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Publish What You Pay (PWYP) is a global civil society coalition that campaigns for transparency and accountability in the oil, gas and mining industries.



Welcome to the latest edition of the PWYP Newsletter which offers an overview of member activities in the global campaign for transparency and accountability in the oil, gas and mining industries. In this edition we cover events and issues since January 2009 and look ahead to the next few months.

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Upcoming PWYP International Conference

The PWYP International Conference will take place November 16 – 18, 2009 in Montreal, Canada. The conference is being organised by Partnership Africa Canada (PAC), PWYP Canada, and PWYP International.

The conference has three key objectives:

1) To provide a forum for dialogue and engagement between civil society and Canadian actors, including government agencies, the private sector and regulatory authorities. Through this dialogue, coalition membership will gain a better understanding of the role of Canadian actors in promoting and supporting revenue transparency efforts at home and abroad, as well as get an overview of various Northern country approaches to promoting transparency. Organizing the conference in Canada at this time recognizes the significant place Canada and Canadian companies hold in the extractive sector.

2) To offer space for the coalition to reflect and review progress made towards achieving transparency objectives, as well as to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the future. Here, we will assess the relationship to and role of EITI in a broader transparency lens, and get an update on country progress toward EITI implementation. With the EITI validation deadline looming, we will also discuss the implications for countries of passing or failing validation and aim to reach consensus as civil society on our position vis-a-vis different validation deadline scenarios and the future of EITI. We will also flesh out new areas of interest and build knowledge of such issues. For instance, there is growing interest in contract transparency, on which we will seek to foster information exchange in this forum, including by offering a training module on how to use publicly available information to better understand extractive industry contracts. We will also share experiences on mandatory disclosure initiatives that PWYP is pushing at national, regional and international levels. The discussions are designed to exchange lessons-learned, as well as facilitate dialogue across coalitions in order to improve campaigning across countries and regions.

3) To evaluate how to continue strengthening, reinforcing and broadening civil society participation in the global movement for transparency in the extractive industries and how to protect civil society actors when faced with threats and intimidation. We will also think about future decisions and modes of operation for the global coalition. In the coming months, PWYP International will undertake consultations with the coalition on internal governance and membership questions, which will form the basis of our discussions and decision-making at the conference.

For details about the draft agenda, registration, logistics and financial support please visit www.publishwhatyoupay.org/MontrealConference

New PWYP coalitions in Burkina Faso, Mozambique and Zambia

We welcome new national coalitions in Burkina Faso and Mozambique and Zambia. See the Africa regional section for further information.

Membership Survey

As a campaign and a coalition PWYP has grown massively since it was launched in 2002. There are currently hundreds of organisations that have signed up to PWYP either at the international level or are affiliated through national coalitions. PWYP members include human rights, environmental, anti-corruption, access to information, and faith-based groups, to name a few, which share the conviction that transparency in the extractive industries is essential for citizens to make informed decisions about their country's natural resource wealth.

We feel it is time to take stock of our burgeoning membership in order to understand the true scale and composition of the members who have made PWYP the internationally-recognised campaign that it is today. This will allow us to think about our future direction as a movement, coordinate amongst ourselves, share experiences, and proactively think about the challenges that lie ahead, as well as the successes that have worked for our partners around the world and how the broader network can capitalise upon these gains.

We have therefore launched a PWYP membership survey. Please take the time to complete the survey which is now available in English, French and Russian at <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/about/pwyp-membership-survey>

The results of the survey will be published online, in the next edition of our newsletter and presented at the PWYP International Conference in Montreal on 16-18 November 2009.

New staff at PWYP International

In January two new staff members joined the PWYP international office in London.

Micol Martini, PWYP Programme Officer, is supporting PWYP's outreach efforts and facilitates the growth and development of the coalition in regions such as Asia-Pacific and Latin America. She also works to support and strengthen the work of coalition members through the coordination of capacity-building activities. Contact Micol at mmartini@publishwhatyoupay.org

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Publishing What We Learned

This autumn will see the launch of a document entitled *Publishing What We Learned* looking at the early years of the PWYP campaign. Written by former International Coordinator Henry Parham and Mabel van Oranje (previously of OSI) it is a personal reflection on the origins of the campaign. We hope the coalition will find the document useful.

Communications update

Website

In September 2008 the new PWYP website went live. The new site is set up to showcase the global nature of the PWYP coalition with a dedicated page for each national coalition including contact information, recent news and activities etc.

The site also includes an interactive resource centre which is searchable by country, topic, document type and year. There is also a member facility where individuals can upload documents to share with the coalition.

Other changes to the website include RSS feeds, a blog, media feed of relevant news articles and you can now even follow PWYP on Twitter!

The new site is also designed to be viewable in 5 languages. Over the next few months, a team of translators will be working on the site's core text and we plan to have truly multilingual site up and running in the autumn.

PWYP background and campaign materials

Ahead of the EITI conference in Doha (see 'EITI' section) the PWYP International office produced a brochure in English, French and Russian on PWYP for the general public. We are also working on other campaign materials including an overview PowerPoint presentation of the campaign, a briefing on the distinction between PWYP and EITI and a briefing on the US EITD Act. As these materials are finalised an announcement will be made and they will be made available on the PWYP website.

Module at PWYP International Conference

At the international conference in Montreal there will be a session devoted to communicating/presenting PWYP. This session will also look at the issue of brand risk and protection and the current state of our coalitions' internal means of communication (email list and guidelines, online communities, etc.)

Comment on the Natural Resource Charter

The Natural Resource Charter is a set of principles for governments and societies on how to use the opportunities created by natural resources effectively. Some of the poorest countries in the world have large amounts of natural resources and these can provide a pathway out of poverty. Yet in the past, these opportunities have often been missed, and resource abundant countries have consequently remained poor.

The Natural Resource Charter is a work in progress and we encourage all PWYP members to participate in its revision and completion. Please find out more here: www.NaturalResourceCharter.org

International Accounting Standards

For some time PWYP has been proposing new requirements as part of the International Accounting Standards Board's current project to refine the standard for the extractives sector so that the full range of revenue payments - including signature bonuses, production payments and royalties as well as taxes - are disclosed on a country-by-country basis.

A working draft of the Discussion Paper on extractive activities was made available on the IASB website on 10 August 2009.

This working draft of the Discussion Paper includes PWYP proposals in its analysis. Various PWYP members including RWI, CAFOD, Care International and Global Witness are currently looking at the content of this working draft and are discussing strategies on how to react during both this initial working draft phase but also when the Discussion paper is officially opened up for comment

The IASB will invite comments on the Discussion Paper in the first quarter of 2010 when it will officially publish a request for views together with the Discussion Paper. The request for views is expected to have a 6 month comment period. After considering the comments received, it is expected that the IASB will make an agenda decision in December 2010 on whether it should commence a project to develop an IFRS for extractive activities.

