

Board Paper 59-1-A

Toronto, 29 February-1 March 2024

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Draft Agenda

Thursday 29 February 2024

09:00	59-1 Welcome by the Chair and adoption of the agenda Board Paper 59-1-A Draft agenda Board Paper 59-1-B Board meeting participant list
09:10	Opening remarks on behalf of the Government of Canada Rinaldo Jeanty, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Minerals Sector, Natural Resources Canada
09:20	59-2 Report from the Secretariat Board Paper 59-2-A Implementation Progress Report Board Paper 59-2-B Outreach Progress Report
10:00	59-3 Report from the World Bank
10:30	Break
11:00	59-4 Report from the Implementation Committee Board Paper 59-4-A Status of Extension requests – for decision Board Paper 59-4-B Myanmar's status as an EITI Implementing Country – for decision Board Paper 59-4-C Considerations for updated Terms of Reference for EITI reporting– for decision
12:30	Lunch
13:30	59-5 Report from the Rapid Response Committee Board Paper 59-5 Update on political instability in Gabon and Niger – for decision
14:00	 59-6 Report from the Validation Committee Board Paper 59-6-A Report from the Validation Committee, expected to include the following: Validation of Kyrgyz Republic – for decision Targeted assessment of Mali – for decision Validation of Madagascar – for decision Validation of Cameroon – for discussion

	 Validation of Ghana – for discussion Board Paper 59-6-B Lessons learned from implementation of 2021 EITI Validation model – for discussion
16:00	Session ends
19:00	EITI Reception Toronto Ballroom – Double Tree By Hilton Hotel

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08:30	Deep Dive session Complementarity of International Standards and Reporting frameworks
10:00	59-7 Report from the Finance Committee Board Paper 59-7-A Annual Accounts – for decision Board Paper 59-7-B Audited Accounts – for decision Board Paper 59-7-C Draft Three-Year Outlook 2024-2026 – for discussion
11:00	Break
11:30	59-8 Report from the Governance and Oversight Committee Board Paper 59-8-A Summary of the 2023 EITI Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) – for decision Board Paper 59-8-B Audit – for decision Board Paper 59-8-C Board Manual – for discussion
12:30	AOB
12:40	Closed session (for Board Members and Alternates only)
13:15	Lunch

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS

Agenda item	Action	Status	Comments			
Action items from the 58 th Board meeting held Virtually						
58-2-A	International Secretariat to follow-up with the Board member regarding civic space in Kyrgyz Republic.	Complete	The assessment on civic space is part of Kyrgyz Republic's Validation that is due to be discussed at the 59 th Board meeting in Toronto.			
58-2-A	International Secretariat to provide an update to the IC on engagement with Seychelles.	In progress	Engagement has not yet yielded new information to report to the Board			
58-2-A	International Secretariat to provide an update to the IC on the situation in Guatemala.	In progress	Engagement has not yet yielded new information to report to the Board			
58-2-A	International Secretariat to provide an update to the Board on the impact of flexible reporting on data reliability.	Ongoing /	To be considered as part of the update to the TOR for IAs.			
58-3	The Secretariat to publish the EITI Outreach Strategy 2023-26 on the EITI website.	Completed	The Strategy is published <u>here</u> .			
58-4-B	Implementing countries have been tasked with conveying the significance of financial contributions to those implementing countries that have not yet fulfilled their payment obligations.	Ongoing	This is an ongoing action led by implementing countries.			
58-5	International Secretariat to define core activities (non-variable costs) in the 2025 budget more clearly.	Complete	This is part of the Finance Committee's work plan in 2024			
58-5	The International Secretariat to share the slides with the Board through the Board Circular.	Complete	Slides are shared with the Board.			
58-5	The Secretariat to submit the final work plan and budget for Board formal approval through Circular.	Complete	The work plan and budget is approved as of 21 December. See the full Board decision <u>here</u> .			
58-6	The Secretariat to follow up with individual supporting companies assessed as not fully meeting the Expectations to explain how they can make further progress and to encourage such progress.	Complete	The Secretariat reached out to each supporting company that was assessed as not fully meeting the Expectations and asked them to provide in writing their response on steps they will follow to make further progress in meeting the Expectations.			
58-6	The Secretariat to encourage each company to provide, in writing, steps the company intends to take to progress in meeting the Expectations ahead of the next assessment, by the end of February 2024. The responses will be published by the end of May 2024.	Ongoing	See above. Companies were asked to submit their responses by 29 February 2024.			
58-6	The Secretariat to update the Guidance on the Expectations, particularly for Expectations 4, 6, and 7, concerning commodity trading transparency, beneficial ownership transparency, and anti-corruption policies, respectively.	Ongoing	The Secretariat is currently working on updating the guidance and will present it to the Board through a relevant Committee.			
58-6	The Secretariat to publish each supporting companies' individual assessment results in PDF on each company's EITI webpage and publish a blog on website.	Competed	The individual assessments were published on each company page and a blog was published on the website.			
58-7	The Secretariat to assess countries experiencing political instability or conflict in the light of the agreed policy on countries experiencing political instability or conflict.	Ongoing	This is part of Secretariat's work plan going forward.			

