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Vice President of Sierra Leone-Dr. Mohamed Juldeh Jallon and EITI Executive Director-Mark Robinson during the mission's visit.

Introduction

Sierra Leone is a committed member of the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), the global standard for transparent and accountable governance of mining, oil and gas resources. The initiative is implemented in 54+ countries across the world, 28 of which are in Africa. The EITI also has a membership of over 60 supporting companies who commit to meet EITI expectations and support the EITI principles. The EITI Standard is a set of requirements for disclosures and dialogue covering the extractives value chain where countries commit to disclose information along the extractive value chain. This includes from how extraction rights are awarded, to how revenues make their way through government and how they benefit the public.

Since signing up to the EITI, Sierra Leone has maintained its commitments in implementing the global EITI Standard. This has led to significant progress in strengthened public and corporate governance, enhanced understanding of natural resource management, and provision of data to inform reforms for greater transparency and accountability in the extractives sector.
The EITI process in Sierra Leone has the potential to bring about increased efficiency in the extractive sector. The success of EITI implementation in Sierra Leone is backed by strong government commitment, demonstrated by it being anchored in the Office of the Presidency with direct oversight by the Hon. Vice President, Dr. Mohamed Juldeh Jalloh. The Minister of State, Office of the Vice President - Madam Manty Tarawalli is also the Chair of the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) which is the governing body of the EITI process in Sierra Leone.

Through the EITI Standard, the MSG is charged with the responsibility of overseeing and coordinating the implementation of the EITI in Sierra Leone. The focus of the MSG extends beyond mere compliance; it aims to cultivate a culture of transparency and accountability that empowers all stakeholders and citizens. The goal is to promote the responsible management and utilization of natural resource wealth, ensuring it translates into sustainable economic growth and development for the country and its citizens.

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Ensuring citizens are better informed about the extractive sector: The Publication of the 2022-2023 SLEITI Report

Sierra Leone 2022-2023 Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Report was published by the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) of the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative; the governing body charged with the implementation of the EITI Standard in Sierra Leone.

The 12th SLEITI report complies with the EITI Standard and presents data provided by extractive companies, government ministries, departments and agencies, etc. in order to inform citizens of the activities of the sector in the period under review, and for the effective governance of the sector. The report provides detailed contextual information including institutional settings, legal frameworks, fiscal regime, contracts and licenses, production and export, revenues; social and economic expenditure, contribution of the sector to the economy etc.

The overall objective of the report is to strengthen government and company systems, promote trust between government and its citizens, increase integrity, transparency and accountability in the extractive sector, and provide opportunity for stakeholders to make contributions.

Click on the link to download and read the entire report on the SLEITI Website- **https://sleiti.gov.sl/reports/**

Laying the Foundation for a Productive 2025 Financial year: The development of the 2025 SLEITI Work Plan.

To set the stage for an effective year, on 6th March 2025, the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholders Group (MSG) held a Stakeholders Consultative Workshop to develop the SLEITI MSG 2025 work plan. The event was graced by the three constituents of the MSG and the media.

The stakeholders' consultative workshop is a mandatory requirement (Req1.5) of the EITI Standard on work plan development; ensuring it reflects national priorities, the EITI Standard and fully costed activities. The workshop brought together relevant stakeholders in the extractive sector who discussed and agreed activities that were included in the SLEITI 2025 work plan.