The release of this working draft and the release of the Discussion Paper in early 2010 are very important moments to comment and influence the realization of a new accounting standard for the extractive industries. Please get in touch to learn more about how you can become involved.

For more information and to learn about how you can participate in international accounting standards reform please contact Vanessa Herringshaw vherringshaw@revenuewatch.org or Joseph Williams jwilliams@publishwhatyoupay.org

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EITI

The next few months will be a crucial period for the EITI. A large number of EITI Candidate countries will be undertaking the EITI Validation process in order to become EITI Compliant – many have a deadline of 9 March 2010 to complete this process. Civil society groups in Candidate countries have the power to help shape the EITI in their countries through their inputs into the Validation process and to ensure that the Validation rules are rigorously applied. It is essential that PWYP members in EITI Candidate countries pay close attention to the Validation process by monitoring the situation and keeping lines of communication open with civil society members of the EITI Board who will be able to pass on their questions and concerns.

A list of civil society members on the EITI board is available here: <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/resources/civil-society-representatives-eiti-board-2009-2011>

Doha International Conference

PWYP played a very active part at the EITI's 4th Global Conference in Doha, Qatar, on 16-18th February with over 500 participants from 80 countries attending the multi-stakeholder event.

In the lead up to Doha, PWYP International staff worked to ensure full civil society consultation and participation at the conference. This included reaching out to NGO partners on possible funding for civil society representatives to participate.

The conference also provided a rare opportunity for a large cross section of PWYP members to interact with each other and to discuss progress and challenges on EITI implementation in their countries.

In addition to participation at the EITI conference sessions PWYP members organised numerous side-events:

- PWYP held a civil society meeting to present the new EITI CSO board members and to explore ways to improve consultation and communication between board members and the coalition at large.
- PWYP also hosted a reception where numerous civil society members took to the floor including PWYP Congo-B Coordinator Christian Mounzéou who spoke of the need for civil society to be considered as an equal partner in EITI and to ensure that transparency activists are able to work and express themselves freely on issues of governance and accountability in the extractives sector. He specifically referred to PWYP Gabon Coordinator Marc Ona who has faced continued harassment by government authorities and was prevented from travelling to Doha.
- PWYP USA facilitated a session on their efforts to have the Extractive Industries Transparency Disclosure Act (EITDA) introduced into the Congress.

- Oxfam America and the Integrated Social Development Center (Ghana) launched a new report, "Ghana's Big Test: Oil's Challenge to Democratic Development", at an open roundtable discussion featuring Ian Gary (OA) and Steve Manteaw (ISODEC).
- PWYP partner the Revenue Watch Institute organized a meeting with officials from national oil companies in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Norway and Qatar who came together with international finance experts and business leaders including EITI Chairman Peter Eigen and George Soros of the Open Society Institute.

The short film *Making Resources Work for People* about the EITI premiered at the conference which includes some excellent footage of our own International Coordinator Radhika Sarin! It can now be viewed on the EITI and PWYP websites.

Finally members of the PWYP coalition were honoured to share a photo with President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf of Liberia. During her speech at the opening of the conference and upon receiving a prize for Liberia's impressive work towards Validation, President Johnson-Sirleaf voiced her support for the activities of PWYP, for which we are most grateful.

During the conference, PWYP also issued its own press release "*Doha 2009: Civil society protection a priority; other measures needed to complement EITI implementation*" which delivered three key messages: 1) that PWYP believes the EITI needs to redouble its efforts to protect civil society activists and ensure that civil society is an equal partner in efforts to achieve transparency in natural resource revenue management; 2) that slow implementation of EITI is a concern, but rules for Validation must be respected for the initiative to remain credible; and 3) that EITI is a start but complementary measures are needed such as stock market listing requirements and international accounting standards

International Coordinator Radhika Sarin and PWYP US Coordinator Sarah Pray also reiterated these messages while addressing the EITI Stakeholders Forum on the final day of the conference.

EITI Board meeting May 2009

Transparency in the extractive industries was very much on the agenda in Washington DC during the week 11-15 May. The World Bank and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) held sessions on sub-national implementation of EITI and working with civil society to ensure EITI is implemented successfully.

14-15 May saw the convening of the 9th EITI Board which accepted Albania, Burkina Faso, Mozambique and Zambia as EITI Candidate countries.

PWYP member the Revenue Watch Institute (RWI) held its own event on how transit revenues could potentially be included in the framework of EITI. RWI followed events closely and posted regular updates, including contributions from EITI board member Anthony Richter who was busy blogging on how the week unfolded.

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EITI Board meeting October 2009

General update: The next EITI Board meeting is taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan on October 14 and 15. Azerbaijan became the first country to be granted Compliant status by the EITI Board on February 16, 2009. The EITI Board granted this status to Azerbaijan with certain conditions, namely the establishment of a formal multistakeholder group (MSG) and the establishment of a work plan. (There is a unique historical context in Azerbaijan with respect to its work plan and MSG that was taken into account in this case. Azerbaijan developed an EITI process and issued EITI reports prior to the establishment of the EITI Validation Guide. For a more complete description of the Board decision, please refer to the Minutes of the 7th EITI Board Meeting which are available on the EITI website at <http://eiti.org/about/boardmeetings>). As of 24 August 2009, the conditions placed upon Azerbaijan have still not been met. PWYP is monitoring the situation closely and is working closely with civil society in Azerbaijan and the EITI International Secretariat to ensure that corrective actions are being taken.

Africa Regional Update

PWYP coalitions from across Africa met in Abuja for the PWYP 2008 Africa Regional Meeting (ARM) which took place from 8–10 September. The meeting was hosted by PWYP Nigeria and aimed to review campaign strategies and priorities and to strengthen the capacity of civil society to effectively advocate for transparency and accountability in the management of extractive resources in Africa. African campaigners also discussed the regional action plan and ways to step up collaboration across regions and PWYP coalitions. Read the PWYP Africa communiqué at www.publishwhatyoupay.org.

PWYP Africa focussed this year on the important issues raised at the ARM, including implementing the regional action plan, developing a new governance structure, and addressing capacity-building needs and protection of campaigners (see country updates).

Following Abuja, a Working Group on Governance was mandated to make recommendations on a governance structure for PWYP Africa consistent with the needs of the campaign and the aspirations of its members. The working group's proposal, which was developed in consultation with African coalitions, reflects a three-tiered structure comprised of an executive committee, a general assembly and a secretariat. These organs should (a) provide leadership on content and direction of the campaign at the continental level; (b) enhance support for national activities; and (c) ensure that the regional action plan delivers results. The new governance structure is expected to be officially approved at the next PWYP Africa meeting to be held in the Democratic Republic of Congo in late 2010.

