



PWYP Africa Steering Committee
Paris, France - 20 June 2019
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We, representatives of the Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Africa Steering Committee (ASC), met in Paris, France on 20th June 2019 on the sidelines of the 2019 EITI Global Conference.

The main objectives of the meeting were to discuss how to use EITI as a strategic advocacy engagement tool in Africa; to facilitate the transition between outgoing and incoming ASC members and identify one or two specific advocacy/strategic priorities for PWYP Africa coalitions to pursue via their engagement in EITI; to prepare the organization of the various regional meetings and the PWYP Africa Conference and identify the role that the ASC will play.

We are committed to ensuring that the Africa region is well represented at all levels including the EITI Board, despite the issues raised regarding the selection process of the CSO board representatives from Africa. It is important wider consultations are made on the process among the wider civil society to address any challenges in the next election process. The ASC agreed to constitute a committee to generate further views and feedback from members which will be shared with the PWYP Secretariat and other relevant stakeholders.

The ASC acknowledges the importance of the EITI in advancing good governance of the Extractive Sector. We welcome the innovations on the new standard including on contract transparency, gender and civic space. We hope the new EITI Board works closely with PWYP to meet their common objectives to advance transparency and accountability in the extractive sector.

The ASC, during its meeting, recognised the tremendous contribution of Moses Kulaba and Faith Nwadishi, after their departure from the EITI CSO Board. They are encouraged to continue working and supporting the movement. At the sametime, Mr. Mtwalo Msoni was welcomed to the Africa Steering Committee as he has been nominated as the CSO representative for Anglophone/Lusophone Africa on the EITI Board.

The ASC expresses their concerns on the continuous restriction of civic space in several countries including Equatorial, DRC and Niger. The ASC urges the Government of Niger to release the two civil society activists still detained arbitrarily.

As we prepare to participate in the upcoming regional meetings organised by PWYP Secretariat to give members an opportunity to input into the operational plan for the first three years of the 2025 strategy. The ASC encourages representatives of coalitions attending the meetings to consult widely with their members ahead of the meetings to reflect members views and opinions during the consultations.

The ASC announces that the Sixth PWYP Africa Conference will take place in 2020. The ASC encourages members to prepare applications for the next host of the conference which will be reviewed and a decision taken by end of August 2019.

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1. Tiemoko Souleymane SANGARE, Francophone West Africa representative (Mali)
2. Mutuso DHLIWAYO, East and Southern Africa representative (Zimbabwe)
3. Brice MACKOSSO, EITI Board member (Congo Brazzaville)
4. Dupleix KUENZOB, Central Africa representative (Cameroon)
5. Moses KULABA, Outgoing EITI Board Member, (Tanzania)

*Faith NWADISHI, Outgoing EITI Board Member, Erisa DANLADI, Anglophone West Africa representative (Nigeria) and Mtwalo MSONI, Incoming EITI Board Member were not able to attend.

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

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