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Greetings from SLEITI

Quarter 1 of 2026 laid the groundwork for a fruitful financial year for the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI). The Office of the Vice President (OVP), in collaboration with SLEITI, has developed activities that align with Sierra Leone's Medium-Term National Development Plan in enhancing good governance of the extractive sector.

Highlights of some of these activities are incorporated in the 2026-2027 SLEITI work plan including:

- Production of Sierra Leone 2024-2025 EITI Report
- First quarter meeting of Multi-Stakeholder Group (Governing Board)
- Contribution in the Validation of the new Companies Registration Bill

By aligning with national objectives, SLEITI strives to ensure good governance of the extractive sector, thereby attracting investment and promoting sustainable economic growth for the benefit of citizens.

The Sierra Leone 2024-2025 EITI Report will provide valuable insights into activities of the extractive sector including mining licenses and contracts, production, export, revenue flows, contribution of the sector to the economy, social and environmental expenditure.

SLEITI's contribution to the development of the Companies Bill harmonization illustrates the proactive role in fostering a favorable legal framework for businesses and beneficial ownership disclosure.

Finally, the MSG's first quarter meeting sets the agenda of SLEITI for 2026, assess progress, challenges, and strategize future actions to effectively achieve its goals. Through these collective efforts, SLEITI is well-positioned to play a significant role in shaping the future of Sierra Leone's extractive sector.

SLEITI Quarter 1 Review

- Domesticating EITI Reporting in Sierra Leone
- Development of the 2026/2027 SLEITI Work Plan
- SLEITI Participates in Consultative Workshop on Business Law Harmonization
- Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Quarter One (1) Meeting

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Quarter 1 Highlights

Domesticating EITI Reporting in Sierra Leone

Historically, several EITI implementing countries including Sierra Leone, have utilized the services of an Independent Administrator (Consultant) to produce the EITI report. Although the Multi-Stakeholder Groups can still opt to hire an Independent Administrator (IA), the EITI International Secretariat gives flexibility to implementing countries to engage the Supreme Audit Institutions to support in producing EITI reports.

Therefore, in accordance with **Requirement 4.8** of the EITI Standard, the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) sought partnership with the Supreme Audit Institution of Sierra Leone (Audit Service Sierra Leone - ASSL) to produce Sierra Leone's 2024-2025 EITI Report, in compliance with the 2023 EITI Standard and the Board's Reporting Framework.

This report will contain detailed insights into the extractive sector, including:

- The legal and institutional framework;
- Contract and license allocations;
- Exploration, production, and export activities;
- Revenue generation and allocation;
- Social and economic expenditures; etc.

With support from the SLEITI MSG, Audit Service Sierra Leone (ASSL) is anticipated to:

- Conduct a scoping study to guide the MSG's decisions regarding the scope of Sierra Leone's 2024-2025 EITI report under the Reporting Framework.
- Produce an EITI Report and related data files for 2024-2025 in accordance with the EITI Standard, including timely information about Sierra Leone's extractive industry.
- Create a concise version of the Sierra Leone 2024-2025 EITI report, limited to 25 pages, featuring information graphics and narratives that convey the report's findings.
- Complete the Summary Data template for the 2024-2025 report.

Both the SLEITI MSG and ASSL recognized the significance of this collaboration as a way of further enhancing the credibility, accuracy, and integrity of EITI reporting in Sierra Leone.

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Shaping the Roadmap for a Successful 2026/2027 Financial Years: Developing the 2026/2027 SLEITI Work Plan

On February 19, 2026, the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholders Group (MSG) held a Stakeholders' Consultative Workshop aimed at crafting the 2026-2027 SLEITI MSG work plan. This event gathered representatives from the government, extractive companies, civil society, development partners, and the media, all dedicated to fostering good governance within Sierra Leone's extractive sector.