Building the capacity of African campaigners is an enduring priority and PWYP Africa has worked with its international partners Intermon Oxfam, Osiwa, RWI and PWYP Norway for the participation of national coalition members in skills-building events and activities on EITI, the value chain

approach and knowledge based advocacy from its partners. In addition, plans to organise a workshop on gender and a francophone regional meeting are underway.

With African campaigners continuing to face harassment across the continent, PWYP has been working with its partners and allies to respond effectively to instances of intimidation and to develop a more holistic approach to threats and attacks, including revising the current protection strategy and implementing adequate prevention and intervention mechanisms.

On the advocacy side, African countries with PWYP national coalitions and partners have seen some high profile visits this year including the Pope, President Sarkozy, President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton.

While addressing political and civil authorities in Angola in March Pope Benedict XVI stated that the Publish What You Pay coalition merits support, along with other initiatives including the Kimberly Process and EITI. During his inaugural tour of Africa, which took in Angola and Cameroon on 17-23 March 2009, the Pope made ending corruption and promoting transparency and good governance a recurring theme. The Catholic Church was one of the first non-governmental actors to speak openly about the resource curse and the importance of transparency and accountability as a solution. Having Pope Benedict mention the Publish What You Pay coalition shows that the Catholic Church remains a committed partner in the campaign for transparency in the extractive industries.

On the occasion of French President Nicolas Sarkozy's two-day tour of Africa on 26-27 March 2009, PWYP Africa and PWYP France called on the French leader to ensure France does more to increase transparency, enable a fairer sharing of resources between companies and producing countries, and to respect its commitment to accountability in the management of natural resource revenues. The French President visited the DRC, the Republic of Congo-Brazzaville, and Niger on his fifth tour of Africa in three years. In Niger, PWYP voiced concerns that the benefits French nuclear giant AREVA and France are receiving through exploiting the country's uranium deposits are not translating into real development in the areas concerned.

During President Obama's inaugural trip to Africa in July where he visited Ghana, PWYP member the Revenue Watch Institute called on Accra to make good governance the centerpiece of its energy policy. Revenue Watch urged the United States to actively support Ghana's efforts to turn newfound oil into long-term prosperity and also called upon the U.S. to join Ghana and other resource-rich nations in Africa in implementing the EITI.

Finally, in an Open Letter on 7 August 2009 to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on the occasion of her seven-nation tour of Africa, PWYP urged the U.S. government to increase support to transparency efforts in Africa including: ensuring that the human rights of transparency advocates in Africa are safeguarded and their security is guaranteed; supporting the 21 EITI Candidate countries in Africa to fully implement the EITI within agreed deadlines; and encouraging other

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resource-rich African countries to join the initiative as soon as possible. PWYP also called on the US to implement EITI; increase financial and technical support for EITI globally; support the passage of EITD Act; and encourage U.S. extractive companies operating in Africa to conduct their operations in a transparent and responsible manner.

COUNTRY UPDATES

Burkina Faso

On 11 April 2009, seven civil society organisations launched PWYP–Burkina Faso with the ultimate objective of promoting the transparent management of natural resource revenues. A month later, on 15 May 2009, Burkina Faso was accepted as an EITI candidate country. PWYP-BF Secretary-General Dr Moses Kambou welcomed the news of his country joining EITI and expressed hope that the three stakeholders in the process would be able to work together in a consensual manner so that Burkina Faso could become EITI compliant within two years.

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Cameroon

In late 2008, the PWYP Cameroon organized a test exercise workshop on the EITI validation process for its members and some other civil society organizations.

The objective of the workshop was to increase the understanding of coalition members on the EITI validation process, to build the capacity of coalition members and other civil society organizations to participate effectively and efficiently in the validation process (which is still underway), to identify the difficulties, obstacles or misunderstandings which are connected to the validation process, and to present them to other civil society organizations, to the government, to the EITI international Board, to the Validator, etc.

During the workshop, a general discussion on how this initiative is being handled in Cameroon was carried out and the three national work plans (for the three years of Cameroon's EITI implementation) were analysed. A simulation of the validation exercise on the implementation of EITI in Cameroon was also carried out by the participants. The participants used the validation table and the indicator assessment tools provided in the "EITI Validation Guide" which has been drawn up by the EITI international consultative group actually focus on the validation process.

In February 2009, two members of PWYP Cameroon (Axel Müller – SNJP; Valéry Nodem - RELUFA) presented their observations on the process. For further information and a copy of these observations or the report of the workshop please contact axel.mueller77@googlemail.com or vnodem@yahoo.fr

Chad

Between April and June of this year PWYP Chad led a campaign for parliamentarians in the National Assembly to vote on laws related to transparency in order to hold the government to account. This campaign bore fruit with the news in May 2009 that parliamentarians had rejected a draft law which would have given the government a dispensation from justifying budgetary expenditure between 2004-2008. An excellent result for the struggle for transparency in Chad!

PWYP Chad also continues to play an instrumental role in encouraging the government to sign up to EITI.

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Democratic Republic of Congo

EITI and PWYP information days for civil society were held in Kinshasa on 9-10 July 2009 with the support of the South African organisation EISA which promotes credible elections & democratic governance in Africa. PWYP's Africa Regional Coordinator, Marie-Ange Kalenga attended the sessions and took the opportunity to meet with members PWYP-DRC.

This year PWYP-DRC will continue with its activities aimed at training provincial parliamentarians on the issues of EITI and taxation more generally. In September, following the parliamentary recess, PWYP-DRC will focus its efforts on the training of parliamentarians from Equateur, Orientale and Katanga provinces.

Advocacy for the protection of activists has featured heavily in PWYP's work in DRC so far this year. Golden Misabiko, President of the African Association for the Protection of Human Rights in Katanga province (ASADHO/Katanga) and a member of PWYP-DRC was arrested on 24 July by the Congolese intelligence services on charges of "undermining state security" and "defamation" related to a report by ASADHO/Katanga published in early July on alleged illegal and dangerous exploitation of the Shinkolobwe uranium mine. The report also criticised the lack of transparency surrounding an agreement between the Congolese government and French nuclear energy giant AREVA.

Following an intense civil society campaign both in the DRC and globally, PWYP welcomed Misabiko's release on bail on 20 August but will continue to monitor the situation closely and is calling for all charges against him to be dropped.

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Gabon

2009 got off to an inauspicious start in Gabon following the arrest of PWYP Gabon members Marc Ona and George Mpage on 31 December 2008. Their arrest, due to unfounded accusations of incitement of rebellion against the state, was the latest event in a long history of official harassment waged by the Gabonese authorities against independent civil society. Following international

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condemnation of the arrests, including a rebuke by members of the US Congress, the campaigners were later released.

At the EITI Global Conference PWYP expressed its dismay at the news that Marc Ona, Coordinator of PWYP Gabon, was unable to attend the conference due to an arbitrary travel ban placed upon him by the Gabonese authorities.