58-7	The RRC to update its TORs in line with the agreed policy and procedures.	Complete	The TOR is updated, in line with the agreed policy and procedures.
58-9-A	The Board Chair to write to the Government of the Dominican Republic to communicate the Board decision.	Complete	The Board Chair wrote to the Government of Dominican Republic on 30 November 2023, communicating the Board decision.
58-9-A	The Secretariat to publish the Board decision on the Dominican Republic's Validation.	Complete	The full Board decision is available here.
58-9-B	The Board Chair to write to the Government of Nigeria to communicate the Board decision.	Complete	The Board Chair wrote to the Government of Nigeria on 30 November 2023, communicating the Board decision.
58-9-B	The Secretariat to publish the Board decision on Nigeria's Validation.	Complete	The full Board decision is available here.
58-9-C	The Board Chair to write to the Government of Tajikistan to communicate the Board decision.	Complete	The Board Chair wrote to the Government of Tajikistan on 11 December 2023, communicating the Board decision.
58-9-C	The Secretariat to publish the Board decision on Tajikistan's targeted assessment.	Complete	The full Board decision is available <u>here</u> .
58-9-D	The Board Chair to write to the Government of Honduras to communicate the Board decision.	Complete	The Board Chair wrote to the Government of Honduras on 1 December 2023.
58-9-D	The Secretariat to publish the Board decision on Honduras' targeted assessment.	Complete	The full Board decision is available here.
58-9-E	The International Secretariat to write to the MSG of each country whose Validation date has been adjusted to communicate the Board decision.	Complete	The International Secretariat communicated the revised Validation scheduled to those countries that are affected by it.
58-9-E	The Secretariat to publish the Board decision on the revised Validation schedule.	Complete	The full Board decision is available <u>here</u> .
58-10	EITI Secretariat to follow-up with the WB and convey the messages from the Board discussion.	Complete	Message has been conveyed and meeting organised between WB and Board members to address their queries.
58-10	EITI Secretariat to arrange for a briefing from the World Bank to relevant EITI Board Committees.	Complete	Meeting between Board members and the WB took place on 18 January 2024.
Ongoing	action items from previous Board meetings		
55-2-A	The Secretariat to present to the Board progress made in systematic disclosures in implementing countries.	Ongoing	The Secretariat is expected to provide an update on systematic disclosures in 2024.
54-2-A	The Secretariat to consider further trend analysis of the country data that could adversely affect EITI implementation in future IPRs.	In progress	Country-by-country updates will be provided in the IPR to be considered by the Board in June 2024.
53-2-A	Secretariat to provide an analysis of lessons learnt from progress on systematic disclosures.	Ongoing	The Secretariat is expected to provide an update on systematic disclosures in 2024.
53-6-B	The Implementation Committee to issue guidance for MSGs on the planning, monitoring and evaluation of activities related to their oversight of the environment for civil society participation in public debate on natural resource governance.	Ongoing	This guidance is expected to be updated and presented to the Implementation Committee by Q3 2024.

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52-3		plore, together with the WBG, ways in which EITI International tter informed of the ongoing EGPS activities in support of EITI	Ongoing	Discussion is ongoing.
52-6	The Secretariat to seek agreement with the World Bank on the information provided through the WBG's report to the EITI Board ahead of its meetings.		Ongoing	Discussion is ongoing.
45-2-A		to update budget estimates for beneficial ownership activities share with Board for information.	In progress	This update will be provided based on 2024 work plans o countries and will be included in the next BC stocktake that will be presented to the Board in 2024.
43-2-B	The International Secretariat to convene development partners in the key funding shortfall countries.		Ongoing	This is an ongoing action and is part of the Secretariat's workplans.
Summary	of decisions taken	via Board circulars after the 58th Board meeting		
BC 343	21.12.2023	The Board approved the minutes from the 58th Board meeting	ng. The full Board	l decision is available <u>here</u> .
BC 343	21.12.2023	The Board approved the 2024 EITI International Secretariat Work Plan and budget. The full Board decision is available <u>here</u> .		
BC 343	21.12.2023	Timor-Leste is eligible for an extension of the reporting deadline for fiscal year 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. The deadline for the publication of the outstanding report is extended to 31 March 2024. The full Board decision is available <u>here</u> .		