

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE TO TANZANIA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY MULTISTAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE.

Introduction

Tanzania was declared compliant to EITI standards in December 2012. Since then its implementation in the country has been overseen by the Multi-Stakeholder working Group (MSG) formed by the chairperson, CSO representative, Extractive companies and the government according to TEITA act of 2015 as amended in 2021.

The role of the Multistakeholder Group (MSG) is an integral part in promoting transparency in the extractive sector and implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). The role of the MSG has been clearly stipulated in the EITI standard 2019 and also recognized and expounded in Tanzania's Extractive Industries Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015. MSG clearly plays an oversight function to ensure the EITI Standard and TEITA Act is implemented and the objectives of having transparency to reap benefit from the Country's extractive sector is achieved.

Civil society participation is of paramount importance for successful implementation of the EITI standards. Active participation of civil society in the EITI process is key to ensure that the transparency created by the EITI leads to greater accountability. Civil Society needs to be *fully, actively and effectively engaged* in the EITI process in accordance to requirement 1.3.

Rationale for the criteria and guidelines

Rationale for the criteria and the guidelines of the applications should be based on the critical role of CSOs in the EITI process. This critical importance is underlined by three key statements given in the EITI standards of 2019 and CSO participation protocol of 2019 as follows;

1. EITI principle 4: Recognize that public understanding of the government revenues and expenditure over time could help public debate and inform choice of appropriate and realistic options for sustainable development.
2. EITI Requirement 1.3 a): Civil Society must be fully, actively and effectively engaged in the EITI process
3. EITI CSO participation Protocol: The participation of civil society is fundamental to achieving the objectives of EITI. This is key in ensuring that transparency created by the EITI leads to greater accountability. Citizens' ability to work actively to make use of the information generated by the EITI is therefore a critical component of EITI implementation and Civil Society Participation in the EITI process.

Therefore, in line with the above, Criteria for nomination of the CSO MSG representative in TEITI are

A. From EITI principle 4 :-

- i. Ability to stimulate public debate.

- ii. Fundamental awareness of the logic behind government revenue expenditure in the extractive sector.
- iii. Ability to take part meaningfully in a public debate
- iv. Basic understanding of sustainable development and the 2030 SDGs
- v. Satisfactorily informed about appropriate and realistic options for national development.

B. From Requirement 1.3

- i. Ample time for active and effective engagement
- ii. Courageous enough to defend CSO fundamental EITI rights
- iii. Ability to face obstacles to CSO participation
- iv. Having basic Knowledge of design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of EITI process.

C. From EITI CSO protocol

- i. Basic understanding of the EITI process.
- ii. Critical awareness of the legal, regulatory, administrative and actual environment
- iii. Familiarity with non-MSG CSOs constituencies'
- iv. Ability to cope with technical, financial and other capacity constraints affecting CSOs.
- v. Analytical and advocacy mind in order to be able to use data, reports and media effectively.

GENERAL APPLICABLE GUIDELINES ARE;

Nomination of the MSG CSO representative in TEITI committee should be guided by the following recommended guidelines;

1. A candidate is fully conversant with the objectives and goals of the CSO constituency
2. Proven candidate involvement in program/project or other systematic activities directly impact extractive sector in Tanzania
3. Proven ability/skills to read and write in English and Swahili
4. Gender balance should be highly considered.
5. Demonstrate experience working in the extractive sector
6. Former CSO representatives in Tanzania EITI served not less than 6 conservative years equivalent to 2 tenures is not qualified for to be nominated.