Later in the year the situation seemed to improve on a number of fronts: in April Marc Ona was awarded the prestigious Goldman Prize for his work on the environment and was allowed to travel to the US to be present at the awards ceremony. A PWYP Africa/International mission to Gabon then took place later in April:

PWYP Africa/International visit to Gabon

A PWYP delegation comprised of Michel Roy (PWYP France – Secours Catholique), Christian Mounzé (PWYP Congo) and Marie-Ange Kalenga (PWYP Africa Coordinator) travelled to Libreville in Gabon from 26 April to 1 May 2009, following an invitation from the President of the EITI Interest Group, Mr. Patrice Otha. The mission was set up at a meeting between PWYP representatives and the Gabonese delegation at the EITI Global Conference in Doha, Qatar, in February 2009. The purpose of the visit was to facilitate dialogue between PWYP Gabon and the Gabonese government and to encourage peaceful and effective civil society participation in the EITI process, particularly in view of EITI validation.

By and large, the Gabonese authorities welcomed the PWYP delegation's visit to Libreville, regarding it as appropriate and positive. They underlined the important role of Mr. Otha in this approach and in mobilising members of the government to be involved in the mission. Mr. Otha indicated that Gabon was on course for validation and hoped that this would be achieved by the end of the year. He regretted the misunderstandings between PWYP and the Gabonese government and recognised the need for dialogue.

The mission acknowledged the efforts made by the Gabonese government to re-establish a dialogue with PWYP Gabon, notably the late President Bongo allowing Marc Ona to leave the country to participate as the African winner in the awards ceremony for the Goldman Prize for the Environment which took place in the USA. The growth of the EITI Interest Group to include other civil society representatives also represents a positive sign of an improvement in the relationship. These encouraging steps for EITI should not hide the fact that members of PWYP Gabon still face legal proceedings and restrictions on their freedom and that their rights should be respected. PWYP dares to hope for a rapid and positive outcome of the legal proceedings.

However, with the news on 8 June 2009 that President Bongo had died, it is unclear how the new political landscape will look following the transition to a new president. PWYP will continue to monitor the situation closely.

For more information please Marc Ona, PWYP Gabon Coordinator, marc.ona@brainforest.org

Ghana

In January 2009 PWYP Ghana successfully held its Annual General Meeting, adopted its work programme for the next three years, and adopted a constitution to regulate its internal activities and external operations. PWYP-Ghana has so far organized two CSO roundtables on Ghana's draft oil policy, the first in September 2008, and the second in February, 2009.

The February roundtable was sponsored by the West Africa Resource Watch and necessitated by the political transition in Ghana and the need to assist the new government in reviewing work done by the previous Government and charting the way forward in preparation for oil production in Ghana. It was planned to precede the launch of an ISODEC-Oxfam America report on developments and challenges confronting Ghana's emerging oil sector. This report prior to the Ghana launch, had been launched in London, Doha (during the EITI global conference), and after the Ghana event, launched in Washington.

The lack of clarity about the regulatory arrangements in the emerging oil and gas sector was one issue that came up for intense discussion at the February roundtable. It appeared the regulatory functions are split among a number of agencies: Ministry of Energy, Ghana National Petroleum Company, National Petroleum Authority, and Energy Commission. The situation, in the coalition's view, comes with the risk of a role conflict in the event of functional overlaps.

In March 2009 the new government withdrew the National Petroleum Regulatory Authority Bill from Parliament and it is not clear what its next line of action will be. For the coalition, the concern is how to ensure the independence of the future regulator.

PWYP-Ghana's credibility and legitimacy in the eyes of GoG and the Ghanaian public has soared during 2009. The coalition is consulted regularly on almost all government policy initiatives. The coalition was for example one of the stakeholders consulted on proposals for the design of a fiscal regime for Ghana's emerging oil sector. The Coalition also, since its inception, has made the case for the extension of the EITI to the oil, forestry, and the fisheries sectors, and this has been accepted by the EITI Multi-stakeholder Steering Committee.

Ghana has recently announced its intent to under-go EITI validation, and is in earnest preparation towards that exercise. The Multi-Stakeholder Group has organized a pre-validation exercise to assess its readiness to under-go validation, and organized three stakeholder sensitization activities for - the media, civil society, companies and local government authorities.

PWYP-Ghana believes that the country's policy making environment should be improved. PWYP-Ghana is unenthused about the fact that, after 100 years of commercial mining, Ghana is yet to have a fully operational mining policy. The previous government started the process of developing one, but it remains a draft. The trouble has as

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much to do with the proper sequencing of events in the policy arena as it has to do with the policy formulation processes themselves.

It is PWYP-Ghana's belief that our leaders will see virtue in Barack Obama's opinion that, it will not take strong men and women to take Africa out of its under-development but strong, resilient and lasting institutions.

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Guinea Conakry

This year PWYP Guinea's activities have focused on advocacy for the Republic of Guinea to pass EITI validation. To this end PWYP Guinea has tried to arrange an audience with numerous ministries (Mines, Decentralisation, Territorial Administration, Finance and the Prime Minister's Office). To date meetings have been held with the Ministry of Decentralisation and the Ministry of Territorial Administration. The main objective of these meetings is to convince the government of the importance of respecting the Validation deadline.

The coalition is having difficulty seeking funding for its main office and its 8 sub-offices which are located on mining sites in the interior of the country.

The coalition met with the EITI secretariat during a workshop on EITI validation which was held on 25 June 2009.

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Liberia

PWYP Liberia has continued to push for mandatory implementation of EITI. Following the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) last year committing the country to EITI implementation, the coalition has been active on:

- The design of draft reporting templates that provide for disaggregated reporting by both companies and agencies of government.
- Convincing the government of Liberia to sign an Executive Order making it mandatory for government agencies, parastatals and EI companies to disclose all payments.
- The drafting of the Liberian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative Act which on June 11 2009 received approval from the Liberian Senate and on 10 July 2009 was signed into law by the president.

During the EITI Global Conference in Doha members of the PWYP coalition were honoured to share a photo with President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf of Liberia. During her speech at the opening of the conference, President Johnson-Sirleaf voiced her support for the activities of PWYP, for which we are most grateful.

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Mozambique

On 28 November 2008 Publish What You Pay Mozambique was launched and is composed of organizations that work on research, advocacy, and monitoring of socio-economic development, the environment and natural resources, budget, transparency, and anti-corruption. They are headquartered in Maputo and in the provinces where operations for prospecting and exploitation of natural resources are currently under way (Inhambane, Tete, Zambezia, Nampula, and Cabo Delgado).

The coalition has been created under the auspices of G20, the Civil Society Platform for the Monitoring of Development.

