



PWYP Africa Steering Committee - Brussels, Belgium - 9 November 2018

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We, representatives of the Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Africa Steering Committee (ASC), met in Brussels, Belgium on 7 to 9 November 2018 for our third ASC meeting following our election to the ASC in Livingstone, Zambia in July 2017.

The objectives of our meetings were to review and finalise with the Global Council the PWYP Global Strategy 2020-2025; to prepare for a successful Global Assembly in January 2019 in Dakar, Senegal; to develop closer working relations with the Global Council, in our capacity as leaders of the PWYP movement; and to develop our understanding of how to engage strategically in the implementation of the Africa Mining Vision (AMV).

During our meeting we approved the application of the Kenya Civil Society Platform on Oil and Gas to become the PWYP Kenya coalition; we prioritised re-engagement and with and support to the coalitions in Madagascar, Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau, Ghana and Gabon in 2019; and we agreed to meet again at the EITI Global Conference in 2019 in Paris. We thanked Tiemoko Sangare for his leadership as Chair of the ASC for the first 18 months of our term, and welcomed Mutuso Dhiwayo to the role of Chair for the remainder.

In our capacity as strategic leaders of the PWYP movement, we engaged closely with our counterparts on the Global Council to review the feedback from the consultation on the PWYP Global Strategy 2020-2025, in order to finalise the strategic goals in advance of the Global Assembly in January 2019. We committed to engaging with members and donors in the coming two months to ensure that all PWYP Africa coalitions are represented at the Global Assembly, where Global Council elections will be taking place, including for representatives for Anglophone and Francophone Africa. We welcome PWYP's recognition of the **gendered dimensions of our work**, both from an institutional and a programmatic perspective, and support the Global Council's efforts to foster **female leadership**. We look forward to working closely with the two women who will be elected to the Global Council on behalf of PWYP's members in Africa in January 2019.

We also reflected on a number of issues of strategic relevance to the PWYP campaign in Africa, including how we can better support strategies and counteractive measures to address ongoing **restrictions on civic space** for activists working on natural resource governance. We noted with pride the [swift mobilisation of PWYP members](#) across the globe - a demonstration of our collective strength and solidarity - in response to the arbitrary arrest and four month detention of our comrade, Ali Idrissa and PWYP members in Niger, earlier this year. At the same time, we condemned the brutal attack on activist Alfredo Okenve in Equatorial Guinea, [calling with PWYP members across the world](#) for his attackers to be brought to justice



and for the EITI to take seriously this grave violation of the Civil Society Protocol when considering the government's new application to join the initiative, which PWYP members were instrumental in instigating. We resolved to support ongoing and new initiatives, including updating the PWYP Activist Protection Strategy, to ensure that PWYP activists and allies can safely advocate for our vision of a world where all people benefit from their natural resources.

At our meeting in Douala in January 2019, we identified the **Africa Mining Vision (AMV)** as key to our advocacy on the continent. We welcome the development of the Africa Mineral Governance Framework in 2017 and note the significant contribution to that framework of many PWYP members. In addition, we note the important contribution of PWYP members to the advancement of the Vision itself, which calls for revenue, contract and beneficial ownership transparency, the protection of the human rights of extractives activists and disclosure of the environmental and social impacts of extraction on communities, all of which are reflected in PWYP's own vision and mission and are in line with the goals of our Global Strategy 2020-2025.

As we approach the 10th anniversary year of the adoption of the Vision,

- we exhort our governments to commit to the implementation of the Vision through the establishment of the multi-stakeholder oversight bodies;
- we encourage PWYP members to reflect on how implementation of EITI at national level can encompass even more of the AMV principles;
- where the Open Government Partnership (OGP) is being implemented (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa) we encourage PWYP members to leverage OGP commitments as a means to realise the Vision;
- where countries are undergoing mining reforms, we urge PWYP members to take the opportunity to assess current laws and policies against the principles of the Vision, and use the analysis to inform reforms;
- we note the opportunities for PWYP to work more closely with the Tax Justice movement and will develop those opportunities in Africa as we implement the Global Strategy in the coming years;
- we commit to raising awareness of the principles of the AMV among PWYP members in Africa, in particular through our engagement in EITI, which remains a priority for the realisation of our own PWYP vision.

We agreed to hold our next meeting at the 2019 EITI Global Conference, and encourage PWYP members to actively engage in the lead up to, and during, the conference, where the EITI International Board members will be elected for the next three year term, under the revised constituency guidelines to which we have been contributing over the past six months.

As we prepare to meet with many of you in Dakar, Senegal at the Global Assembly, we take this opportunity to highlight the importance of democratic governance to the realisation of both the Africa



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Mining Vision and PWYP's vision of a world where all citizens benefit from their natural resources, today and tomorrow; and we call on our governments to demonstrate openness and accountability in policy and practice, and to guarantee the civic space of activists engaged in natural resource governance on the continent.

PWYP Africa Steering Committee*

Sangare Tiemoko, Francophone West Africa representative (Mali)
Mutuso Dhliwayo, East and Southern Africa representative (Zimbabwe)
Brice Mackosso, EITI Board member (Congo Brazzaville)
Faith Nwadishi, EITI Board member (Nigeria)
Moses Kulaba, EITI Board member (Tanzania)

*Dupleix Kuenzop, Central Africa representative and ASC representative to the Global Council (Cameroon) and Erisa Danladi, Anglophone West Africa representative (Nigeria) were not able to attend.

The minutes of the full meeting are [available here](#).

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