

Recommendations of Mongolia EITI Western Regional 3rd Conference

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The Mongolia EITI Western Regional 3rd Conference was organized online between October 26-27, 2021 and representatives from ministries such as MMHI, MOF, agency like MRPAM, Governor's office of aimags such as Bayan-Ulgii, Bayankhongor, Govi-Altai, Zavkhan, Uvs, Khovd, business circles such as MNMA, Coal Association, Rio Tinto, You Tolgoi, Byan Airag Exploration, Shuvuun Khar uul, Monnis and Civil Society Organization, like Publish What You Pay, and donor such as IFC, and also members of EITI National Council, MSG, Secretariat and Subnational Councils of the mentioned aimags participated in this Conference.

The participants to the Conference were focused on activation of EITI in rural area, capacity build-up EITI Subnational Councils, expressed willingness to cooperate and implement proposals during the Conference and agreed to issue these recommendations, as follows:

1. To MMHI:

- 1.1. To focus and speed up enacting draft law presented to this Conference, especially a draft law on transparency in mineral resource sector and the draft should have aspect of financing of Subnational Councils.
- 1.2. Oversight and assess implementation of Cooperation agreement between MMHI and Governors of Aimags at the end of the year, assess at the rate up to 5%, dominant weight in assessing of 2021 Agreement should be aspect of chairing and leading EITI Subnational Council.
- 1.3. MMHI should have a branch in rural area but in active mining zones and take relevant actions.

2. To Ministry of Finance:

- 2.1. To endorse sources for financing activities of Subnational Councils, ensure implementation of duties assigned to MOF under the Government Resolution No.263 of 2017 and endorse sources.

4. To Mineral Resources and Petroleum Authorities of Mongolia:

- 4.1. In granting license, to receive comments from local authorities even it is late and make conclusions, after it, a license should be granted.
- 4.2. To create integrated database of license of common minerals granted at local level.
- 4.3. To make clear legal and organizational framework of artisanal mining, which should comply with standard of transparency and openness, make clear liabilities.
- 4.4. To inform local authorities and EITI Subnational Councils on new legal regulations immediately, and give knowledge, prevent risk of discrepancies of information.

5. To Governors of aimags of Western Region:

- 5.1. To cooperate to train members of EITI Subnational Councils and make training regular one.
- 5.2. To include representatives of Aimag and local media to EITI Aimag and Soum Subnational Councils and increase availability of data.
- 5.3. To improve and consolidate activities of state organizations, their open data, which have the functions related to mineral sector.
- 5.4. Disclose disbursement of paid taxes at local level.

- 5.5. To define activities of EITI Subnational Councils, expected output should be included into performance agreement with deputy of Governor, to resolve financial issues of the Council within existing legislation, make report open.
- 5.6. To draft annual plan of the EITI Subnational councils in compliance with template approved by EITI MSG, to regularly brief on ongoing activities and advocate accordingly.

6. To Local authorities

- 6.1. Citizens hural of Aimag and Soum should endorse at own level annual plan of activities, report and budget of EITI Subnational Council.
- 6.2. Citizens hural should provide with information representatives, relevant committee about EITI, its standard and functions of the Council, implement join control and monitoring, to organize regularly multilateral discussions.

7. To Companies and business runners:

- 7.1. To report publicly Company's environmental management plan, information about program environmental monitoring and survey, cost to be paid by company, research study of coordination with EITI Subnational Council.
- 7.2. To regularly organize implementation of obligation 48.10 from the law on minerals, in open manner to local community and public, with support of Citizens hural and EITI Subnational Councils.
- 7.3. If hearing is not conducted by local authorities in accordance with General administrative law before approving Cooperation agreement under art.42 of the law on minerals, to pay attention not to sign agreement and require organizing hearing process.
- 7.4. Within the Cooperation agreement, if there is donation to be delivered to local authorities, certain amount from which should be portioned in the agreement for covering expenditure of openly inform local community.
- 7.5. To inform locals on availability of jobs regularly and in timely manner.

8. To Publish What Pay coalition:

- 8.1. To regularly organize regional activities for non-governmental organizations participating in EITI Subnational Councils of Aimag and Soum to provide necessary knowledge, skills, sharing best expertise and lessons learnt,
- 8.2. To Organize monitoring and regularly advice on performance implementation and active participation of parties in activities of EITI Subnational Councils of Aimag and Soum of Western region.

9. To EITI National Secretariat:

- 9.1. To create menu on citizen data in the EITI website and develop data into easy to understand and increase availability.
- 9.2. To develop program of "EITI Subnational Council-2025", and get approved by EITI National Council / which should include following aspects, such as: Quick response to needs of the Council, establish coordination mechanism, Soum's Council should disclose what is relevant to soum, create template for assessing implementation of activities of the Council, define differences in functions of the Aimag and Soum Council, to define mandatory activities of the Council, define incentive for brave and innovative activities, convey information from the Councils, and relevant tools.

- 9.3. Print and deliver minutes of meeting of National Council, annual report, to pay attention to different level of digital development of rural area.
10. To all participants and organizers:
- 10.1. All participants should learn to work in online conditions regardless of whether centrally or locally positioned.
 - 10.2. To focus on use of information created with EITI.
 - 10.3. Create information in wider scope and get discussed.
 - 10.4. Not to stick geology to mining, to discuss the matter in favor of geology and its activation, make geology information comprehensive, and companies should take action to get local community understood.
 - 10.5. To disclose license fee for aimag and soum level, to enlighten herders on geological works.

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