On 15 May 2009, Mozambique was accepted as an EITI candidate country. The new PWYP-Mozambique national coalition will play an important role as a locally-based civil society watchdog on the EITI but also wider issues of transparency and accountability in the countries extractive industries.

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Mauritania

The overthrow of the government in a coup in early August 2008 has impacted the initial action plan of PWYP-Mauritania. The coalition had planned to work on a draft EITI law for Mauritania and a framework for dialogue and lobbying around the adoption of such a law.

During this period of instability the Mauritanian coalition has instead focused on two strategic priorities:

- 1) Work on reinvigorating the EITI the process through a pre-validation exercise composed of 5 phases:
 - Creation of a pre-validation group to test the country's progress against EITI criteria
 - Creation of a validation procedure (list of indicators, evaluation of action plan, collection of documentation related to validation)
 - Launch of the pre-validation exercise
 - Workshop to consider the results of the pre validation exercise
 - Development of an advocacy strategy for the revival of EITI in Mauritania
- 2) Training and information:
 - Training of journalists from public and private media on issues related to the extractive industries and its impact on the Mauritania's economy
 - Information and awareness raising in Mauritania's major extractive industry towns: Akjoujt (exploitation of copper), Zouerate (exploitation of iron) and Nouadhibou (economic capital, port for mineral exports, fisheries).

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Following the outcome of presidential elections on 5 August which saw Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz elected as president, the coalition is now reprioritizing its activities.

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Niger

The PWYP-affiliated national coalition in Niger *Réseau des Organisations pour la Transparence et l'Analyse Budgétaire* (ROTAB) has seen a very active year. During French President Nicolas Sarkozy's two-day tour of Africa on 26-27 March 2009 concerns were raised by PWYP Niger that the benefits French nuclear giant AREVA and France are receiving through exploiting the country's uranium deposits are not translating into real development in the areas concerned.

This year PWYP Niger has faced increasingly serious incidents of harassment and intimidation against its civil society activists including the arbitrary arrest and detention of Rotab/PWYP Niger Member Marou Amadou who, as of 22 August 2009, remains in custody in a maximum security prison. These acts of intimidation have prompted the civil society members of the EITI multistakeholder group in Niger to unanimously suspend their participation in the national EITI process 'until further notice'. The PWYP coalition extends its support and solidarity to its civil society partners in Niger. Recent PWYP statement on the situation in Niger can be viewed at <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/category/countriesregions/niger>.

The coalitions' monthly *Bulletin d'information du ROTAB PCQVP Niger* serves as a comprehensive resource on CSO activities with regard to transparency in the extractive industries in Niger and is available at <http://www.rotabniger.org/>. The most recent edition released covers Marou Amadou's arrest and the decision by civil society to suspend their participation in the national EITI process.

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Nigeria

AGM December 2008

In December 2008 Publish What You Pay Nigeria witnessed went through a leadership transition event which led to the dissolution of the then 13 member steering committee members and the selection of new leaders through a democratic process that produced a 7-member National Executive Board for PWYP Nigeria, which is the policy making arm of the coalition. The present policy making arm of the PWYP Nigeria coalition is constituted by 6 members elected from their constituencies and a chair elected by the general Assembly. The following are the names of the members of the board:

1. Nwadishi O. Faith - Chair of the board
2. Tola Winjobi - member North-Central

3. Elder Ogazi Emeka -member South- East Akie Hart
-member South-South
4. Muhammad Mustapha -North- West
5. Obed Tarkie -North- East
6. Ada Agina -South-West

Donors Conference May 2009

A donor conference was held in Abuja which provided an opportunity for stakeholders to critique the five-year strategic work plan and the 1-year work plan. Recommendations from the conference were used to develop a workable plan for the year 2009 in view of strengthening the coalition and its relationship with both local and international stakeholders.

NEITI Validation process

Publish What You Pay Nigeria is actively involved in the EITI Validation process. They were engaged in the consultative fora, and made substantial contributions in terms of strategy recommendations to the NEITI secretariat towards the success of the validation process.

Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) Press Releases April 2009

PWYP Nigeria issued 3 press statements on the PIB prior to its public hearing in July, stressing the need for a new regime for the extractive industry in Nigeria. Letters have also been sent to both the Presidency and the National Assembly with the view to strengthening advocacy on the issue.

PWYP with other CSOs in the country have articulated their submission on the proposed bill. Memorandum on the Petroleum Industry Bill 2009 is available on the PWYP website.

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Republic of the Congo

Since the beginning of 2009, PWYP Congo Brazzaville has organized numerous activities both in Brazzaville and in Pointe-Noir. These have included national and international advocacy around EITI and an evaluation of Congo Brazzaville's status as part of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative – the country is on the verge of 'Completion' in order to receive full and irrevocable reduction in debt available under the HIPC Initiative.

PWYP Congo-B has also held numerous consultations with officials involved in Congo's Transparency and Governance Capacity Building Project (PRCTG) such as EITI Congo's independent reconciler and its consultant on oil governance. The national coalition has also worked on how transparency can impact communities living in EI production zones.

In terms of EITI, the campaign has participated though drawing up the terms of reference for the independent reconciler, contributed to the examination and validation of Congo's 2004-2006 EITI report and developed an EITI communication strategy.

PWYP Congo-B has organised awareness-raising campaigns, especially in relation to EITI, with the media in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire, parliamentarians and locally

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elected officials in Pointe-Noire. They are also developing training projects for the general public, particularly for communities bordering oil installations.

PWYP Congo is also of monitoring the impact of the extractive industries on the environment including the question of pollution. This includes evaluating the impact of new development projects such as oil sands. Research conducted by the campaign will go towards the publication of a brochure on Oil in Congo which is being published jointly with *Secours Catholique*.

Finally, PWYP Congo is about to publish a Coalition Newsletter on the 2004-2006 EITI report and the Validation process in Congo.

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Sierra Leone

Apart from playing a very active role on the National Steering Committee of the Sierra Leone EITI, the National Advocacy Coalition on Extractives (NACE) has undertaken a number of activities this year:

- Organized a workshop with Parliamentarians to expose them to the draft Mines and Minerals bill.
- Helped re-organise of the sub-national EITI structures in the North, South and East of the country and the formation of the Western Area committee.
- Launched a Call for Proposals for the implementation and sensitization of EITI in Sierra Leone. This was open to NACE membership only.
- Launched a research report entitled "*Sierra Leone at the Crossroads*", *Seizing the chance to benefit from mining* (available at NACE's website at www.nacesl.org)
- Organised capacity building workshops for NACE membership including Policy Briefs/Papers.
- Organized an Annual General Meeting and a Strategic Review (3-5 year plan)
- Conducted a field trip to the Rutile Mines/Titanium Dioxide mines to consult with the community and company on the Trust Fund for Sustainable community development fund which was allocated by the company to the community. (This included members of the parliamentary committee on Mines and Minerals and NACE members).

