

REPORT OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE SELECTION OF CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EITI BOARD APRIL 27, 2013

PROCESS

The Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Global Steering Committee, upon the recommendation of the PWYP Secretariat, formulated the criteria for the selection of the civil society representatives to the EITI Board. The Global Steering Committee also formed the civil society Nominations Committee composed of Ms. Cielo Magno (Bantay Kita and a member of the PWYP Global Steering Committee), Mr. Mamadou Taran Diallo (Guinean Association for Transparency and a member of the PWYP Global and Africa Steering Committees), Mr. Dorjdari Namkhajantsan (Open Society Forum Mongolia and a current civil society representative on the EITI Board) and Ms. Radhika Sarin (former PWYP International Coordinator and a former civil society representative on the EITI Board).

A call for nominations of civil society representatives on the EITI Board was issued by PWYP with a deadline of April 7th: <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/about/advocacy/call-nominations-eiti-international-board-2013-2015>.

The PWYP Secretariat received 21 applications. The applications and supporting materials were shared with the Nominations Committee. The list of applicants is available in Annex 1.

Each Committee member reviewed all the applications against the selection criteria in order to assess the relative strength of each applicant. The criteria for assessment were:

- Knowledge of the extractive industry value chain
- Engagement in the EITI
- Knowledge of EITI rules and policies
- Ability to reach agreements/compromises within groups at different levels
- Ability to serve wider interests than own allegiances
- Time and willingness to consult
- Time and willingness to report regularly
- Evidence of timeliness/responsiveness
- Ability to represent others with authority
- Ability working with a variety of stakeholders

There are 10 seats for civil society on the EITI Board, yet the number of strong candidates as assessed by the Committee surpassed this number. The Committee discussed that the individuals who are selected to serve on the Board should be effective as a group, and therefore have a diverse collective skill set and experiences relevant to the EITI, e.g. some individuals may have specific areas of technical and policy expertise whereas other individuals may be experienced working with different types of constituencies at local levels. Having noted that the gender balance of civil society representatives in the previous EITI Board has been very poor (evaluation shared by PWYP), the Committee also appreciated the need to strive for gender balance.

The Committee had a robust discussion on a) the performance of the current representatives on the EITI Board, b) whether there should be a term limit for organisations on the Board, c) how many individuals from international NGOs should be on the Board, and d) whether international NGOs can be represented through the PWYP International Director.

The Committee agreed that individuals who will serve on the Board should regularly update the civil society networks that they are part of about the work of the Board, and actively reach out and consult on critical issues affecting the implementation of EITI. Therefore, in considering the

applicants, the Committee very seriously took into account the feedback it received from regional civil society.

On the issue of term limits, it was noted that Revenue Watch Institute and Global Witness have both had a representative on the EITI Board since 2006. A question was raised as to whether this amounts to a permanent seat on the Board for these two organisations who, through their representatives, have sat on the Board since 2006 while other people who served two terms left the Board to ensure rotation and renewal. However, it was also noted that it is individuals who serve on the Board and not organisations, and that it is unclear whether term limits should be applied only to individuals or also to organisations. The Committee was not given specific guidance on this by PWYP. (See the Recommendations section below.) There were different views within the Committee, and one view was that term limits should be applied to organisations. Other members of the Committee felt that decision should be taken by the coalition, and if term limits are to be applied to organisations, then applications of individuals from those organisations should not have been accepted. The Committee acknowledged the technical expertise that international organisations bring to the Board. However, a concern was also raised that there is not a diversity of international organisations in terms of previous and current Board composition and that other international organisations should also be encouraged to play active roles.

On the issue of how many individuals from international NGOs should be on the Board, there was a view that this number should be no more than 2 to 3, including the PWYP International Director. However, there was another view that the PWYP International Director should not be considered as “international NGO” since the coalition consists of both international and national civil society organisations, and therefore the seat allotted to the PWYP International Director should be considered a “shared” seat.

SELECTION

The Committee made the following selections:

FULL MEMBER	ALTERNATE MEMBER
Mr. Ali Idrissa (Niger)	Mr. Jean Claude Katende (DR Congo)
Mr. Eelco de Groot (The Netherlands)	Mr. Fabby Tumiwa (Indonesia)
Ms. Marinke van Riet (UK)	Mr. Daniel Kaufmann (USA)
Mr. Gubad Bayramov (Azerbaijan)	Ms. Natalia Yantsen (Kazakhstan)
Ms. Faith Nwadishi (Nigeria)	Ms. Corinna Gilfillan (USA)

It should be noted that there was a view within the Committee that there should be less international NGO representation, as technical expertise and possible financial support can be mobilised, housed and managed by PWYP International, but the majority of the Committee supported the balance and composition of this group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Committee would like to stress that it is individual persons – and not organisations – that are selected to serve on the EITI Board and that Board Members are expected to consult widely with other civil society organisations and partners at a national and regional level. It is of course, expected that the individual’s organisation will support their work as Board members, and that organisations that have the resources and wider geographic links will use them as effectively as possible for consultations, information sharing etc.
- The Committee notes that the selection does not include a representative from Latin America. However, as both PWYP and Revenue Watch Institute are working with civil society organisations in Latin America, the channels of communication and consultation should be organised accordingly.
- The Committee thinks it is important that the issue of term limits for organisations is discussed by the PWYP Global Steering Committee and that a policy should be developed about this to guide future nominations.
- The Committee thinks it is important for the PWYP Global Steering Committee to determine representation balance (individuals and/or organisations) and consider whether to do a formal allocation of the 10 civil society seats on the EITI Board by region and type of organisation. Given the growing number of EITI implementing countries and the need to balance international and national/implementing country perspectives, it would seem most appropriate for the coalition to decide what the appropriate balance is rather than leaving that up to the Nominations Committee. These are political decisions which should be discussed and agreed by the coalition, whereas the work of the Nominations Committee is primarily technical in terms of assessing the strength of applicants and selecting a group composition that is effective in undertaking the duties of the Board.
- The Committee has made a big effort to select a group of individuals that, working together, will be an effective voice for the civil society constituency in the EITI. It is therefore important that all the members, whether they are Full or Alternate, engage actively in the work of the Board and share responsibilities.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- Ms. Cielo Magno

- Mr. Mamadou Taran Diallo

- Mr. Dorjdari Namkhajantsan

- Ms. Radhika Sarin

Annex 1: List of Applicants

NAME	COUNTRY
Mr. Jean Claude Katende	Democratic Republic of Congo
Mr. Hebron Timothy Mwakagenda	Tanzania
Ms. Hannah Owusu-Koranteng	Ghana
Ms. Therese Mekombe	Chad
Mr. Gubad Bayramov	Azerbaijan
Mr. Eelco de Groot	Netherlands
Mr. Mericio Akara	Timor Leste
Mr. Bubelwa Kaiza	Tanzania
Mr. Fabby Tumiwa	Indonesia
Mr. Saeed Abdul Momin	Yemen
Mr. Hamza Al Jawahiri	Iraq
Mr. Kalia Moldogazieva	Kyrgyzstan
Mr. Ali Idrissa	Niger
Ms. Corinna Gilfillan	United States of America
Ms. Marinke van Riet	United Kingdom
Mr. Mine Abdoullah	Mauritania
Ms. Faith Nwadishi	Nigeria
Ms. Natalia Yantzen	Kazakhstan
Mr. David Allan	Myanmar
Mr. Daniel Kaufmann	United States of America
Aroa de la Fuente López	Mexico