MSG Members, CSO Reps, Community stakeholders and the Media attending the SLEITI 2025 workplan consultative workshop

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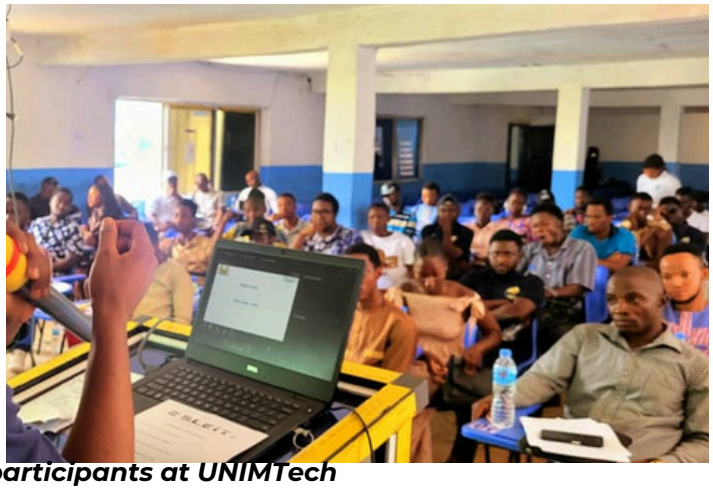
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Bringing the Extractive Sector to the class room- Capacity Building Workshop for Students of Mining Engineering Department of the University of Management and Technology (UNIMTech) Sierra Leone





Mining Engineering Department student participants at UNIMTech

To create public awareness of EITI implementation and to promote transparency of the extractive industry in the country, the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) held a capacity building workshop for students in the Mining Engineering Department of the University of Management and Technology (UNIMTech) at Sankandas Hall, on Friday 28th November, 2025. The theme for the workshop was "Understanding the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Implementation in Sierra Leone"

In attendance alongside the students, were the Head of Department - Mr. Alhassan Conteh, senior lecturers of the of Mining and Engineering Department, as well as SLEITI team led by the National Coordinator, Mr. Mohamed Baimba Koroma.

A PowerPoint presentation was done by Mr. Joseph Moigua- Programme Officer, SLEITI on the topic "**PROMOTING NATIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH AN EFFICIENT, TRANSPARENT, AND ACCOUNTABLE EXTRACTIVE SECTOR**". The presentation gave in-depth analysis of why the EITI was formed, SLEITI governance structure, mandate, key achievements, the importance of the extractive sector governance, the principles of promoting growth in the extractive sector, the importance of transparency and accountability, etc. After the presentation, questions and comments were received from the students and lecturers, which signified their understanding of the EITI process and the role it is playing in promoting transparency and accountability in the extractive sector and how the sector is contributing to national economic growth.

This initiative creates a platform for citizens participation in helping bring reforms to the sector. An efficient, transparent, and accountable extractive sector holds the power to drive sustainable economic growth. Ultimately, the future of Sierra Leone will be shaped by the wise choice of the governing institutions in the extractive sector to provide good stewardship of its natural resources.

SLEITI is committed to promoting understanding of extractive resource management, strengthening public and corporate governance and accountability, and providing the data to inform policy making and multi-stakeholder dialogue in the extractive sector.

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Strengthening Bilateral Fight against Corruption- The Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) and the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC)

The Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Secretariat and the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), made history on 20th November, 2025 by formally signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions in the conference hall of the ACC office, Tower hill, Freetown.

The event was attended by a host of important personalities from both institutions; the Deputy Commissioner of ACC, Mr. Augustine Foday Ngobie and his team on the one hand, and the National Coordinator of SLEITI, Mr. Mohamed Baimba Koroma and his team on the other hand, including reporters from various media house to cover the event.

This landmark agreement underscores a shared commitment to leveraging each institution's strengths and resources for mutual benefit, and the advancement of national efforts to enhance transparency, accountability, and good governance to serve the broader community.

The extractive industries, encompassing mining, oil, and gas, play a fundamental role in the economic and social development of Sierra Leone. However, their potential can only be fully realized when governance of natural resources is characterized by transparency, inclusivity, and a commitment to curb corruption. In recognition of this need, the 2023 EITI Standard introduced comprehensive anti-corruption provisions that require participating countries to identify and mitigate corruption risks throughout the extractive value chain. These provisions emphasize the importance of maintaining transparent and equitable licensing processes, disclosing beneficial ownership, publishing contracts, scrutinizing revenue flows and state involvement in extractive projects.

This MoU is a critical document that outlines the roles and responsibilities of both institutions to navigate the complexities of curbing corruption in the extractive sector. The MoU formalizes a strategic partnership between SLEITI and the ACC to implement essential anti-corruption measures through collaboration to jointly identify governance vulnerabilities, share critical data, and coordinate oversight and enforcement actions.

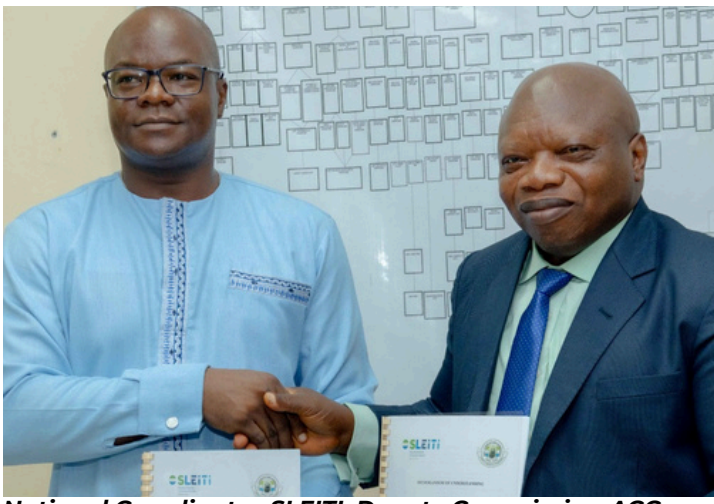
The ACC will play a significant role in evaluating systems, preventing corruption, and addressing breaches that may arise, while SLEITI will continue to take the lead on data collection, public disclosure, and compliance with the EITI Standard.

Both leaders of the agencies gave their submission on the importance and timeliness of the event;

This signing is not merely a procedural achievement; it represents a reaffirmed commitment to the people of Sierra Leone that we will diligently safeguard our natural wealth, uphold the highest standards of integrity, and ensure that every citizen can benefit from the resources of our nation Mr. Koroma of SLEITI noted.

This collaboration transcends institutional synergy; it aims to deliver tangible impacts Mr. Ngobie of ACC observed.

The Sierra Leone EITI believes that the natural resources of Sierra Leone belong to the citizens which is a blessing and never a curse. However, this hinges on the strength and good governance of the sector. With responsible and accountable management, these finite resources can become the solid financial foundation for lasting national economic prosperity.



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Building the Blocks for an Enhanced Implementation: The Development of the SLEITI Policy

In alignment with the EITI Standard, Sierra Leone's Medium-Term National Development Plan 2023-2027 also seeks to mainstream transparency and accountability practices in the extractive sector.

The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act (2022) which allows for the mainstreaming of gender related activities in all development and political processes in Sierra Leone to ensure livelihood and social protection for women, men, boys and girls for sustainable peace and economic growth also aligns with the EITI Standard.

To sustain the processes of the EITI, the SLEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group has developed a SLEITI Policy that will drive and enhance the process for the development of the SLEITI Act. This will provide the legal framework to enhance transparency and accountability in relation to receipts, payments, systematic disclosure, anti-corruption, gender, energy transition, and other activities in the sector. It is expected that this legislation when passed, will remove all legal obstacles to the implementation of EITI in Sierra Leone, and ensure that government institutions and companies in the sector routinely publish or disclose EITI data in a timely manner.

Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholders Group (MSG) meetings 2025: Quarter 1 – 4.

Chaired by the Minister of State, Office of the Vice President, who also doubles as Chair of the SLEITI MSG, the MSG held their quarterly meetings from quarter one through to quarter four. The meetings brought together the three constituencies of the MSG (government, civil society and chamber of mines) who discussed pertinent issues revolving around EITI implementation. These included:

- approval of the 2025 SLEITI Work Plan;
- development of a Beneficial Ownership Regulation;
- signing of SLEITI MSG MoU (2025-2028);
- high-level visit of the EITI International Secretariat; led by the Executive Director
- development of a SLEITI Policy and SLEITI Bill;
- dissemination of Sierra Leone's 2022-2023 EITI Report;
- Signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) etc.



Cross Section of the Multi-Stakeholder Group

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Strengthening Transparency and Accountability in the Extractive Sector: Beneficial Ownership (BO) Disclosure in Sierra Leone.

To support the fight against money laundering, terrorist financing, corruption, tax evasion etc., Sierra Leone became a member of several international benchmarking to promote good governance, and strengthen the operations within specific sectors by setting standards to promote effective implementation. Some of these global standards include the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) & Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

The Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Financing of Terrorism and Financing of Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act that was signed into law by H.E, the President in 2024 presents a unique opportunity to streamline all related policies and create a universal vehicle that strengthens BO disclosure.

As a result, the BO Technical Working Group (TWG) was reconstituted by the MSG Chair & Minister of State at the Office of the Vice President, Madam Manty Tarawalli. The new TWG comprises of key institutions such as: Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA), Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI), National Investment Board (NIB), National Council for Civic Education and Democracy (NaCCED), Bank of Sierra Leone (BSL), Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources (MMMR), National Mineral Agency (NMA), Office of National Security (ONS), National Advocacy Coalition on Extractives (NACE), Network Movement for Justice and Development (NMJD) etc. The Technical Group is headed by Mr. David Borbor – Director General, Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) and deputised by the National Investment Board, with SLEITI serving as the secretary.

At the reconstitution and inaugural meeting, the MSG chair and Minister of State- Office at the Vice President/MSG Chair, Madam Manty Tarawalli, commended the team and reaffirmed her commitment and support to ensuring a successful implementation of BO disclosure in Sierra Leone. The group has adopted a coordinated national approach, and is now at an advanced stage of finalizing the draft Beneficial Ownership Regulations which will lead to the establishment of a national Beneficial Ownership register.



Minister of State Office of the Vice President- signing the ToR with the Chairman of the BO Technical Working Group- Executive Director-Financial Intelligent Agency

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Fostering Coordination and Cooperation: Signing of the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) For 2025-2028

The Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) formally signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 2025 - 2028. This document supersedes the previous MoU signed on March 25, 2021, marking a significant step in maintaining the collaborative framework aimed at enhancing transparency within the extractive industries in Sierra Leone.

The MoU is a tripartite agreement, bringing together key stakeholders including the Government of Sierra Leone, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and Mining Companies (Chamber of Mines) operating within the oil, gas, and mineral sectors. By solidifying this partnership, the MSG seeks to establish a more robust governance structure around the management of Sierra Leone's natural resources.



Govt. Rep. Minister of State-OVP



Chamber of Mines Rep.-President



CSO Rep. National Coordinator-NACE

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Global Voice, Local Strength: EITI Implementation Mission to Sierra Leone

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) International Secretariat was on an official high-level mission to Sierra Leone from 5-6 June 2025.

The EITI delegation comprised Mr. Mark Robinson - EITI Executive Director, Mr. Gilbert Makore - Regional Director Anglophone and Lusophone Africa, and Mr. Williams Enenche Noah - Country Officer, Anglophone Africa. The primary objective of the mission was to engage with high level government officials including the Hon. Vice President of Sierra Leone to secure strong commitment towards EITI implementation, as well as understanding the government's priorities within the extractive sector.

During the visit, the EITI delegation met with the Honourable Vice President, Dr Mohamed Juldeh Jalloh - EITI champion in Sierra Leone and Hon. Manty Tarawalli - Minister of State, Office of the Vice President and SLEITI MSG Chair. They extensively discussed government's commitment to EITI implementation and its role in strengthening transparency and accountability in Sierra Leone extractive sector.