Since SLEITI is rooted in its multi-stakeholder approach, the consultative process was essential as an effective way of seeking the views of industry experts and incorporating their contributions into a realistic and results-driven work plan, establishing a solid foundation for effective implementation of EITI in Sierra Leone.



Cecilia Mattia-NACE: facilitating the stakeholders consultative workshop of the SLEITI 2026-2027 work plan development

The stakeholders' consultative workshop fulfills a mandatory requirement **(Req.1.5)** of the EITI Standard, which seeks to:

- Review the progress and lessons learned from the previous work plan (2025 Work Plan).
- Identify national priorities and emerging issues in the extractive sector.
- Collect input and recommendations from stakeholders.
- Develop a work plan that is fully budgeted and aligns with a national priority.



MSG Members, CSO Reps, Community stakeholders and the Media attending the SLEITI 2026-2027 work plan stakeholders consultative workshop

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SLEITI Participates in Consultative Workshop on Business Law Harmonization

On January 23, 2026, SLEITI participated in a consultative workshop organized by the National Investment Board (NIB) in partnership with the World Bank, facilitated through the Office of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, and supported by the Sierra Leone Economic Diversification Project. The workshop focused on the ongoing initiative to harmonize Sierra Leone's Business and Company Laws.

With the Government of Sierra Leone's bold initiative to conduct a thorough review of the Companies Act 2009 (as amended in 2014), the Business Registration Act 2007, and related provisions under the NIB Act 2022, the goal is to create a modern, consolidated Companies and Allied Matters Act 2026. This new legislation aims to:

- Streamline business registration
- Reduce administrative burdens
- Enhance transparency and governance
- Support digital transformation
- Foster a more attractive environment for investment and private sector growth



Dr. Sahr Dauda Karku- Programme Manager attending the workshop to harmonize Sierra Leone's Business and Company Law



SLEITI Programme Manager & other Relevant Stakeholders from Ministries Departments and Agencies

The workshop brought together relevant Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs). Key discussion points included:

- Consolidation of registries and full operationalization of the One-Stop Shop;
- Simplification of registration processes for all business forms, including MSMEs;
- Digital enablement and electronic filing; and
- Governance enhancements, including beneficial ownership disclosure.

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Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Quarter One (1) Meeting

On Thursday, 12th March 2026, the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) convened its first-quarter meeting in the Conference Room, Office of the Vice President, Tower Hill, Freetown.

The meeting focused on key implementation activities, which included:

- SLEITI 2026 - 2027 Work Plan;
- Production of Sierra Leone 2024 - 2025 EITI Report;
- SLEITI Policy;
- 10th EITI Global Conference in Manila, Philippines, on June 24-25, 2026, and other relevant issues pertaining to the EITI implementation in Sierra Leone.

The meeting was well-attended and chaired by Hon. Manty Tarawalli, Minister of State-Office of the Vice President and Chair of the SLEITI MSG. She guided the discussion through the agenda items, providing updates and facilitating deliberations, resulting in a very successful meeting.

The MSG approved the SLEITI 2026 - 2027 Work Plan, and endorsed SLEITI's partnership with Audit Service Sierra Leone for the production of Sierra Leone 2024-2025 EITI Report.



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MoS-Chair of the MSG, chairing the 1st quarter meeting

Members discussed Sierra Leone's participation at the 10th EITI Global Conference in Manila, Philippines, with update on the two EITI International Secretariat funded representatives. As a way of increasing the number of participants at the conference, the SLEITI MSG agreed to engage government institutions, Chamber of Mines and other partners for financial support to facilitate the participation of their representative/s at the global conference.

Institutions represented at the meeting included:

- Human Rights Defenders Network -Sierra Leone
- National Investment Board
- National Advocacy Coalition on Extractives
- Office of National Security
- Women's Network for Environmental Sustainability
- Women in Mining and Extractives
- Petroleum Directorate Sierra Leone
- National Minerals Agency
- Office of the Vice President
- Chamber of Mines
- Ministry of Finance
- Environment Protection Agency
- Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs

