Uganda Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

REPORT ON THE UGEITI VALIDATION WORKSHOP

Preparation for Uganda's 2026 EITI Validation

Two-Day Validation Workshop

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Acronyms

BO	Beneficial Ownership
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
EITI	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
IA	Independent Administrator
MSG	Multi-Stakeholder Group
NPA	National Planning Authority
SOE	State-Owned Enterprise
UGEITI	Uganda Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
UNMC	Uganda National Mining Company
UNOC	Uganda National Oil Company

1.0 Introduction

The Uganda Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (UGEITI) convened a two-day Validation Workshop bringing together members of the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) and the National Secretariat to review Uganda's preparations for the 2026 EITI Validation. The workshop followed the completion and launch of the latest EITI Report and provided a structured forum for the MSG to review, discuss, strengthen and take ownership of the information compiled for Validation.

The workshop focused on the three principal Validation components: Outcomes and Impact, Stakeholder Engagement and Transparency. Day One was devoted to an overview of the Validation process, the outstanding corrective actions from the previous Validation, presentation of the populated templates by the Secretariat, and MSG discussions. Day Two was organized as a practical working session in which MSG and Secretariat members worked in mixed groups to review the templates, provide constituency-specific input and strengthen the supporting evidence.

The exercise was particularly important because the Validation templates constitute the MSG's account of progress since the previous Validation and must reflect the perspectives of government, industry and civil society. The workshop therefore emphasised collective ownership, credible evidence, national relevance and clear documentation of reforms, outcomes and impacts arising from EITI implementation.

2.0 Objectives of the Validation Workshop

The overall objective was to strengthen Uganda's readiness for the 2026 EITI Validation through an informed and participatory review of the Validation templates. Specifically, the workshop sought to:

- Orient MSG members on the purpose, scope, stages and implications of EITI Validation under the 2023 EITI Standard.
- Review progress in addressing corrective actions and recommendations arising from the previous Validation.
- Present the Outcomes and Impact, Stakeholder Engagement and Transparency templates and identify information or evidence gaps.
- Obtain substantive input from government, industry and civil society representatives and ensure that the templates accurately reflect EITI implementation in Uganda.
- Strengthen MSG ownership of the information to be submitted for Validation and agree on priority follow-up actions.

3.0 Proceedings of the Validation Workshop

3.1 Opening Remarks and Workshop Orientation

The workshop was opened by Mr. Saul Ongaria, National Coordinator – UGEITI, who welcomed MSG and Secretariat members and underscored the central role of the MSG in the Validation exercise. He explained that, following the launch of the EITI Report, attention had shifted to Validation and that the information compiled in the templates required MSG review, ownership and approval before submission.

Mr. Ongaria noted that Uganda had recorded 78.5 points in the previous Validation and encouraged participants to use the workshop to demonstrate progress made since then. He outlined the two-day programme: presentations and plenary discussion on Day One, followed by mixed-constituency breakout sessions on Day Two to review and strengthen the templates. He emphasised that government, civil society and industry should all understand and own the final submission.

The National Coordinator, Mr. Saul Ongaria, giving the opening remarks

3.2 Overview of the EITI Validation Process

Mr. Edwin Kanakulya, Manager Stakeholder Engagement – UGEITI, presented an overview of EITI Validation. He explained that the EITI Standard sets the minimum requirements for implementation and that Validation provides a

periodic review of how well an implementing country meets those requirements while using EITI to respond to national governance priorities.

The presentation traced the Validation process from preparation and completion of the templates, through stakeholder consultations and the International Secretariat's initial assessment, to review of a draft assessment, MSG response and the final decision by the EITI Board. Participants were reminded that the assessment is not confined to documents submitted by the MSG; stakeholder consultations form an important part of the process, making it necessary for MSG members to be familiar with the content and evidence in the templates.

Mr. Kanakulya further explained the three Validation components. Outcomes and Impact considers, among other areas, work planning, public debate, open data and follow-up on recommendations; Stakeholder Engagement considers government, company, civil society and MSG participation; while Transparency covers disclosures across Requirements 2–6, including licences and contracts, beneficial ownership, state participation, revenue collection, revenue management, and social and environmental impacts.

The Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Mr. Edwin Kanakulya presenting the overview of validation in EITI.