Other Events

NACE played a key part in the establishment of the Presidential Task Force on the review of Mining Agreements and Mineral Rights in Sierra Leone.

NACE had three representations on this committee (including the Mine Workers Union)

With support from NACE, a consultative session was run for all stakeholders (Government, Companies, Communities and Civil Society) on the revised Core Minerals Policy.

NACE presented a report to the President on the Core Minerals Policy. They are still awaiting comments and the report will also be forwarded to Parliament. NACE hopes to popularize this document as well as lobby Parliament for last minutes concerns even though they have been very instrumental in the development of this document.

NACE is also working on the pre-legislative session with Parliamentarians on the pending draft /Revised Consolidated Mines and Minerals Bill. This Bill is now with the Attorney General and will be sent to cabinet and finally to Parliament. NACE is currently lobbying stakeholders for their support. NACE has also been instrumental in providing comments on this document.

As part of the mining review, a field visit to one of the Mining companies in Kono, (Koidu Holdings Limited) also took place. This was to enrich the information and knowledge of the Task Force as well as the Technical Committee of the Task Force.

Finally, as a response to the review, the re-negotiation of four mining company contracts in Sierra Leone has also begun.

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Uganda

PWYP-Uganda was formally established on 8th October 2008. Since its launch the coalition has been involved in a number of activities. In February 2009, PWYP Uganda organised a training workshop for coalition members and other selected groups to build the capacity of the coalition. Since then the following key activities have taken place:

- Organisation of training and lectures by Dr. Keith Myers from Richmond Energy Partners Ltd - UK on *Oil and Development Options for Uganda* and Jacqueline Weaver from Houston University - USA on *Oil and the Legal Regime for African Oil Producing Countries*.
- Participation in a number of Environmental Impact Assessment public hearings on oil in Uganda.
- Collaboration with the National Democratic Institute-Washington to organize a visit by the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) MPs to Uganda to assess the level of oil governance in Uganda oil industry.
- Organisation of training on oil governance and transparency for University Student's leaders at Makerere University Kampala.
- Sending of a Member of Parliament to attend the fourth EITI Global conference in Doha-Qatar.
- Publishing of a brochure and info-sheet to popularize EITI in Uganda.

Over the coming months PWYP-Uganda plans to:

- Hold a workshop on contract transparency.
- Compel, through legal channels and through public campaigning, the government of Uganda to release the Production Sharing Agreements (PSAs) as part

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of efforts to ensure transparency in Uganda's oil industry.

- Launch a communication strategy to communicate EITI in Uganda.
- Mobilize the public to effectively participate in the consultations on a new petroleum law in Uganda.

With the well-publicized discovery of oil in Lake Albert, PWYP Uganda will be at the forefront of ensuring local concerns about exploitation of these reserves are taken into account and that the wealth generated from such reserves contribute to lifting Uganda's citizens out of poverty.

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Zambia

On 30 June 2009 PWYP-Zambia was launched with the aim of ensuring the benefits of natural resources accrue to the county's citizens. Zambia is a nation that is well-endowed with natural resources, but the benefits of the utilization of these resources have not accrued or trickled down to the local citizenry - 7.5 million of the Zambia's 11m citizens live under the poverty line. Thus PWYP-Zambia was launched with the agenda of wanting to see local citizens benefit from the prudent utilization of these resources and to give a voice to the voiceless. The main objective of the national campaign will be to mobilize Zambian civil society to advocate for transparency of revenues and accountability in the utilization of mineral resources with the aim of alleviating poverty. The campaign was launched by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development Dr. Godwin Beene.

Members from 7 different organisations make up the PWYP-Zambia steering committee. The secretariat of the campaign is managed by Caritas Zambia which will deal with all the administrative issues and programme/projects. The campaign is handled by a project officer – Ms Fuyva Nyirongo of the Economic Justice Programme.

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Asia-Pacific Regional Update

Cambodia

In Cambodia a new coalition of civil society organisations, Cambodians for Resource Revenue Transparency (CRRT), was launched in June 2009. Having decided that the conditions were right for a public launch, the new coalition urged the Royal Government of Cambodia, donors, private businesses, and other stakeholders to promote transparency in the management of revenues from oil, gas and mining to ensure that they benefit every citizen of Cambodia.

As Cambodia is expected to experience a sudden resource windfall, careful planning is needed to ensure that a sudden increase in revenues and expenditures are properly

managed in a socially transparent and accountable manner that especially reaches the poorest Cambodians.

"The discovery of oil, gas and mining and the revenues gained from it could have a potential to lift Cambodians out of poverty. However, for this to happen, important steps need to be taken to ensure that revenue management is done in an accountable way and that the benefits gained are invested into basic social services such as healthcare and education, and at the same time, it is equally important to support other vulnerable economic sectors such as garment, agriculture and tourism," Mr. Mam Sambath, the Chairperson of CRRT said.

CRRT hopes to play a key role by bringing examples of good revenue management strategies from other countries to the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) and by helping the public to have realistic expectations about the implications of the discovery of oil, gas and mining resources. "By working together we believe that we can learn from others' mistakes and that benefits can be equitably shared," Mr. Mam Sambath added.

The Cambodians for Resource Revenue Transparency coalition believes that:

- An informed public should participate in open discussions to influence decision making on the financial management of revenues from extractive industries.
- Information should be widely available on operations for exploitation of extractive resources and earned revenues to facilitate public oversight of the extractive industries sector.
- Revenues from extractive industries should be efficiently and fairly used for sustainable development for the benefit of current and future generations.

The founding members of CRRT include Development and Partnership in Action, the Center for Social Development, the Economic Institute of Cambodia, the NGO Forum on Cambodia and Youth Resource Development Program.

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Indonesia

Over the last six months the main focus of PWYP-Indonesia's advocacy has been to push the government of Indonesia to formally endorse EITI. PWYP Indonesia has been pushing the Government's EITI Preparation Team to prepare a satisfactory Presidential Decree which provides for a truly representative multistakeholder steering group.

In terms of the national coalition, PWYP Indonesia is currently being steered by seven Jakarta-based organisations that sit on the coalitions' Board and decide collectively on the direction of the organisation which, at its outset, included 43 members.

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The Philippines

This year, civil society partners in the Philippines have determined to form a coalition to work on extractive industry transparency and accountability, with a focus on the mining sector, a topic on which civil society groups here have a long history of expertise. A workshop is slated for late September 2009 to formalize the scope, structure and membership base, and identify a coordinator for this network in the Philippines. A steering committee has been formed to organize the workshop and help facilitate the launch of this network. More information will be available on these issues following the workshop. For further information, please contact Micol Martini, PWYP Programme Officer, mmartini@publishwhatyoupay.org.

