



ORIENTATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY PROXIES TO UGEITI MSG

Uganda was admitted into the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in August 2020. This made her the 54th member country globally, and 26th African country to join the initiative. The EITI is an international framework that requires governments and mining companies to publish and reconcile data on oil, gas, and mining revenues as a mechanism for ensuring transparency, accountability and subsequently proper management of revenues that accrue from a country's natural resources exploitation among other associated benefits.

A Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) was formed consisting of Government, Private Sector players and CSO representatives. The MSG was established to ensure that Uganda meets its objective of gaining EITI candidacy, as well as ensuring that the EITI implementation is done efficiently to achieve accountability and transparency in the management of the extractive sector in Uganda. MSG representatives are required to have proxies that attend to UGEITI MSG in absence of the member.

As part of consolidating CSOs' efforts on the MSG, CSCCO and PWYP convened a physical and virtual CSOs meeting that elected 5 (five) Proxy Representatives of the Civil Society to the EITI MSG. Out of the seven shortlisted members, only 5 were elected namely;

- Henry Bazira,
- Paul Twebaze,
- Regina Navuga,
- Sam Mucunguzi,
- Paul Mulindwa.

Thereafter, a training for the proxies was organized by ACODE in partnership with PWYP with support from VOICE on the 30th of March 2021. The objective of the training was to acquaint them with the EITI instruments, their role as MSG representatives and deepen their EITI understanding and effective participation in the process.

During the training, the proxies benefitted from enriching presentations and discussions about the EITI Standard, Term of Reference, Code of Conduct, workplan, budget, timelines, roles, expectations, the budget and compliance requirements. The meeting enhanced the capacity of the proxy members and improved the preparedness of CSO actors in the implementation of EITI.

One of the trainees, Regina Navuga-SEATINI, said, "***This is a highly informative training for the newly elected proxies to understand what to expect and broadly see how they can contribute to the ongoing EITI engagements.***" As the only female on the proxy group, this is a great step towards enabling women understand and strengthen their skills in the sector and to actively engage in the EITI process.



Figure 1: Newly elected proxies pose for the photo with other MSG members to UGEITI

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