Uganda Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

MINUTES OF THE 42ND MEETING OF THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP (MSG) OF THE UGANDA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (UGEITI) HELD ON MONDAY, 29TH JUNE 2026 AT IMPERIAL ROYALE HOTEL, KAMPALA.

Attendance List

No.	Name	Institution
	GOVERNMENT CONSTITUENCY	
1.	Mr. Francis Twinamatsiko	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development **(Chairperson)**
2.	Mr. Oscar Olaro	National Planning Authority (NPA)
3.	Mr. Kato Obadiah Anthony	Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU)
4.	Mr. Henry Tumusiime	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD)
	CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS CONSTITUENCY	
5.	Dr. Henry Bazira	Water Governance Institute (WGI)
6.	Mr. Sam Mucunguzi	Uganda Environment Action Now (UGEAN)
7.	Dr. Priscilla Nyadoi	Uganda Wildlife Society (UWS)
8.	Ms. Margaret Lomonyang	Karamoja Women's Umbrella Organisation
9.	Mr. Bashir Twesige	Civic Response on Environment and Development (CRED)
	INDUSTRY CONSTITUENCY	
10.	Ms. Blessing Owomugisha	Tembo Steel Limited
11.	Ms. Ingrid Muhanguzi	CNOOC Uganda Limited
12.	Mr. John Bosco Bukya	Uganda Association of Artisanal & Small-scale Miners (UGAASM)
13.	Mr. Emmanuel Kibirige	Uganda Association of Artisanal & Small-scale Miners
14.	Ms. Lorna Ngabirano	Uganda National Mining Company
15.	Ms. Louisa Ninsiima Kitabire	Uganda Chamber of Energy and Minerals
16.	Mr. David Mugagga	Hima Cement
	UGEITI SECRETARIAT	
17.	Mr. Saul Ongaria	National Coordinator
18.	Ms. Gloria Mugambe	Head of Secretariat
19.	Mr. Francis Garvin Okello	Administration Officer
20.	Ms. Gertrude Angom	Monitoring & Evaluation Officer
21.	Mr. Dan Denis Agaba	Statistician
22.	Mr. Edgar Mutungi	Finance Officer
23.	Ms. Gloria Nakimwero	Administrative Assistant
24.	Ms. Hellen Ninsiima	Research Officer
25.	Mr. Patrick Peace Epulu	Research Officer
26.	Ms. Fiona Enyaku	Data Management Assistant
	Ms. Ruth Mutonyi	Data Management Assistant
27.	Mr. Paul Anapa	Research Assistant
	Mr. Ariho Ignatius	IT Assistant
28.	Mr. Kanakulya Edwin Kavuma	Compliance Officer **(Secretary)**
	OBSERVERS	
29.	Ms. Charlotte Mudoola	Uganda Registration Services Bureau
30.	Ms. Lorna Mary Nakiwu	Uganda Registration Services Bureau
31.	Ms. Emily Kisaakye	Office of the Auditor General (OAG)
32.	Ms. Magdalene Babirye	Office of the Auditor General (OAG)
	MEMBERS ABSENT WITH APOLOGY	
1.	Dr. Arthur Bainomugisha	Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)
2.	Ms. Brenda Atuhaire	Ministry of Water and Environment
3.	Mr. Richard Adrole	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
4.	Mr. Clovice Bright Irumba	Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU)
5.	Mr. Humphrey Asiimwe	Uganda Chamber of Energy and Minerals (UCEM)

AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as follows:

1) Welcome, Opening Prayer and Introductions.
2) Adoption of the Agenda.
3) Communication from the Chairperson.
4) Presentation of the 5th Uganda EITI Report (FY 2023/2024) by the Independent Administrator.
5) Reactions and Comments on the 5th Uganda EITI Report.
6) Way forward.

MIN 1.0: WELCOME, OPENING PRAYER AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 The Chairperson welcomed all participants and invited the Compliance Officer to lead the opening prayer.

MIN 2.0: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 The Agenda was reviewed and adopted.

MIN 3.0: COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

3.1 The Chairperson informed members that the main purpose of the meeting was to consider and approve the 5th Uganda EITI Report for the Financial Year 2023/2024, a key milestone in Uganda's implementation of the EITI Standard. He noted that the Uganda EITI Secretariat, together with the Independent Administrator, had made significant progress in compiling the report through collaboration with all the reporting entities. However, he observed that significant data gaps remained due to pending submissions, particularly mining companies.

