

## Opportunities for EITI-OGP collaboration in 2018

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This is an engagement agreement outlining opportunities for collaboration between the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the Open Government Partnership (OGP). It can also assist collaboration with other organisations like Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) and Publish What You Pay (PWYP). It is not intended to be a binding agreement, just an understanding between organisations to collaborate to maximize our impacts and add the most sustained value to the field of transparency and open government in natural resource management.

EITI and OGP maintain a core commitment to transparency, and there are a growing number of areas where there are opportunities for further collaboration. There are currently 26 EITI-OGP countries, and 20 OGP countries have made commitments related to joining and/or implementing EITI Requirements. The agreement also reflects the longstanding relationship between EITI and OGP, as has been seen in countries such as Ghana, Nigeria, Philippines and Ukraine.

### About EITI

The EITI is a global standard to promote the open and accountable management of oil, gas and mineral resources, implemented by over 50 countries. The EITI Standard requires countries and companies to regularly disclose information on the key steps in the governance of oil, gas and mining revenues. In each EITI country, a national multi-stakeholder group (government, industry and civil society) decides how their EITI process should work. The EITI is governed by an international EITI Board consisting of stakeholders from governments, industry and civil society.

### About OGP

The OGP is a multilateral initiative - with 76 national and 15 local government members - that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. In the spirit of multi-stakeholder collaboration, OGP is overseen by a Steering Committee including representatives of governments and civil society organizations. To become a member of OGP, participating countries must endorse a high-level Open Government Declaration, deliver a country action plan developed with public consultation, and commit to independent reporting on their progress going forward.

## Global collaboration

### Leveraging the OGP Steering Committee and EITI Board

- Encouraging [OGP Steering Committee members](#) and [EITI Board members](#) to facilitate collaborative opportunities including on beneficial ownership.
- Sharing experiences related to ensuring an enabling environment for civil society engagement in EITI and OGP implementation.

## Events

- Sharing updates on relevant developments related to EITI and OGP at the global level, as well as opportunities for organising peer learning events for joint stakeholders (including the OGP Summit in Georgia, regional OGP meeting in South Korea, regional EITI beneficial ownership conference in Africa in 2018 and the EITI and OGP Global Conferences in 2019).
- Ensuring that there is an OGP session at EITI Conference and an EITI session at the OGP Summit.
- Ensuring high level representation at the Global Conferences.

## Partnerships

- Facilitating collaboration with common global partners such as Natural Resource Governance Institute, OpenOwnership, Open Contracting Partnership and Publish What You Pay.

## Communication

- Sharing communication plans related to shared thematic priorities and editorial calendars with each other.
- Adding regular EITI boxes/spots in OGP newsletters and OGP boxes/spots to EITI newsletters.

## Shared research, case studies, stories

- Coordinate on production of relevant stories/ case studies/ knowledge resources which illustrate how countries have leveraged EITI and OGP in a complementary manner, enabling reform in specific areas.

## Country collaboration and priorities

### Strengthening collaboration at the national level in EITI-OGP countries.

- Encourage stronger links between EITI-OGP in planning of relevant activities at the country level where there is potential to establish and strengthen such links, especially through the **2018 OGP action plan development process**.
- Encourage stronger links in implementation of EITI requirements and OGP commitments in countries where EITI and OGP efforts are to some extent aligned, **especially through the 2018 action plan development process**.
- Establish linkages between EITI-OGP stakeholders in countries **implementing OGP action plans**, especially where aligned with EITI requirements.
- Coordinate on outreach to **non-EITI OGP countries to include commitment to become EITI countries** or use relevant OGP commitments (such as on open data or e-governance) to link to EITI.

In addition, where the opportunity presents itself, the EITI and OGP teams will coordinate to provide guidance to EITI multi-stakeholder group members of how to get involved with OGP action planning process for countries preparing action plans in 2018.

## Thematic priorities

### **Encourage commitments and progress on beneficial ownership transparency.**

- Where a country has committed to beneficial ownership through their OGP action plan, support implementation of beneficial ownership roadmaps at the country level, with specific focus on design of legal framework, outreach and guidance to companies, and advice on building registers.
- Support capacity building for civil society, and relevant government actors/ministries, by connecting them to networks supported by OGP or EITI communities.
- Encourage commitments on beneficial ownership in OGP action plans with reference to EITI requirements.
- Encourage collaboration with companies and other industry leaders supportive of beneficial ownership transparency.
- Where a country has committed to beneficial ownership through their OGP action plan, improve disclosure of beneficial ownership information through EITI Reports.
- Share relevant case studies, distribute EITI guidance materials and share good practices on various topics related to beneficial ownership transparency (available from [eti.org/beneficial-ownership](http://eti.org/beneficial-ownership)).
- Provide opportunities for joint peer learning at regional and global meetings on beneficial ownership, including inviting key partners to each other's' events, and sharing opportunities in the different regions.

### **Improving transparency in activities of state-owned enterprises (SOEs).**

- Encourage OGP action plan commitments related to improving transparency regarding the state's participation in the extractive sector and management of state-owned enterprises in selected countries, with reference to EITI Requirements.
- Improve transparency with regards to the financial relationship between the government and state-owned enterprises, and encourage addressing of corrective actions from EITI Validation related to SOEs as part of OGP commitments.

### **Improving commodity trading transparency.**

- Encourage improving transparency in how governments are selling oil, gas and minerals and details on the revenues collected from these sales in accordance with EITI Requirements as part of OGP commitments (in particular countries that are preparing to disclose data as part of the targeted effort on commodity trading).
- Encourage other countries to commit to disclose more information on the process for selling the government's share of oil, gas or minerals as part of OGP commitments.

### **Improve transparency in government and company systems.**

- Encourage countries to 'mainstream' EITI disclosures, i.e. systematically disclosing data on government and company websites and portals in open data format. This could be linked to the EITI Requirements related to open data and encouragement to make disclosures more systematic and timely, as well as OGP commitments related to e-governance and open data.
- Encourage inclusion of recommendations from mainstreaming feasibility studies as commitments in OGP action plans.

- Provide support to countries in institutionalizing open data policies and systematic disclosures in legal frameworks.

#### **Improving contract transparency in the extractive sector.**

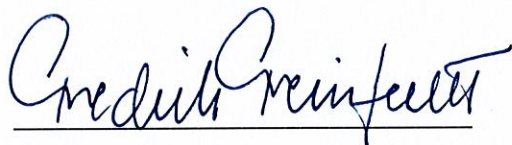
- Encourage further or new commitments and follow-up of existing commitments related to contract transparency in EITI-OGP countries.
- Facilitate dialogue/ peer exchanges in countries that have an interest in pursuing contract transparency in the extractives sector and facilitate contact with technical assistance providers such as NRGi.

#### **Operationalising the collaboration**

- The OGP-EITI collaboration will be announced and shared with our respective communities.
- Collaboration activities for 2018 could be initiated with a kick-off call between the regional teams of the two organizations with high-level updates.
- EITI and OGP teams will share relevant information about the status of the priorities, interest and capacity of relevant stakeholders in the countries identified in this document, on a regular basis.
- EITI and OGP teams could inform each other about upcoming country visits/ missions to priority countries identified, and connect to relevant stakeholders ahead of the visits.

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