

EITI CSAG Selection 2023

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CIVIL SOCIETY ADVISORY GROUP (CSAG)

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This document provides information on the composition, roles, and responsibilities of the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG), a body created in 2019 to enhance the internal governance of the EITI Civil Society Organizations (CSO) constituency by making the selection of EITI CSO Board members more independent, transparent, equitable, and regionally representative. The information herein is drawn from the *Constituency Guidelines for Civil Society* (“the Guidelines”), which were drafted based on an extensive consultative process and endorsed in 2019. A light review resulting in small revisions took place in the spring of 2022.

The international EITI Board is a multi-stakeholder body consisting of representatives from implementing countries, supporting countries, civil society, industry, and institutional investors. Civil Society holds five Board seats plus an additional five for Alternates. Board members are officially elected at the EITI Member Meeting following a selection process determined separately by each Constituency.

CSAG Overview

The CSAG is the body dedicated to managing this nominations process for Civil Society.

A central feature of how the CSO Constituency is self-organizing since 2019 is to ensure a closer connection to regional constituencies while maintaining efficacy in Board member selection. To this end, the Guidelines provide for the establishment of a CSAG to conduct the CSO Board member nomination process following a rigorous procedure. To be clear, the CSAG members are not Board members themselves. Rather, the **CSAG members select the 10 nominees to become the CSO Board members**. The CSAG is supported in this effort by an Independent Organization (IO), which also facilitates the establishment of the CSAG.

CSAG Membership

The CSAG will include ten members. CSAG members have to be current members of a national MSG and of the EITI Association. The CSAG is renewed every three years (before the Board nominations process begins). CSAG members are eligible to serve two terms on a non-objection basis.

6 members will serve as representatives of their respective region: CSO representatives sitting on national multi-stakeholder groups (MSGs) in

implementing countries will select one representative from within the following six regions:

- 1) Eurasia
- 2) Francophone Africa
- 3) Anglophone and Lusophone Africa
- 4) Southeast Asia and Pacific
- 5) Latin America and Caribbean
- 6) Europe, North America and Middle East and North Africa

In addition, outgoing EITI CSO Board members who are not seeking an additional term will select:

- **Two members representing international CSOs** and
- **Two members who are former EITI CSO Board members**, or current EITI CSO Board members who do not intend to present a candidacy.

CSAG Responsibilities

The main responsibility of the CSAG is to select the individuals from the CSO constituency to be nominated for appointment to the EITI Board. More specifically, the list of CSAG responsibilities includes:

- To select the EITI CSO Board members, including screening of initial candidates against minimum requirements, reviewing written submissions and letters of reference / support provided by the candidates, interviewing candidates, developing the short-list and final selection based on criteria in the Guidelines.
- To address objections or disputes to the nomination of CSO Board members.
- To resolve grievances against an incumbent CSO Board member.
- At the discretion of individual CSO Board members and CSAG members, CSAG members may also play an outreach function to national CSO constituencies in support of the Board member's engagement with CSO MSG and EITI Association members in the respective regions.