3.2 The Chairperson further informed members that, following guidance from the EITI International Secretariat, a report had been prepared to enable Uganda meet the EITI reporting timelines. He explained that, upon approval by the MSG, the report would be submitted to the EITI International Secretariat for reference and review while the Secretariat and the Independent Administrator finalized the report by incorporating the outstanding submissions.

3.3 He emphasized that the meeting was therefore critical in enabling members to review the preliminary findings of the report, provide comments, recommendations and approve the report for submission.

MIN 4.0: PRESENTATION OF THE 5TH UGEITI REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR (IA)

4.1 The presentation of the 5th UGEITI Report for the FY 2023/2024 was made by Mr. Rached Maleej, the Independent Administrator (IA) and is attached as *Annex A*. The presentation covered the following key areas:

a) Overview of the UGEITI reporting process and reporting methodology.
b) Completeness of reporting and data quality.
c) Revenue generated from the extractive industries.
d) Contribution of the extractive sector to the economy.
e) Production and exports data.
f) Reconciliation results.
g) Progress in implementing recommendations from previous EITI Reports.
h) Recommendations arising from the 5th UGEITI Report.

4.2 The IA informed the meeting that the report had been prepared in accordance with the 2023 EITI Standard and the IA Terms of Reference. However, the report remained because several reporting entities, particularly within the mining sector, had not submitted the required reporting templates and supporting documentation within the reporting timelines. Consequently, the report would be updated upon receipt of the outstanding submissions before publication of the final report.

4.3 The IA reported that, despite improvements in stakeholder participation, challenges relating to data completeness and quality persisted. These included delayed submission of reporting templates, incomplete disclosures by some reporting entities, and the absence of adequate assurance documentation from several entities. The IA noted that these challenges affected the completeness of the reconciliation process and reinforced the need to strengthen compliance with the EITI reporting requirements.

4.4 On revenue generation, the IA informed members that Government revenues from Uganda's extractive industries continued to grow during FY 2023/2024. A total of 20 extractive companies were included in the reconciliation scope, with the sector generating approximately UGX 655.0 billion in Government-reported revenues. The report further highlighted the extractive sector's continued contribution to Government revenue, exports, employment and Gross Domestic Product (GDP), particularly through increased activity in the mining and petroleum sub-sectors.

4.5 Regarding reconciliation, the IA explained that 20 extractive companies were included in the reconciliation scope; however, only 9 companies submitted reporting templates, while 11 companies, representing UGX 405.2 billion (61.8%) of total extractive revenues, did not submit the required information. Furthermore, only 3 companies submitted signed

reporting templates, while 17 companies, accounting for UGX 645.2 billion (98.5%) of the reconciliation scope, had not submitted signed templates. Although all participating Government agencies submitted reporting templates, none of the reporting entities submitted certified templates or audited financial statements. Consequently, payments declared by extractive companies amounted to UGX 218.6 billion, compared to Government receipts of UGX 655.0 billion, resulting in an unreconciled variance of UGX 436.4 billion (66.63%). The IA attributed these discrepancies to delayed and incomplete submissions, reporting inconsistencies, timing differences and the absence of supporting documentation, emphasizing that the nature of the report would allow these issues to be resolved before publication of the final report.

4.6 The IA further highlighted progress made in implementing recommendations from previous EITI Reports but noted that there was still more work to be done particularly regarding strengthening the legal framework for EITI implementation, improving beneficial ownership disclosures, enhancing contract transparency, strengthening environmental reporting, improving project-level reporting and addressing recurring data quality challenges. Members were informed that continued follow-up on these recommendations would improve compliance with the EITI Standard and enhance transparency within Uganda's extractive sector.

MIN 5.0 REACTION AND COMMENTS ON THE 5TH UGEITI

a) Members appreciated the Independent Administrator and the Uganda EITI Secretariat for the work undertaken in preparing the 5th UGEITI Report and acknowledged the progress made despite the reporting challenges encountered. Members further welcomed the decision to prepare a report in line with the guidance of the EITI International Secretariat to enable Uganda comply with the EITI reporting timelines.

b) The National Coordinator informed members that the Secretariat had made considerable efforts to obtain data from all reporting entities. However, a number of companies had not submitted the required reporting templates despite several follow-up engagements. He reiterated the need to strengthen the legal and institutional framework for EITI implementation in Uganda to improve compliance with reporting obligations and minimize recurring challenges associated with incomplete submissions.

c) The Chairperson encouraged reporting entities to comply with all the requirements as part of the EITI reporting process. In response, the Independent Administrator clarified that most of the outstanding variances were expected to reduce once the pending reporting

templates, audited financial statements and other supporting documentation were received and reconciled before publication of the final report.

d) A representative from the civil society inquired whether the report adequately attributed the changes in mineral production and provided an analysis of the factors responsible for the growth in mineral production during the reporting period.

e) He also suggested that the cover page of the report be redesigned to depict both the petroleum and mining sectors in order to reflect the full scope of Uganda's extractive industries.

f) Another representative from the civil society questioned the rationale for reconciling data from companies that had pending submissions of their reporting templates. He proposed that the reconciliation exercise should be limited to reporting entities that had submitted the required templates and supporting documentation, arguing that this would produce a more accurate and credible reconciliation outcome.

g) The Chairperson advised the Secretariat to commence the data collection process by engaging reporting entities early to ensure timely submission of reporting templates.

h) He further encouraged the Secretariat to increase field engagements and engage relevant stakeholders on royalties, including landowners and project-affected communities, where necessary, to verify reported information.

i) In addition, the Chairperson proposed that the Secretariat organize a stakeholder conference to discuss the recurring reporting challenges and identify practical measures for improving compliance, data quality and the overall effectiveness of the UGEITI reporting process.

5.1 In light of the above deliberations, the Multi-Stakeholder Group:

a) Approved the 5th Uganda EITI Report (FY 2023/2024) for publication in accordance with the agreed reporting timelines, subject to the incorporation of the comments and recommendations made during the meeting.

b) Directed the Secretariat and the Independent Administrator to incorporate all agreed comments, corrections and outstanding reporting submissions before publication of the final report.

c) Requested the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to continue pursuing the development of the legal

framework for EITI implementation to strengthen compliance with reporting obligations.

d) Appointed the following members to constitute an Environment Committee to review and strengthen environmental reporting of the 5th UGEITI Report:
   i. Ms. Jane Rose Atwongeire (National Environment Management Authority)
   ii. Dr. Priscilla Nyadoi (Uganda Wildlife Society)
   iii. Dr. Henry Bazira (Water Governance Institute)
   iv. Mr. Bashir Twesige (Civic Response on Environment and Development)

MIN 6.0: WAY FORWARD.

6.1 The MSG resolved as follows:

a) Publish the 5th EITI report on 30th June 2026.
b) The Secretariat was directed to continue engaging reporting entities that had not submitted reporting templates, audited financial statements and other supporting documentation to ensure that the outstanding information is received and incorporated into the report.
c) The Environment Committee was requested to work with the Secretariat to review and strengthen the environmental disclosures of the report before the final version is published
d) It was further agreed that the composition of all MSG Committees would be considered as a substantive agenda item during the next MSG Meeting.

6.2 There being no other business, the Chairperson thanked members for their active participation and closed the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

ACTION MATRIX

Min No.	Action Point	Resp. Inst./Individual	Timeline	Action Update
5.0 i)	Organise a stakeholder conference to address recurring reporting challenges and strengthen compliance with EITI reporting requirements.	Secretariat	Before the next EITI reporting cycle	Ongoing
5.1(a)	Publish the 5th UGEITI Report to the EITI International Secretariat.	Secretariat / IA	30th June 2026	Done
5.1 b)	Incorporate all agreed comments, factual corrections and outstanding reporting submissions into the Final 5th UGEITI Report.	Secretariat / IA	Immediately	Done
5.1 c)	Pursue the development of the legal framework for EITI implementation	MSG/MOFPED	Until the action point is addressed.	Ongoing
6.1d)	Include as an agenda item the composition of all MSG Committees for consideration and approval	Secretariat	Before the next EITI MSG meeting	Done
8.1 of 41st MSG Meeting Minutes	Presentation of the procedure for appointment of Observers on the MSG and proposed names.	Secretariat	Next Convenient MSG Meeting	Deferred to next convenient MSG Meeting

Signed:

Chairperson: _____ Date: 13/07/2026

Secretary: _____ Date: 13/07/2026