Timor Leste

This year has seen several months of discussions on an EITI reporting template with the main point of contention being the level of disaggregation required. Civil society in Timor Leste has stayed firm on disaggregation, while companies were resisting. The government had been staying neutral and was not taking a firm position despite repeatedly saying it was in favour of disaggregation.

International civil society has supported local civil society groups in Timor Leste by writing letters to the major companies operating in the country (Woodside, ConocoPhillips and ENI) and pointing out that Conoco (the biggest operator in the country) already reports disaggregated information in the Nigerian EITI process.

Meanwhile local CSOs have continued advocacy with media work and lobbying of companies and the government. In a victory for civil society finally agreement was reached on a disaggregated report model in May 2009.

Timor Leste's first EITI report is likely to be published in August 2009. The major focus will then be on dissemination and ensuring that the public understands the implications and use of the report.

In order to better equip civil society to undertake the report analysis and dissemination task, a training workshop was held for civil society in June 2009 in which the PWYP International Coordinator and RWI regional coordinator facilitated discussions on how to conduct EITI report analysis and report dissemination. Furthermore, in preparation for validation, there were focused validation workshops held separately for civil society and for the Timor Leste MSG.

One of the key issues that stakeholders agreed on was dissemination of the EITI report and the critical role that civil society will play by ensuring the report reaches communities, local leaders, wider civil society, and the media. Dissemination is a major priority for civil society groups in Timor Leste, such as Luta Hamutuk, which is now embarking on plan to disseminate all information regarding the EITI process and reports to communities in Timor Leste. This will include organizing several regional seminars, community workshops at the district level, and a media campaign.

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Central Asia and Caucasus Regional Update

Afghanistan

PWYP is in the early stages of collaboration with partners in Afghanistan. The country is home to some of the world's largest unexploited copper (Aynak) and iron ore (Hadjigak) mines. This coupled with the Afghan government's decision in March 2009 to implement EITI makes this a critical juncture for civil society to mobilize so as to promote transparency and accountability in the country's mineral wealth.

The World Bank and Norwegian government are assisting Afghanistan in improving its laws related to the extractive industries and civil society is beginning to look at the issue of major extractive industry contracts which have not been made public.

Integrity Watch Afghanistan (IWA) is working with the PWYP international office and other partners, including Foundation Open Society Institute Afghanistan (FOSIA) and Afghanistan's Center for Research and Policy Studies (ACRPS) to bring in local civil society and to nurture civil society actors in the fields of the integrity, accountability, transparency and monitoring.

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Azerbaijan

EITI Compliance, Stealth Oil Contracts and a new NGO law.

On 16 February 2009 Azerbaijan became the first EITI compliant country. Being the first country under EITI to pass validation had long been a priority in Azerbaijan but for civil society this success also translated into a risk because of two major concerns with regard to Azerbaijan meeting EITI criteria: the absence or incomplete nature of a work plan and multistakeholder group. Thanks to the efforts of civil society in Azerbaijan and also the international coalition the country was admitted as compliant but with the condition that a fully functioning working group and multi-stakeholder group would have to be established by 15 August 2009.

As of 24 August 2009, the conditions placed upon Azerbaijan have still not been met. PWYP is monitoring the situation closely and is working with civil society in Azerbaijan and the EITI International Secretariat to ensure that corrective actions are being taken. On 21 August 2009 the Azerbaijan NGO Coalition for "Increasing Transparency in Extractive

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Industries" released a statement calling for the conditions laid out at the 7th EITI Board meeting in Doha, Qatar to be respected. The statement is available here: <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/resources/azerbaijan-ngo-coalition-calls-national-eiti-multistakeholder-group-conditions-be-respecte>

The Azerbaijan NGO Coalition for "Increasing Transparency in Extractive Industries" has also been campaigning against 'Stealth Oil Contracts'. On 22 May 2009, the Azeri Parliament ratified two contracts: one for the development of the "Kurovdag" field, with the operator Global Energy, a company registered in the British Virgin Islands, and the other for the "Neftchala," "Khilli" and "Durovdag-Bazanan" fields, to be operated by Neftchala Investment, a subsidiary company of Global Energy. It was revealed that these Production Sharing Agreements were signed on 3 February 2009 at the headquarters of the State Oil Company (SOCAR). However, in a break with Azerbaijan's standard and consistent practice, the public was not informed that any negotiations were taking place, nor was any public signing ceremony for the contracts held. To date, SOCAR has also declined to post any information about these agreements on its website. The Azeri national coalition posted a statement of protest on this issue noting that the two oil development deals were signed "in the dark," without public notice of its negotiations with the foreign companies involved, and without the traditional public contract signing ceremony.

Civil society groups in Azerbaijan won a crucial victory on June 30, when the Azeri Parliament set aside a raft of dangerous measures before its final vote on a new law regulating the activities of non-governmental organizations. The rejected proposals included a series of new rules that would have effectively crippled the local NGO community, including drastic limitations on foreign funding, escalated registration requirements and new prohibitions on the activity of non-Azeri foundations within the country. Azeri non-profit organisations, including the PWYP-affiliated coalition mobilised to protest at the amendments and created a new grouping called the Civil Society Defense Committee which successfully lobbied through declarations, pickets and public debate to have the amendments removed.

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Kazakhstan

The national coalition in Kazakhstan is currently focused on EITI due to the country's Validation deadline of March 2010.

The Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan and the North Kazakhstan Legal Media Centre with the financial support from the Revenue Watch Institute and the British Embassy held a 2-day validation workshop for EITI stakeholders in Astana on 1-2 June to assist that process. The purpose of the workshop was two-fold:

- helping stakeholders better understand the validation flow and scenarios;

- mapping EITI deficiencies in Kazakhstan and coming up with specific recommendations on what can be done within the tight deadlines in order to achieve compliance with validation indicators.

The workshop was well attended by representatives of national stakeholders and international civil society speakers included, Radhika Sarin, Anthony Richter and Ingilab Akhmadov from the EITI Board. As a result of the workshop the National Stakeholders Council produced a Validation Action Plan which links specific activities with the validation milestones and targets problem areas which have been jointly identified by the stakeholders:

- low company participation (the participation rate in the oil and gas sector is 93% of total revenues but participation of mining companies is much lower).
- lack of agreement among the stakeholders about materiality of some payments (such as social investments, dividends and VAT);
- inefficient reliability of EITI disclosures: government receipts are not audited and some extractive companies (including large ones) are not required to have their accounts audited.

The workshop was followed by the national EITI conference sponsored by the World Bank where these issues were highlighted and by the stakeholders meeting chaired by the Prime Minister. At that meeting the civil society organizations engaged in EITI implementation had an opportunity to deliver their recommendations to the government. A number of instructions were given by the Prime Minister to various departments and the participants agreed to have another high-level meeting in July to follow up. Since then, 7 more extractive companies (mostly in the mining sector) endorsed EITI in Kazakhstan. This is quite encouraging although the CSO are still pushing the government to adopt a mandatory approach to EITI. Following the Prime Minister's instruction, the government is also exploring the opportunity to raise reliability of EITI disclosures, the CSOs are hoping to discuss the specific mechanism for this at the next stakeholders meeting as well as the proposal to include information on social investments, dividends and VAT into the reporting templates.