3.3 Overview of Corrective Actions and Validation Gaps

Mr. Kanakulya also presented the main corrective actions and disclosure gaps carried forward from the previous Validation. The discussion highlighted the need to demonstrate progress through verifiable evidence rather than merely restating activities. Priority areas included beneficial ownership transparency; disclosure of financial information relating to state-owned enterprises; production and export information, including the informal mining sector; comprehensive and project-level disclosure of company payments and government revenues; subnational payments and transfers; and clearer reporting of social and environmental expenditures.

Participants were encouraged to treat the corrective actions as a practical checklist for demonstrating reforms, outcomes and remaining gaps. The session also reinforced the importance of showing how corrective actions have been integrated into ongoing EITI implementation and broader sector reforms.

Participants reacting to the presentations made.

3.4 Presentation of the Outcomes and Impact Template

Mr. Francis Okello, Senior Technical Officer – Minerals, presented the Outcomes and Impact template. The template assesses how EITI implementation is planned and monitored, how disclosures stimulate public debate and data use, and how recommendations from EITI reporting and Validation are followed up. The discussion stressed that the template should

demonstrate not only activities undertaken but also the practical value and impact of EITI implementation in Uganda.

Key contributions from MSG members included the following:

- Mr. Paul Mulindwa (CSO constituency) emphasized the need for the MSG to be aware of wider public concerns that may arise during Validation, particularly issues affecting public debate and civic space. He argued that such issues should be discussed early by the MSG so that members understand the facts and can communicate the MSG's position clearly.
- Mr. Sam Mucunguzi (CSO constituency) stressed the importance of constituency coordination and of ensuring that civil society actors participating in EITI understand the issues being assessed. He also highlighted the responsibility of civil society representatives to relay information to their wider constituencies and create opportunities for informed debate.
- Dr. Priscilla Nyadoi (CSO constituency) supported frank internal discussion of difficult issues but cautioned against limiting or conditioning who may express views during public consultation. She underscored that transparency requires openness to differing perspectives and credible reporting.
- Mr. Bashir Twesigye (CSO constituency) reinforced the need to focus on the credibility of information provided and to address substantive issues openly rather than shaping the discussion around possible consequences.
- The National Coordinator noted that the Outcomes and Impact component should help UGEITI move beyond compliance and more deliberately demonstrate how EITI contributes to national priorities, improved resource governance, a conducive investment environment and better management of extractive resources.
- Mr. Edwin Kanakulya requested constituencies to bring emerging issues to the Secretariat for possible inclusion on MSG agendas and emphasised that claims in the templates should, wherever possible, be supported by links, photographs, videos, records and other verifiable evidence.

The Senior Technical Officer-Minerals, Mr. Francis Okello presenting the outcome and impacts template

3.5 Presentation of the Stakeholder Engagement Template

Ms. Gertrude Angom, Senior Technical Officer – Energy, presented the Stakeholder Engagement template. She explained the three constituency dimensions of the component: MSG governance and government engagement, company engagement, and civil society engagement. The presentation prompted discussion on effective representation, constituency coordination, gender inclusion and the quality of participation in MSG processes.

The main points raised during the discussion were:

- Ms. Rose Nakawuma (CSO constituency) observed that representation should be assessed beyond numbers alone and recognised deliberate efforts by UGEITI to encourage women to participate actively in MSG processes.
- Dr. Priscilla proposed that, when considering women's representation, the MSG should also be guided by Uganda's national standard of at least one-third representation of women on boards and committees.
- Madam Lomonyang (CSO constituency) acknowledged improvement in women's participation but called for broader inclusion of women and

community voices from mining areas so that implementation remains connected to realities on the ground.

- Mr. Emmanuel Kibirige (Industry constituency) highlighted the need to balance numerical representation with the value and quality of participation, while ensuring that the relevant constituencies are adequately represented.
- Mr. Edgar Mutungi (secretariat) encouraged the MSG to translate identified gaps into action-oriented work planning, including targeted engagement with women, youth and other groups in the extractive sector.

The Senior Technical Officer-Energy, Ms. Gertrude Angom presenting the B1 Stakeholder Engagement template

3.6 Presentation of the Transparency Template

Mr. Edgar Mutungi, Senior Technical Officer – Data Analysis, presented the Transparency component. He explained that this component comprises several modules covering the extractive sector overview; licences, contracts and ownership; state participation; revenue collection and data quality; revenue management and subnational contributions; and social and environmental impacts. Participants were informed that the Transparency

templates draw substantially on the latest EITI Report and supporting disclosures, with technical support from the Independent Administrator.

The session reinforced the need to ensure that disclosures are complete, traceable to source evidence and responsive to the specific requirements of the 2023 EITI Standard, particularly areas where corrective actions from the previous Validation remain relevant.

Mr. Emmanuel Kibirige giving comments on the presented templates.

3.7 Day Two: Breakout Review and Consolidation of Templates

Day Two was designed as a practical working session. Participants were divided into groups comprising MSG members from the different constituencies together with Secretariat staff. The groups reviewed the populated templates, tested the accuracy and completeness of the responses, added constituency-specific information, and identified evidence that could strengthen the submission.

The exercise enabled the government, industry and civil society constituencies to provide direct input into the relevant stakeholder engagement sections while also contributing to the broader Outcomes and Impact and Transparency components. Particular attention was given to strengthening supporting evidence, clarifying the status of corrective actions, and ensuring

that the final narrative reflected both institutional actions and the perspectives of the constituencies represented on the MSG.

Participants working in one of the breakout groups during Day Two.

MSG and Secretariat members reviewing the Validation templates in a breakout session.

4.0 Key Workshop Takeaways

- MSG ownership is central to Validation. Members need to understand the information being submitted, the evidence supporting it and the progress made since the previous Validation.
- Evidence must demonstrate results, not only activities. Where possible, template responses should be supported by official records, links, minutes, reports, photographs, videos and other verifiable sources.
- Corrective actions from the previous Validation remain a core reference point. Progress should be clearly linked to reforms, implementation status, outcomes and any remaining gaps.
- EITI implementation should be increasingly linked to Uganda's national priorities. The MSG should be able to explain how transparency contributes to better resource governance, public debate, investment, accountability and development outcomes.
- Constituency coordination requires continuous attention. Government, industry and civil society representatives should engage their wider constituencies and bring relevant concerns and evidence into MSG deliberations.

- Public debate and civic space issues should be handled through informed, transparent discussion. The MSG should remain aware of concerns in the wider environment while preserving openness to independent stakeholder views.
- Gender and inclusion should move from description to action. Representation matters, but so do meaningful participation, constituency diversity and targeted activities that respond to identified gaps.
- Validation should be treated as part of continuous implementation rather than a one-off compliance exercise. Lessons from the assessment should feed directly into future MSG work plans and institutional reforms.

5.0 Agreed Actions and Way Forward

Responsible	Action
National Secretariat	Consolidate comments and additions from the plenary and Day Two breakout groups into the final Validation templates.
MSG constituencies	Provide outstanding evidence, links, records and constituency-specific information needed to substantiate template responses.
MSG members	Remain familiar with the final submission and key developments since the previous Validation in preparation for possible stakeholder consultations.
Civil society, industry and government representatives	Strengthen feedback loops with their wider constituencies and raise emerging governance issues for discussion through MSG structures.
MSG/National Secretariat	Ensure corrective actions are presented with clear evidence of actions taken, reforms, implementation status, outcomes and remaining gaps.
MSG/National Secretariat	Use identified gaps, including those relating to gender, inclusion, public debate and stakeholder participation, to inform future work planning.

6.0 Conclusion

The two-day Validation Workshop provided an important platform for the MSG and National Secretariat to jointly review Uganda's preparations for the 2026 EITI Validation. Through presentations, plenary discussion and practical group work, participants deepened their understanding of the Validation process, reviewed progress against previous corrective actions and strengthened the three Validation components.

The workshop also highlighted a broader lesson for implementation: strong Validation performance depends on credible evidence, effective constituency engagement, honest reflection on gaps and a clear connection between EITI activities and national outcomes. The inputs generated during the workshop provide a basis for finalising the templates and for strengthening implementation beyond the Validation exercise.

ANNEXES

Annex 1: Photo Gallery

Mr. Dan Denis Agaba presenting one of the templates during the workshop

Breakout group reviewing the Validation templates

Secretariat and MSG members working through template responses

Participants during a Day Two working session

Constituency representatives contributing to the group review

Workshop participants providing inputs into the templates

Participants during the validation Workshop

Annex 2 : Attendance list

No.	Name	Institution
1	Mr. Clovice Bright Irumba	Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU)
2	Ms. Ginamara Esther Otonga	Uganda Revenue Authority (URA)
3	Mr. David Sebagala	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD)
4	Eng. Ntale Malik	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD)
5	Mr. Winston Mugumya	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD)
6	Mr. Henry Tumusiime	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD)
7	Eng. Oscar Olaro	National Planning Authority (NPA)
8	Mr. Bashir Twesigye	Civic Response on Environment and Development (CRED)
9	Mr. Paul Mulindwa	KCSON (full institutional name to be confirmed)
10	Mr. Sam Mucunguzi	Uganda Environment Action Now (UGEAN) (confirm institution against the meeting record)
11	Mr. Twesigye Bashir	Civic Response on Environment and Development (CRED)
12	Ms. Margaret Lomonyang	Karamoja Women's Umbrella Organisation (KWUO)
13	Dr. Henry Bazira	Water Governance Institute (WGI)
14	Ms. Rose Nakawuma	Impact Transform
15	Mr. Michael Musiime Namanya	Advocates Sans Frontières
16	Mr. John Bosco Bukya	Uganda Association of Artisanal and Small-scale Miners
17	Mr. Kwesi Kuteesa	Woodcross Resources

18	Ms. Blessing Owomugisha	Tembo Steel Limited
19	Mr. Emmanuel Kibirige	Uganda Association of Artisanal and Small-scale Miners
20	Ms. Lorna Ngabirano	Uganda National Mining Company (UNMC)
21	Dr. Priscilla Nyadoi	Uganda Wildlife Society (UWS) — Online
22	Mr. Saul Ongaria	UGEITI Secretariat – National Coordinator
23	Mr. Kanakulya E. Kavuma	UGEITI Secretariat – Manager, Stakeholder Engagement
24	Mr. Francis Garvin Okello	UGEITI Secretariat – Senior Technical Officer, Minerals
25	Mr. Dan Denis Agaba	UGEITI Secretariat – Senior Technical Officer, Petroleum
26	Mr. Edgar Mutungi	UGEITI Secretariat – Senior Technical Officer, Data Analysis
27	Ms. Gertrude Angom	UGEITI Secretariat – Senior Technical Officer, Energy
28	Ms. Jackline Ensekiriyo	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Officer, Minerals
29	Mr. Patrick Epulu	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Officer, Petroleum
30	Mr. Stephen Etyang	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Officer, Energy
31	Ms. Agnes Kobusingye	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Officer, Data Analysis
32	Ms. Hellen Ninsiima	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Officer, Data Analysis
33	Mr. Ignatius Ariho	UGEITI Secretariat – IT and Administration Officer
34	Ms. Ruth Mutonyi	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Assistant, Data Analysis
35	Ms. Anita Fiona Enyaku	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Assistant, Data Analysis
36	Ms. Linda Stacy Nalumu	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Assistant, Stakeholder Engagement
37	Ms. G. Nakimwero	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Assistant, Monitoring and Evaluation
38	Mr. Paul Anapa	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Assistant, Stakeholder Engagement
39	Mr. G. Muhereza	UGEITI Secretariat – Technical Assistant, Monitoring and Evaluation
40	Ms. Stella Anyait	UGEITI Secretariat – Secretary
41	Ms. Susan Acom	UGEITI Secretariat – Office Assistant
42	Mr. Francis Tumuhimbise	UGEITI Secretariat – Office Assistant
43	Mr. Reagan Okepa	UGEITI Secretariat – Driver
44	Mr. Ibrahim Naluswa Kasango	UGEITI Secretariat – Driver
45	Mr. Edison Kamwe	UGEITI Secretariat – Driver
46	Ms. Lorna Mary Nakiwu	Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)

Annex 3: Programme

PROGRAM

Date: 29th - 30th September, 2026

Venue: Speke Resort Hotel - Munyonyo

Day 1:		
08:30 – 09:00 a.m.	**Arrival and Registration**	UGEITI Secretariat
09:00 – 09:15 a.m.	**Introductions and Welcome Remarks**	National Coordinator
09:15 – 10:00 a.m.	**Presentation of Validation Overview**	UGEITI Secretariat
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	TEA BREAK	Hotel
10:30 – 01:00 p.m.	**Presentation of Specific Templates**	UGEITI Secretariat
01:00 – 02:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Hotel
02.30 – 04:45 p.m.	**Presentation of Specific Templates**	UGEITI Secretariat
04:45 – 05:00 p.m.	**Wrap up of Day 1**	National Coordinator
Day 2:		
08:00 – 08:30 a.m.	**Arrival and Registration**	UGEITI Secretariat
08:30 – 10:00 a.m.	**Break Away Sessions 1**	UGEITI Secretariat
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	TEA BREAK	Hotel
10:30 – 1:30 p.m.	**Break Away Sessions 2**	UGEITI Secretariat
01:30 – 02:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Hotel
02:30 – 04:00 p.m.	**Approval of Templates**	Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG)