

MYANMAR – MONGOLIA EITI LEARNING EXCHANGE TRIP

Pre-Reading & Logistical Information

September 22 - 29, 2017



1. BACKGROUND

Myanmar became an EITI candidate country on 2014 June and since then published a first EITI report on 2016 January. Due to the political transition and repositioning of the government's priorities, MEITI's resumption to publish the second report was delayed. Finally, with the consent of the international EITI secretariat, MEITI will publish the second report covering the 2014-15 and 2015-16 fiscal years. Since the publication of the first EITI report, there were significant changes in the institutional set up of the MEITI secretariat and renewal of MSG members occurred in accordance with the terms of reference for the MSG's tenure.

Mongolia became a candidate country of EITI in 2007 and then achieved a compliant status by 2010. Mongolia also had seen some progress in the contract disclosure in the extractive industry as well as expertise in revenue management recently. There has been a bi-lateral cooperation on a number of issues including resource governance related issues and EITI between the two governments.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the trip is to learn and share knowledge and experience of the two countries in managing EITI processes, the impacts of EITI report in the resource governance sector, the experience and best practice of natural resource revenue management and the mechanism for the contract disclosure for the extractive projects. It is expected that the Myanmar EITI's secretariat team and Mongolia EITI's secretariat team will exchange the country EITI's coordination and implementation experience as well as learn the impact of EITI on the improvement of good governance front of Extractive Industries. Moreover Myanmar delegation is expected to learn from Mongolia's counterparts' experience in managing public expectation on the extractive industries projects, the community impacts, and the macro economic management policy options in regard to the Public Financial Management.

3. AGENDA

Exchange of EITI country experience between Mongolia and Myanmar

The country secretariat team as well as MSG representatives from both countries are expected to share the general EITI situation and the challenges associated with the compliance of 2016 EITI standards. It is expected that Mongolia's EITI secretariat team will also share of its experience in making EITI's a continuous effort for successive governments over the past ten years and how the political consensus was reached over the adoption of EITI standards. Other topics and discussions included but not limited to, "What tangible and intangible benefits from EITI's processes and reports had been visible in Mongolia and Myanmar? Has there been any ground breaking discoveries or the highlights of the reports which are then used for the reform of the extractive sectors of the countries? How does the countries promote the debate on the good governance of extractive industries using EITI reports?"

EITI and Natural Resource Revenue Management

In 2013-2014 fiscal year, natural resources revenue accounted for almost 65% of the budget in Myanmar and 16.7% of GDP according to first EITI report, and 20 % of the government revenue in Mongolia. Thus, managing the natural resources revenue effectively means creating a sound macro economic environment that is conducive to a productive and sustainable economy.

Mongolia can also share its EITI experience of disclosing data on the production, licensing of minerals resources, social expenditures of the extractive companies and revenue sharing models. Myanmar's experience on EITI reporting also indicates the challenges the country faces in the extractive sector reform particularly on the lack of systems and mechanism to make data available to the public. In this regards, both countries can discuss about the legal, technical and political constraints in disclosing data that are pertinent to meeting the EITI standards.

Contract Transparency in Extractive Industries

Mongolia experience on contract transparency has been mixed and such discussion is yet to happen in Myanmar. Both countries can learn about the existing practice and procedures for the contract disclosure and what it might do the extractive industries governance. Facilitators will focus on the practical usefulness of contract disclosure and how it has been used to improve policy outcomes.

Field Visit to Zaamar Soum (district)

Although it might be challenging to put a field visit itinerary in the Myanmar's delegation, a field visit could accelerate the understanding of a country's practice and existing mechanism on extractive projects. Zaamar Soum, a provincial area, is located 200 km outside of Ulaanbaatar where twenty gold mining operations are active, thus, the delegation will visit the Soum to learn about the Mongolia's extractive governance.

Myanmar-Mongolia EITI Learning Exchange Trip Agenda

Saturday, September 23, 2017

10: 50 am	Arrival and check into Hotel
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Lunch at Hotel
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Orientation
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Dinner

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Individual Preparation Day

Monday, September 25, 2017

10:00 am to 11:00 am	Welcome Meeting with Mongolia Secretariat and Multi-Stakeholder group
11:00 am to 11:15 am	Tea and Coffee Break
11:15 am to 12:30 pm	MSG-to-MSG meeting between Myanmar and Mongolia Secretariat-to-Secretariat meeting between Myanmar and Mongolia
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Bilateral EITI experience exchange with Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

9:00 am to 10:30 am	Workshop on Mongolian EITI scope and impact
10:30 am to 10:45 am	Tea and Coffee Break
10:45 am to 12:30 am	Workshop on Contract Transparency
12:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Workshop on SOE governance, reporting and disclosure
3:30 pm to 3:45 pm	Tea and Coffee Break
3:45 pm to 5:00 pm	Workshop on Beneficial Ownership
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Dinner with NRGI team

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

6:30 am	Leave for "Zaamar" soum (district), Tuv Province
10:00 am	Meeting with local government representatives upon arriving at "Zaamar"
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Meeting with the governor and chairman of CRH
11:00 am to 12:00 am	Meeting with contract working group members EITI council members
12:00 am to 1:00 pm	Drive to Monpolymet LLC mine site
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Meeting with the Company and see the mine site

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Lunch at Monpolymet LLC
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Drive to “Khailasst” бага
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Meeting with Local CSO
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Drive back to Ulaanbaatar
8:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Dinner at hotel or Nomads

Thursday, September 28, 2017

9:30 am to 10:30 am	Bilateral Meeting with Director General Mining Policy, Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry and Myanmar Deputy General, Department of Mines
11:00 am to 12:30 pm	Wrap up, reflection and action points
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm to 17:00 pm	Free time or optional meetings with <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mineral Resources and Petroleum Authority of Mongolia 2. National Development Agency 3. Ministry of Finance 4. Publish What you Pay 5. Mining Association

Friday, September 29, 2017

9:30 am	Pick up and leave for airport
10:50 pm	Arrival at Mingalardon International Airport

Pre-reading list

1. Fiscal Sustainability in Mongolia (<https://resourcegovernance.org/analysis-tools/publications/fiscal-sustainability-mongolia>)
<https://resourcegovernance.org/blog/how-can-mineral-rich-mongolia-emerge-prosperous-debt-crisis>
2. Past Tipping Point? Contract Disclosure within EITI (<https://resourcegovernance.org/analysis-tools/publications/past-tipping-point>), <https://resourcegovernance.org/blog/contract-transparency-critical-component-civil-society-oversight-mongolia>
3. Revenue Sharing in Mongolia (Case Study)
https://resourcegovernance.org/sites/default/files/nrgi_sharing_Mongolia_revenue-sharing.pdf

4. LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

ON THE DAY

On Saturday evening, NRGi Mongolia will pick you up at the airport and take you to Hotel.

ACCOMMODATION ADDRESS

Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel,
Prime Minister Amar's street 15, Ulaanbaatar 14200, Mongolia.

We have booked rooms for you at this accommodation for 6 nights, checking in on September 23 2017 and checking out on 29 September 2017.

MEALS

All meals will be provided throughout the trip.

Breakfast will be served each morning in your accommodation between 7:45 am – 8:50 am.

Lunch and Dinner will be served at various places; depending on locations you are having meetings.

CLIMATE AND WEATHER

Climate in Mongolia will be very different from Myanmar. September is the beginning of dry season. The average temperature of the day between Sep 23 and Sep 29 will be 12 degree Celsius. A couple of warm coats are recommended to bring along.

POWER PLUGS AND SOCKETS

In Mongolia the power sockets are of type C and E. Please see the following pictures.



Type - E



Type - C

TOURISTS DESTINATION

The following are some of top tourist destinations according to TripAdvisor; Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, Genghis Khan Statue Complex, National History Museum, Gandantegchenling Monastery and Genghis Khan Square.

TIME ZONE

Mongolia time zone is UTC+8.

PARTICIPANTS

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