The delegation also met with relevant stakeholders including the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources, National Minerals Agency, Environment Protection Agency, Anti-Corruption Commission, Chamber of Mines and the Sierra Leone EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group which comprises representatives from government, civil society organisations and private companies operating in the extractive sector.

Discussions during the visit focused on Sierra Leone strategic ambition to increase domestic revenue mobilization by advancing value addition in the mining sector through comprehensive reforms and strategic initiatives, and how transparency efforts through the EITI can support, as well as contribute to responsible investment and inform sustainable resource management.

The EITI Executive Director commended the visible progress that has been made in addressing gaps from Sierra Leone's previous assessment in implementing the EITI Standard, while providing strategic recommendations and communicating available support to ensure further progress. Amid growing global demands for minerals, Sierra Leone is well-positioned to leverage its resource wealth to drive sustainable economic transformation.

The evolving global context and demand for minerals driven by the energy transition has also heightened corruption risks in the extractive sector, reinforcing the urgency of a transparent and accountable resource governance mechanism.

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These risks include allocation of licenses, contractual terms, accounting for all revenue flows from the extractive sector, and the management of extractive revenues.

To optimize this opportunity, the government of Sierra Leone will need to entrench transparency activities through enhanced data disclosures and multi-stakeholder dialogue to further drive accountability.



Mark Robinson -EITI Executive Director

Strengthening oversight of licensing using beneficial ownership information, ensuring transparency in mineral production and export revenues, and improving corporate and revenue disclosures are practical measures that will further promote integrity in the extractive sector.

The EITI Executive Director - Mark Robinson, communicated the relevance of EITI implementation in Sierra Leone. He had a strong message for the government to further leverage EITI implementation to improve domestic revenue mobilization, ensure transparent and accountable management of extractive sector revenue and trigger public debate and accountability on sub-national revenue flows. He encouraged the government to maintain the multi-stakeholder group as a strategic and technical platform for broader consultation in developing data-driven, coherent and coordinated reforms.

In his closing statement, Mark Robinson reaffirmed the EITI International Secretariat's commitment to working closely with Sierra Leone in deepening transparency, improving revenue mobilization, and reinforcing investor confidence in the extractive sector.



MoS, EITI Mission Team, MSG & NC-SLEITI



MoS and the EITI Mission Team

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Bringing Extractive Sector Information closer to the Public-Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Participated in the three-day Salone Civic Festival.

From Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th December 2025, SLEITI participated in the three–day Salone Civic Festival 2025 with the theme "Bold Commitment: Bold Achievement" organized by the Ministry of Information and Civic Education (MoICE) in Partnership with Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MoPED) at Youyi Building, Freetown.

This event served as a national village where government ministries, development partners, private sector institutions, civil society organizations and citizens displayed their programs, reforms, and innovation to celebrate national achievements, foster dialogue, and inspire future action.

SLEITI professionally connected with citizens by showcasing its mandate to the public through Information, Education and communications (IECs) materials which displayed information about the EITI globally and locally, where it is anchored, mission, vision, importance, key achievements, key priorities, challenges, and way forward for greater transparency and accountability in the extractive sector of Sierra Leone.

Standing in for the Minister of State, Office of the Vice President, Madam Manty Tarawalli, Mohamed Baimba Koroma-National Coordinator-SLEITI presented the six units under the Office of the Vice President to H.E. Julius Maada Bio during his tour of the Vice President's booth. His Excellency commended the teams' innovation and strong presence at the civic festival.

SLEITI had a fruitful discussion with people from all facets of life- young, old, elite, pupils, students, local farmers, professionals etc. to emphasize and re-assure them on its mandate which gears towards promoting transparency and accountability in the extractive sector.



NC with cross section of the programme team



HE. President Maada Bio touring Office of the Vice President booth with team lead NC-SLEITI introducing the six units under it.