



Regional Peer-Learning Event on the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in the Great Lakes Region



Concept Note and draft Programme

Radisson Blue Hotel

Lusaka, Zambia

27th – 29th April 2015



1. Background

The Heads of State and Government of ICGLR Member States adopted at their Special Summit in Lusaka, Zambia, in December 2010, the Regional Initiative on Natural Resources (RINR) in order to implement the Protocol against illegal exploitation of natural resources in the Region. This is one of the ten Protocols in the **Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region** signed on 15th December 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya.

This Initiative has six tools as follows:

- Regional Certification Mechanism;
- Harmonisation of National Legislations;
- Regional Database on Mineral Flows;
- Formalisation;
- EITI (Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative);
- Whistle-blowing Mechanism.

Since the adoption of Lusaka Declaration and the six tools, Member States have launched their implementation with different level of effectiveness. ICGLR Secretariat is ensuring technical support and coordination of the process.

The German Development Cooperation is one key partner actively supporting the Conference Secretariat through a technical cooperation support programme. Since 2014, GIZ-ICGLR and the Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre for Democracy and Good Governance (LMRC) have agreed to cooperate on implementing research and training activities in support of the ICGLR's Regional Initiative to fight against the illegal exploitation of Natural Resources. Implementing training/capacity building on RINR was jointly identified as an important contribution to the Centre's work and to the advancement of the Regional Initiative. From the initiative's six tools, the EITI (Tool 5) was selected for the initial cooperation activities. The GIZ-ICGLR support focuses on the development of an EITI Peer-Learning Platform in the Great Lakes Region.

A research on the "Situation Analysis of EITI Implementation in ICGLR Member States" has been conducted and coordinated by the ICGLR's Levy Mwanawasa Regional Centre (LMRC) as part of its mandate of monitoring and follow-up on the implementation of the ICGLR Pact and specifically of the Regional Initiative on Natural Resources of the Democracy and Good Governance Programme. The research study was conducted in collaboration with Southern Africa Research Watch (SARW) with support of GIZ-ICGLR. This study analyses the current status of EITI implementation in the Great Lakes Region and provides the LMRC with information and good practices to be used for the development and implementation of the EITI Peer-Learning Platform. The recommendations from the study will inform the Peer-Learning Event proposed hereinafter and thus contribute to the implementation of the decisions of the Heads of State and Government of 2010 Special Summit of Lusaka, Zambia and the 5th Ordinary Summit held in Luanda, Angola in January 2014.



2. Goal and objectives of the Peer-Learning Event

The goal of the regional Peer-Learning Event is to bring key stakeholders from Governments, Extractive Industry and Civil Society together in order to share good practices and advance efforts in promoting transparency and accountability of Extractive Industries in the Great Lakes region in line with the decisions of the Heads of State and Government of the ICGLR Member States.

The specific objectives of the Peer-Learning Event are as follows:

- Presentation of the Report on “Status and challenges of Implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in ICGLR Member States”;
- Launch of the “Regional Peer Learning Mechanism on EITI” to be implemented by ICGLR-Lusaka Centre with support of GIZ-ICGLR;
- Sensitisation of ICGLR Member States not yet implementing the EITI on the benefits of the initiative;
- Learning good practices in the implementation of EITI in ICGLR Member States;
- Promotion of EITI implementation in ICGLR Member States.

3. Expected results

The expected results are the following:

- The Report on “Status and challenges of Implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in ICGLR Member States”; “is launched;
- Key stakeholders participate in the ICGLR Peer-Learning Mechanism on EITI;
- Key stakeholders from EITI implementing countries share good practices and strategies to address challenges;
- Key stakeholders from non-EITI implementing countries are sensitised on benefits, advantages and challenges of EITI implementation;
- Key stakeholders reflect on future strategies to share experiences on EITI with their peers.

4. Participants and methodology

Participants at the Peer-Learning Event will come from the following institutions:

- ICGLR RINR Steering Committee Members;
- ICGLR Programme Officers and Technical Unit on Natural Resources Team;
- ICGLR Lusaka Regional Centre Senior Staff;
- German Development Cooperation Representatives from GIZ and BGR
- Representative(s) of EITI’s International Secretariat;
- Extractive Industries Representatives;
- Civil Society Representatives;
- South African Resource Watch (SARW) experts.



- Representatives of Partners/Donors active in supporting EITI in ICGLR Member States (the World Bank, AfDB).

Exchange and peer-learning amongst participants will be promoted throughout the training. Participants will be asked to bring and share their experiences, challenges and solutions arising from EITI implementation in their respective country. Each and every participant is considered to be a resource person and not merely a “student” or recipient of training.

The workshop will be organized using a participatory approach methodology. Presentations and small group discussions will be combined with plenary discussions to facilitate dialogue and sharing of experiences. Participants are encouraged to collect good practice and share them during the workshop.

5. Dates and Venue

The Peer-Learning Event will take place at **Radisson Blu Hotel in Lusaka, Zambia**, from the **27th to 29th April 2015**. Participants will arrive on 26th April and leave on 30th April 2015.

6. Contact

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DRAFT AGENDA & PROGRAMME

Sunday 26th April 2015: Arrival of participants in Lusaka, Zambia

DAY ONE: Monday 27th April 2015:

14:00–14:30	Registration and Welcome of Participants
14:30-15:30	<p>Opening Ceremony :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks by Amb. Solomon Mumbi, ICGLR National Coordinator in Zambia; - Remarks by Dr Frank Okuthe, Executive Director, ICGLR-Lusaka Regional Centre; - Opening Speech by H.E. Prof. Ntumba Luaba, ICGLR Executive Secretary; - Official opening by the Guest of Honour
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-18:00	<p>High-Level Panel Discussion: “Transparency and Accountability in the Extractive Industries - A factor for Peace and Economic Development in the Great Lakes Region”</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Frank Okuthe, Executive Director, ICGLR Lusaka Regional Centre;</p> <p>Keynote Address: By Representative of UNDP, World Bank or AfDB (TBC)</p> <p>Plenary discussion: with the participation of the following panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minister of Mines, Energy and Water Development, Zambia (TBC) - The Rt. Hon. Clare Short, Chair of the Board, EITI (TBC) - President of Zambia Chamber of Mines - The Executive Director of SACCORD - UNDP - AfDB.
18:00	Cocktail Reception

DAY TWO: Tuesday 28th April 2015:

9:00-10:30	<p>Moderator: tbd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Words of Welcome - Getting to know each other - Presentation of Workshop Programme - Brief Presentation of the “ICGLR Regional Peer Learning Mechanism on EITI” By ICGLR Lusaka Regional Centre (20 min.)
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<p>Moderator: tbd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Report on “Status and challenges of Implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in ICGLR Member States”



	By ICGLR Lusaka Regional Centre & Southern Africa Resource Watch (SARW) - Plenary discussion
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Moderator: tbd - Peer-Learning Session on: Contribution of EITI in strengthening transparency and accountability on Natural Resources Governance
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:30	Moderator: tbd - Peer-Learning Session on: Setting up of National legal frameworks enabling EITI implementation
17:30	END OF DAY Two

DAY THREE: Wednesday 29th April 2015

9:00-10:30	Moderator: tbd - Recap of Day Two - EITI Peer-learning Session on: Modes of collaboration among members of Multi-Stakeholders Groups (MSG)
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	Moderator: tbd - EITI Peer-Learning Session on: Development of technical skills for analysing EITI reports and figures
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Moderator: tbd - In-Depth EITI Peer-Learning Session on: Integrating ASM into EITI - In-Depth EITI Peer-Learning Session on: Adoption of EITI and management of «confidentiality clauses » included in the contracts with mining companies
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:30	Moderator: tbd Closing Ceremony: - Closing remarks by Amb. Solomon Mumbi, ICGLR National Coordinator in Zambia; - Concluding remarks by Dr Frank Okuthe, Executive Director, ICGLR Lusaka Regional Centre; - Closing remarks by Head of ICGLR-GIZ Programme; - Closing Speech by H.E. Prof. Ntumba Luaba, ICGLR Executive Secretary; - Closing Speech by Guest of Honour
17:30	END OF EVENT

Thursday 30th April 2015: Departures