialogue session organised by the Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) in partnership with the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) and the Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO). Held under the theme “Leveraging the oil and gas sector for Uganda’s 10-Fold Growth Strategy and energy transition,” the dialogue brought together key stakeholders to exchange views on the sustainable and inclusive management of Uganda’s oil and gas resources.

● Tax Justice Alliance Uganda (TJAU) annual retreat.

From 15th to 19th December 2025, members of the Tax Justice Alliance Uganda (TJAU) gathered at Esella Country Hotel for their Annual Review and Strategic Planning Retreat. Organised by SEATINI with financial backing from Oxfam, the retreat brought together alliance members, with UGEITI participating as a partner to the alliance.

Participants reviewed the 2025 work plan and strategic objectives, shared updates on international tax reforms, and identified priority engagement areas for 2026. The retreat also validated studies on sustainable financial flows and domestic resource mobilisation in the East African Community. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to strengthening coordinated tax justice advocacy by formulating tax measures and proposals to be submitted to MOFPED.

● Selection of new Civil Society Representatives to the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG)



On 15th December 2025, a new team of Civil Society representatives for the UGEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group was selected at Kabira Country Club. The NGO BUREAU and CSCO coordinated the process. The mandate was for CSO participation in EITI implementation.

The selection followed a transparent and democratic process initiated by a public call for expressions of interest, shortlisting and a voting exercise by civil society organisations active in the extractive sector. The process ensured inclusive representation and strengthened the importance of civil society participation in EITI governance.

● PlanetGold 2025 Annual Stakeholders' Meetings

UGEITI participated in the 2025 Annual Stakeholders' Meeting held on 18th December 2025, organised by PlanetGOLD Uganda under the theme "Building a mercury-free future for the artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector." The meeting highlighted key achievements as the project reached its halfway point in implementation and emphasised the commitment to making mercury use obsolete. Stakeholders, development partners, and dignitaries, including the Permanent Secretary from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Engineer Irene Batebe, as the guest of honour, commended the project for improving the livelihoods of artisanal miners.



VISION

An extractive sector that is transparent and accountable.

VALUES

Professionalism,
Integrity, Collaboration,
and Transparency.

MISSION

To promote information dissemination and public participation in the governance of the extractive sector, in order to foster transparency and accountability.

OBJECTIVES

- Enhance transparency and public trust through timely, relatable, and accessible information.
- Boost UGEITI's visibility and consistent engagement across media platforms and communities.
- Foster inclusive public participation in extractives governance, with emphasis on youth and marginalized groups.
- Promote sustainable development narratives through community representation and dialogue.



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