**UK Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG)**

**Pre-validation workshop – 25th February 2025 – Hybrid meeting (Teams/Room 2.01, DESNZ)**

**(09.00am – 15.45pm)**

**Attendance**

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| **Chair**  Mike Nash - Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ)  **Industry**  Jacqui Akinlosotu – ENI  Dr Pat Foster – Camborne School of Mines at the University of Exeter  **Government**  Jeff Asser - Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ)  Mike Earp – North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA)  Leo Kellaway – HMRC  Johann MacDougall – Scottish Government  Mark Wilson – Department for the Economy Northern Ireland (DfENI) | **Civil Society**  Tilly Prior – Transparency International UK  **Observers**  Helmi Ben Rhouma – BDO  Christina Berger – EITI International Secretariat  Mark Burnett – EITI International Secretariat  Helen Day – Mining Remediation Authority (MRA)  Mark Henderson – BDO  Hannah Sophie Kaase – EITI International Secretariat  Becca Kirk – Critical Minerals Association (CMA)  Olesia Tolochko – EITI International Secretariat  Hedi Zaghouani - BDO |

**MORNING SESSION**

1. **Validation templates (Christina Berger, EITI International Secretariat)**

The Validation templates are designed to:

* Build understanding on what elements of 2023 requirements are
* To accelerate systematic disclosures: identify who holds & manages information
* Inform implementation
  + Provide structured feedback
  + Inform reporting
* Facilitate Validation
  + Updated on ongoing manner and submitted for Validation

Split by components:

* Outcomes and impact,
* stakeholder engagement
* transparency

Then by modules and by sector (where applicable)

* Can be worked on in parallel by stakeholders
* Use:
  + preparation for reporting to understand the scope of the requirement, competent authorities and existing information in the public domain
  + to tailor implementaiton support, for example regional trainings – used for benchmarking
* Forms are used as continuous working documents until submitted for Validation
* They will be annexed to the Validation report.

**Structure of templates**

* Resources: links to the requirement, the Validation guide, guidance notes
* Previous corrective actions and recommendations from previous Validations + status (it’s a requirement!)
* Self-assessment on holders of information, technical aspects and on objectives. Conclusion on self-assessment
* International Secretariat comments & detailed assessment in Validation

The revised templates will be available at the end of March, but the UK will still use the existing templates.

1. **Stakeholder Engagement Templates**

Each constituency were asked to report back on their stakeholder template.

**MSG Governance and Government** [**(here)**](https://bdouk.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/IIDA_Client/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B5BAB3CC0-E9E1-475D-8DFC-D30EAF57EB8B%7D&file=Validation%20template_2023%20Standard_Component%20B%20-%201%20-%20EITI%20Stakeholder%20engagement%20template_MSG%20and%20government%20engagement_0.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true) **Mike Nash, DESNZ**

This template covers requirements 1.1 and 1.4 of the EITI Standard:

* a recommendation around representation on the MSG and ensuring places are filled.
* Requirement 1.4.a.i around MSG composition and attendance.
* Requirement 1.4.b MSG roles and responsibilities.
* Requirement 1.4.b.v-vvii approval of work plans and oversight of implementation.
* Requirement 1.4.b.viii-x internal governance rules and procedures.
* Requirement 1.3.f MSG monitoring of the CSO protocol.
* Requirement 1.1 government engagement.

**Civil Society (**[**here**](https://bdouk.sharepoint.com/sites/IIDA_Client/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?e=5%3A1745a62bfa964d149a7a2a49d5386bd9&sharingv2=true&fromShare=true&at=9&clickparams=eyAiWC1BcHBOYW1lIiA6ICJNaWNyb3NvZnQgT3V0bG9vayIsICJYLUFwcFZlcnNpb24iIDogIjE2LjAuMTgzMjQuMjAxNjgiLCAiT1MiIDogIldpbmRvd3MiIH0%3D&CID=c31576a1%2Db094%2Db000%2D008c%2D264bfbeae2c8&cidOR=SPO&FolderCTID=0x012000DFC15C291EC02F4F9CE17C5259FBF223&id=%2Fsites%2FIIDA%5FClient%2FShared%20Documents%2FIFI%2FIFI%20Maghreb%2FEITI%2F07%2D%20EITI%20UK%2FUK%20EITI%20validation%20process%2F2025%20UK%20EITI%20validation%20process%2FCivil%20society%20engagement%20template&viewid=0ca87b00%2Df040%2D434e%2Db245%2D3d551e94df6e)**), Tilly Prior, Transparency International UK**

This template covers requirements 1.4 and 1.3 of the EITI Standard:

* a recommendation around representation on the MSG and ensuring places are filled.
* Requirement 1.4.a.i establishment and representation.
* Requirement 1.4.b.ii liaison with wider constituency.
* Requirement 1.2.a company engagement.
* Requirement 1.2.b company policies related to good governance.
* Requirement 1.2.c-d enabling environment.

**Industry** [**(here)**](https://bdouk.sharepoint.com/sites/IIDA_Client/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?e=5%3A1745a62bfa964d149a7a2a49d5386bd9&sharingv2=true&fromShare=true&at=9&clickparams=eyAiWC1BcHBOYW1lIiA6ICJNaWNyb3NvZnQgT3V0bG9vayIsICJYLUFwcFZlcnNpb24iIDogIjE2LjAuMTgzMjQuMjAxNjgiLCAiT1MiIDogIldpbmRvd3MiIH0%3D&CID=c31576a1%2Db094%2Db000%2D008c%2D264bfbeae2c8&cidOR=SPO&FolderCTID=0x012000DFC15C291EC02F4F9CE17C5259FBF223&id=%2Fsites%2FIIDA%5FClient%2FShared%20Documents%2FIFI%2FIFI%20Maghreb%2FEITI%2F07%2D%20EITI%20UK%2FUK%20EITI%20validation%20process%2F2025%20UK%20EITI%20validation%20process%2FCompany%20engagement%20template&viewid=0ca87b00%2Df040%2D434e%2Db245%2D3d551e94df6e)**, Mike Nash, DESNZ**

This template covers requirements 1.4 and 1.2 of the EITI Standard:

* Requirement 1.4.a.i establishment and representation.
* Requirement 1.4.b.ii liaison with wider constituency.
* Requirement 1.3.a civil society engagement.
* Requirement 1.3.c-e enabling environment.
* Requirement 1.3.f monitoring of the CSO protocol.

1. **Outcomes and Impact** [**(here)**](https://bdouk.sharepoint.com/sites/IIDA_Client/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?e=5%3A1745a62bfa964d149a7a2a49d5386bd9&sharingv2=true&fromShare=true&at=9&clickparams=eyAiWC1BcHBOYW1lIiA6ICJNaWNyb3NvZnQgT3V0bG9vayIsICJYLUFwcFZlcnNpb24iIDogIjE2LjAuMTgzMjQuMjAxNjgiLCAiT1MiIDogIldpbmRvd3MiIH0%3D&CID=c31576a1%2Db094%2Db000%2D008c%2D264bfbeae2c8&cidOR=SPO&FolderCTID=0x012000DFC15C291EC02F4F9CE17C5259FBF223&id=%2Fsites%2FIIDA%5FClient%2FShared%20Documents%2FIFI%2FIFI%20Maghreb%2FEITI%2F07%2D%20EITI%20UK%2FUK%20EITI%20validation%20process%2F2025%20UK%20EITI%20validation%20process%2FOutcomes%20and%20impact%20templates&viewid=0ca87b00%2Df040%2D434e%2Db245%2D3d551e94df6e)**, Mike Nash, DESNZ**

This template covers Requirements 1.5, 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 on work planning and monitoring, public debate, open data and follow-up on recommendations.

* Requirement 1.5.a. Availability.
* Requirement 1.5.a.i. Objectives.
* Requirement 1.5.a.ii. Measurable and time-bound activities.
* Requirement 1.5.a.iv work plan costing.
* Requirement 1.5.b. Availability of annual progress review.
* Requirement 1.5.b. Elements of annual progress review.
* Requirement 1.5.b.v. Expense report.
* Requirement 1.5.c. Consultations with national stakeholders and public availability.
* Requirement1.5.d. Measurement, evaluation and learning (MEL) framework.
* Requirement 1.5.e. Addressing known corruption cases.
* Requirement 7.1.aEfforts to provide comprehensible information.
* Requirement 7.1.b. Accessible information.
* Requirement 7.1.c Further efforts to inform public debate.
* Requirement 7.2a Open Data Policy.
* Requirement 7.2.a.i Publication under open licence.
* Requirement 7.2.b. Machine readable data.
* Requirement 7.3 Follow-up recommendations.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

1. **EITI systematic disclosure global data tool (**[**here**](https://eiti.org/systematic-disclosure)**), Mark Burnett, EITI International Secretariat**

* The Transparency template is data driven and each year BDO prepare a Summary Data File (SDF) which maps data across the sources for each transparency requirement.
* EITI now have a global map that looks at disclosures by implementing country, including the UK.
* In the data table view for each country shows sources of data for each requirement.
* BDO are currently completing the SDF for the 2023 Payments Report and will ensure that it is circulated to the Reconciliation and Sectoral subgroups for review and quality check before sending to the MSG to approve and then sent to the EITI International Secretariat.

1. **Transparency template** [**(here)**](https://bdouk.sharepoint.com/sites/IIDA_Client/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?e=5%3A1745a62bfa964d149a7a2a49d5386bd9&sharingv2=true&fromShare=true&at=9&clickparams=eyAiWC1BcHBOYW1lIiA6ICJNaWNyb3NvZnQgT3V0bG9vayIsICJYLUFwcFZlcnNpb24iIDogIjE2LjAuMTgzMjQuMjAxNjgiLCAiT1MiIDogIldpbmRvd3MiIH0%3D&CID=c31576a1%2Db094%2Db000%2D008c%2D264bfbeae2c8&cidOR=SPO&FolderCTID=0x012000DFC15C291EC02F4F9CE17C5259FBF223&id=%2Fsites%2FIIDA%5FClient%2FShared%20Documents%2FIFI%2FIFI%20Maghreb%2FEITI%2F07%2D%20EITI%20UK%2FUK%20EITI%20validation%20process%2F2025%20UK%20EITI%20validation%20process%2FTransparency%20Template&viewid=0ca87b00%2Df040%2D434e%2Db245%2D3d551e94df6e)**, Hedi Zaghouani, BDO**

This template covers requirements 2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 6.3.

BDO agreed to submit a separate template for oil and gas and mining and quarrying.

* 2.1 Legal and fiscal regime
* 3.1 Key projects and exploration data
* 3.2 Production data
* 3.3 Export data
* 6.3 Economic contribution – **not discussed** **at the workshop**. This part of the template to be made available shortly.

**Agreed actions from workshop**

* UK Secretariat to recirculate the templates to the three constituencies for further comment before circulating with the papers for the MSG meeting on 19th March 2025.
* UK Secretariat to seek views from industry and civil society members for comment on 1.4 to add to existing government comments.
* UK Secretariat to look at MSG Terms of Reference and Open Data Policy to see if there are any “quick wins” from the validation template and present to MSG at their meeting on 19th March 2025.
* UK Secretariat to continue to look to fill vacancies in conjunction with civil society, industry and government members, seeking for nominations for candidates from local communities, if possible.
* UK Secretariat to add agenda item on Project Level Data Analysis for Energy Transition Insight to the 19th March MSG.
* CMA to approach Women in Mining as observer or to present their work at a future MSG meeting.
* BDO to complete individual oil and gas and mining and quarrying transparency templates.
* BDO to ensure that the MSG sign-off Summary Data File for future years.
* BDO to check all links to data included in the transparency template.
* UK Secretariat to add further links to the UK EITI website covered in the transparency template – including those covering offshore safety, environmental protection and anti-corruption (all under Requirement 2.1).
* Clarification required to see if there is any data specific to any of the devolved administrations, in particular Scotland (under Requirements 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3).
* UK EITI Compliance subgroup to review templates at their meeting on 13th March 2025.
* Links to NSTA GHG Monitoring Report and NSTA Overview documents to be added to the UK EITI website.