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Greetings from SLEITI

Quarter 2 of 2026: A Crucial Milestone in the Production of Sierra Leone 2024–2025 EITI Report

Quarter 2 of 2026 marks a defining moment for the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI). It has been an exciting period as preparations intensify for an innovative approach in the production of Sierra Leone 2024–2025 Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Report.

This reporting cycle is particularly significant as it is the first time an EITI report will be produced through Sierra Leone's Supreme Audit Institution - Audit Service Sierra Leone (ASSL), in collaboration with SLEITI. The transition to Supreme Audit Institution led reporting follows the flexibility by the EITI to provide implementing countries the opportunity to integrate EITI reporting into national systems while maintaining international standards and best practices. This landmark collaboration reflects Sierra Leone's growing commitment to strengthening transparency, accountability, and integrity in the governance of its extractive sector.

Key Milestones Achieved

The SLEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) has approved three critical documents that provide the foundation for the report production process:

- Terms of Reference between SLEITI and the Audit Service Sierra Leone for the production of Sierra Leone 2024–2025 EITI Report;
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SLEITI and the Audit Service Sierra Leone;
- The Role of the Audit Service Sierra Leone in the Production of the 2024–2025 SLEITI Report.

The endorsement of these documents represents a major step in formalizing engagements with the Audit Service Sierra Leone and clarifying roles and responsibilities.

Looking Ahead

The partnership with the Audit Service Sierra Leone is expected to significantly enhance the quality, credibility, and independence of the report as the SLEITI MSG considered Audit Service Sierra Leone to be very professional, technically competent, objective, credible, and free from any conflicts of interest with respect to the collection and treatment of any information deemed "sensitive".

The Sierra Leone 2024-2025 EITI Report is expected to be published by 31st December 2026.

SLEITI Quarter 2 Review

- SLEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group Held Second Quarter Meeting
- 2026 EITI Global Conference – Brussels, Belgium
- Development of the National Strategy for Critical Minerals in Sierra Leone (2026-2031)
- SLEITI at Sierra Leone Mining and Exhibition Week 2026
- SLEITI and Audit Service Sierra Leone Signed Landmark Partnership Agreement for Sierra Leone 2024–2025 EITI Report Production

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Quarter 2 Highlights

SLEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group Held Second Quarter Meeting

The Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) convened its second quarter meeting on 18 June 2026 at the Conference Room of the Office of the Vice President.

The meeting was chaired by Hon. Manty Tarawalli, Minister of State-Office of the Vice President and Chair of the SLEITI MSG. The meeting brought together representatives from government, civil society, the Chamber of Mines, and provided an opportunity for members to review progress on key initiatives and make strategic decisions to advance EITI implementation in Sierra Leone.

Key agenda items included:

- Production of Sierra Leone 2024–2025 EITI Report;
- Updates on the SLEITI Policy;
- Preparations for the 10th EITI Global Conference.

Following discussions on the production of Sierra Leone 2024–2025 EITI Report, the MSG approved three key documents that will guide the reporting process:

- Terms of Reference for EITI Reporting between SLEITI and Audit Service Sierra Leone (ASSL) for the production of Sierra Leone 2024–2025 EITI Report;
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SLEITI and Audit Service Sierra Leone; and
- The Role of Audit Service Sierra Leone in the Production of Sierra Leone 2024–2025 EITI Report.



MoS-Chair of the MSG, chairing the 2nd quarter meeting

The approval of these documents represents a significant milestone in the transition to Supreme Audit Institution-led EITI reporting, and reinforces Sierra Leone's commitment to strengthening transparency, accountability, and the credibility of extractive sector reporting.

In her closing remarks, Hon. Manty Tarawalli thanked members for their continued commitment and valuable contributions to the implementation of the EITI in Sierra Leone. She commended the collaborative spirit demonstrated during the meeting and encouraged members to sustain their active engagement as SLEITI advances the production of the 2024–2025 EITI Report and implementation of other strategic priorities.

The meeting concluded with all agenda items successfully deliberated upon and a renewed commitment by the MSG to promoting good governance in Sierra Leone's extractive sector.



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2026 EITI Global Conference – Brussels, Belgium

The 2026 EITI Global Conference will be held on 8 and 9 October 2026 under the theme of "**Transparency for Shared Prosperity**". The conference will be co-hosted by the Government of the Belgium and the European Commission. The extractive sector remains vital to the economic development of many nations, yet it continues to face significant governance risks and is at the centre of geopolitical tensions. These dynamics underscore the continued relevance of the EITI's mission. The EITI has an important role in helping countries manage rising demand for critical minerals and dealing with the uncertainties in the global oil and gas sector.

The conference will bring together more than 1,000 stakeholders from governments, corporations, civil society organizations, investors, policymakers, development partners from the EITI community, leaders and practitioners from around the world to:

- Share experiences
- Showcase innovations
- Strengthen collaboration on responsible natural resource governance.

Registration

Registration for the conference is now open. Prospective participants can register through the EITI website at www.eiti.org

There is an eager anticipation in welcoming the EITI community to the 2026 EITI Global Conference in Brussels for two days of exchange, learning, and collaboration.



2023 EITI Global Conference

Programme and Events

The main conference programme will take place at the SQUARE. Through plenary discussions, technical sessions and partner events, participants will explore how transparency for shared prosperity can help countries strengthen governance, mobilise revenues, build trust, support responsible investment and ensure that natural resource wealth delivers lasting benefits for citizens.

The programme details can be accessed through this link: https://eiti.org/2026-eiti-global-conference/programme

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Development of the National Strategy for Critical Minerals in Sierra Leone (2026-2031)



On 23rd April 2026, the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) participated in a stakeholder engagement session convened by the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources to discuss the development of the National Strategy for Critical Minerals in Sierra Leone (2026–2031).

The engagement brought together representatives from government institutions, the private sector, civil society organizations, development partners, and academia to provide input into a comprehensive six-year strategy. The proposed framework aims to position Sierra Leone to harness its critical mineral resources responsibly while promoting sustainable investment, value addition, environmental stewardship, and increased local content participation.

Throughout the engagement, speakers emphasized that transparency and accountability are essential to building a resilient and responsible mining sector, noting that open governance enhances investor confidence, strengthens public trust, and ensures that the benefits of mineral development are shared equitably among all Sierra Leoneans.

For SLEITI, the consultation reaffirmed the importance of integrating the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Standard into the National Strategy for Critical Minerals. Embedding EITI principles will help promote greater openness in the management of the sector through improved disclosure of revenues, contracts, licenses, and other key information, enabling citizens to participate meaningfully in the governance of the country's natural resources.

SLEITI remains committed to supporting government and stakeholders in advancing transparency and accountability across the extractive sector, ensuring that the country's mineral wealth delivers lasting benefits for present and future generations.



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SLEITI at Sierra Leone Mining and Exhibition Week 2026

The Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) participated in the Sierra Leone Mining and Exhibition Week 2026, held from 19–23 May 2026 at the Freetown International Conference Centre, Bintumani Hotel, Freetown.

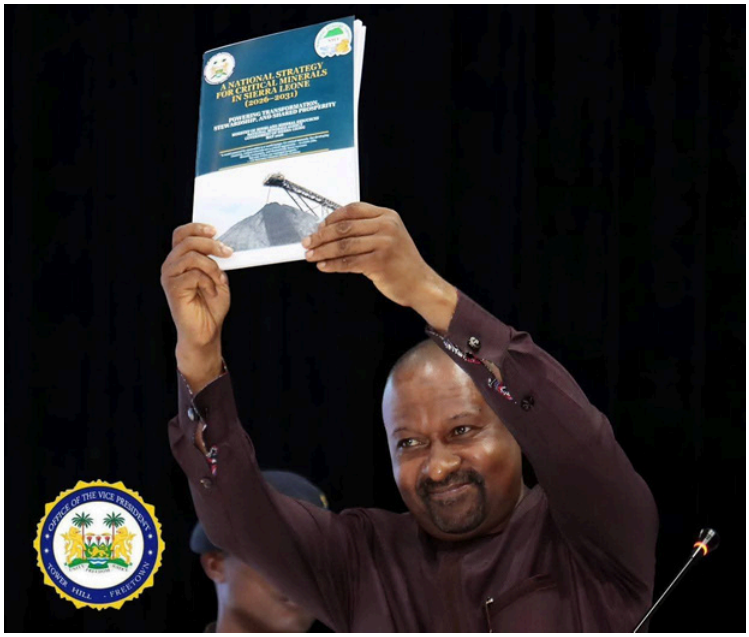
The event was organized by the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources, in collaboration with the National Minerals Agency (NMA) and the African Diamond Producers Association (ADPA). It brought together government institutions, mining companies, development partners, civil society organizations, investors, and community representatives to discuss the future of Sierra Leone's mining sector.

This year's theme, "Our Mineral Resources: Responsible Mining, Value Multiplication, and Shared Prosperity," underscored the importance of ensuring that Sierra Leone's mineral wealth contributes to sustainable development and delivers tangible benefits to its people.

A key highlight of the mining week was the launch of the National Strategy for Critical Minerals in Sierra Leone (2026-2031) by the Hounorable Vice President of Sierra Leone - Dr. Mohamed Juldeh Jalloh. In his statement, he explained that the strategy aims to move Sierra Leone beyond raw material exports and is built around principles designed to maximise local benefits.



keynote statement by the Vice President-Dr. Mohamed Juldeh Jalloh



Vice President-Dr. Mohamed Juldeh Jalloh launching the National Strategy for Critical Minerals in Sierra Leone (2026-2031)

The Mining Week also featured exhibitions, investment forums, technical sessions, and policy dialogues covering a broad range of topics that reinforced the importance of transparency and accountability in the management of the country's natural resources and contributions to sustainable national development.



Cross Section of SLEITI Staff at the Mining week

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SLEITI and Audit Service Sierra Leone Signed Landmark Partnership Agreement for Sierra Leone 2024–2025 EITI Report Production

On 23 June 2026, the Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SLEITI) and the Audit Service Sierra Leone (ASSL) signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), formalizing a strategic partnership for the production of Sierra Leone's 2024–2025 Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Report.

The signing ceremony brought together senior officials from both institutions, led by the Auditor General, Mr. Abdul Aziz, and the National Coordinator of SLEITI, Mr. Mohamed Baimba Koroma, alongside representatives of the media.

The agreement marks a significant milestone in strengthening transparency, accountability, and integrity in the governance of Sierra Leone's extractive sector. It also reflects the shared commitment of both institutions to strengthening institutional collaboration, identifying accountability gaps, and ensuring that revenues generated from the country's natural resources are accurately reported and accessible to citizens.



Auditor General-ASSL & National Coordinator-SLEITI

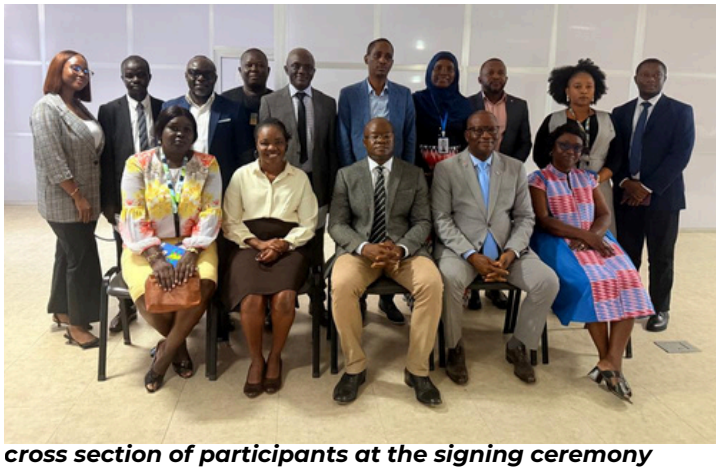


Auditor General-ASSL & National Coordinator-SLEITI

The partnership follows recent reforms introduced by the EITI International Secretariat, which allow implementing countries to utilize their Supreme Audit Institutions in the production of EITI Reports. Therefore, SLEITI is thrilled to be partnering with Audit Service Sierra Leone to produce Sierra Leone 2024 - 2025 EITI Report.

Speaking at the ceremony, Auditor General Mr. Abdul Aziz described the MoU as a major step towards strengthening accountability and transparency in the management of Sierra Leone's natural resources. He noted that the collaboration would enhance the credibility of EITI reporting while reinforcing existing public financial management systems.

The SLEITI National Coordinator Mr. Mohamed Baimba Koroma expressed appreciation to the leadership and staff of ASSL for their relentless support and commitment to promoting good governance in Sierra Leone's public institutions and the extractive sector.



cross section of participants at the signing ceremony