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Kyrgyzstan

Though Kyrgyzstan was one of the first countries to join the EITI in 2004, the period up until 2008 saw very little progress due to due to political tumult in 2005 and frequent changes in government.

Since 2008, government work on EITI has restarted, with the Prime Ministers department on energy resources taking responsibility for EITI. The number of the companies supporting EITI has now increased to 27 companies form just up to 2008.

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In June 2009 the tender commission for selection of an auditor company was formed with 2 civil society organisations sitting on the commission.

NGOs working on EITI in Kyrgyzstan have redoubled their by launching an information campaign on EITI promotion. A public relations exercise supported by the Soros-Kyrgyzstan Fund has also been developed. Representatives of the 'NGO Consortium on EITI in the Kyrgyz republic', the Institute of Development for Mountain Communities, members of parliament, and representatives of the EITI secretariat also conducted a press-conference for journalists and appeared in a TV program entitled "Open Kyrgyzstan", which was devoted to transparency of incomes in the mining industry.

CSOs in Kyrgyzstan are hearing news from the country's regions that natural reserves and national parks were allowing work on deposits to be carried out without consultation with the public and in contravention of national laws. Therefore besides a financial transparency in Kyrgyzstan questions on the transparency of contracts and agreements are also important.

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Mongolia

Open Society Forum and Publish What You Pay Mongolia Coalition have initiated several projects on transparency of mining revenues, contracts and licenses. Over the past four years, Mongolia has started implementing EITI, made significant progress in making license related information more transparent, and large mining contracts now undergo parliamentary scrutiny and public debate before final approval. At the same time, policies related to taxation, licensing and license trade, environmental rehabilitation, and revenue expenditure remain inadequate.

One of the key areas OSF and PWYP Mongolia have focused on is the level of contract transparency. On one hand, increased scrutiny of contracts by the parliament and public has pushed the government to pay much more attention to negotiation of mining contracts, and increasing the likelihood of better contract outcomes for Mongolia. On the other hand, involvement of politicians makes it very difficult for large scale contracts to be approved in a timely and efficient manner, creating uncertainty for investors. OSF believes that the positives of greater transparency and scrutiny of contracts outweighs any negative consequences. These negative consequences are more a result of lack of skills and established rules related to contract negotiations, and flexibility given to the government over negotiations rather than the consequence of increased transparency. Therefore, OSF, with assistance from RWI, has provided extensive advice to the government and civil society on how to negotiate mining contracts and create a fiscal regime which best suits Mongolia. Through a series of policy papers, public, government negotiation team and parliamentary discussions, OSF/PWYP Mongolia has contributed significantly to increased public awareness and demand for fairer mining deals.

Despite some progress, many problems persist. Among them is the lack of legislative norms in requiring the same sort of transparency from medium sized mining projects, as they do not undergo parliamentary scrutiny. Also, pre-existing mining projects for which contracts were signed before this unprecedented public demand for greater transparency continues to be a challenge for civil society.

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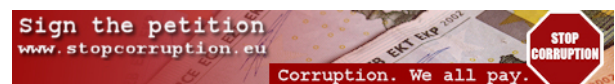
PWYP Working Group on European Regulatory reform

Following discussions at the EITI Conference in Doha numerous European and international members of PWYP decided to set up a working group. Members are collaborating on advocacy at the European level directed at the European Commission, European parliament and also national governments. The working group is looking at how European legislation can be modified to promote payment disclosure by oil, gas and mining companies listed in European jurisdictions. For details on joining this group's online community please contact Joseph Williams: jwilliams@publishwhatyoupay.org

MEP's anti-corruption petition calls on EU to support PWYP

Several Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) launched a petition in February against corruption. The petition calls for the European Commission and EU Member States to propose legislation and mechanisms to fight corruption, in particular in EU relations with third countries. Publish What You Pay (PWYP) is pleased to see that of its five substantive points, the petition lists actions on transparency and revenue disclosure in the extractive industries.

PWYP encourages all members of civil society to sign the petition by clicking the link below.



Spain

As part of an intense campaign by Intermón Oxfam and FRIDE, the Spanish media has begun to engage with issues surrounding EITI and the resource curse. During the fourth EITI Global Conference in Doha, Qatar, on 16-18 February and at the World Bank's Extractive Industries Week in Washington on 3-5 March, numerous articles appeared in the Spanish press and can be viewed on the [PWYP website](#).

PWYP applauds the efforts of Intermón Oxfam (a PWYP member) and FRIDE in raising the critical issue of

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transparency in the extractive industries with the Spanish government and the general public.

PWYP members in Spain have also been working hard to lobby the Spanish government. On 27 April Intermon Oxfam and FRIDE organized a roundtable on extractive industry transparency where Ian Gary, Senior Policy Advisor for Extractive Industries at Oxfam America, talked about PWYP's experience in working with the U.S. Congress on legislation designed to increase transparency in the extractive industries. At the roundtable Ian Gary argued for concerted action in many countries to increase transparency in the extractive sector. Given the efforts underway to reform the global financial system, Gary added that it is a good time for Spain and the rest of Europe to seriously consider passing similar new rules.

Spanish members also continue to lobby for the amendment of Law 24/1988 on the Mercado de Valores (the Spanish stock market regulator), to demand that companies from the extractive industries listed on the Spanish stock market disclose all payments made to the governments in the countries where they operate.

In terms of European regulatory reform, Intermon Oxfam is currently undertaking a wide-ranging study on country-by-country reporting and how advocacy on these standards can be conducted at the European level. It will review previous work on disclosure in the extractive industry (through the Transparency Obligations Directive and IAS reform) but aims specifically at developing a set of policy asks that Spanish NGOs can make of the Spanish government during its presidency of the EU in the first half of 2010.

Finally, we wish to say farewell to Maria Dolores Lopez Gomez who, after 4 years working at Campaigns and Policy Department of Intermon Oxfam on extractives, is leaving for exciting new challenges in the Caribbean. Mariló, we wish you all the best!

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France

PWYP France continues to try and influence public opinion and to argue for increased transparency and quality of financial data in the extractive industries. These ideas were reinforced at a meeting of PWYP France members in April 2009.

Civil society security has been high on PWYP France's agenda this year with national coordinator Michel Roy of Secours Catholique visiting both Gabon (April) and Niger (July) with a view to improving dialogue between stakeholders and ensuring that civil society activists are able to work without fear of repression, harassment, or restrictions on their freedom of expression, association and movement.

With Norway's approval as an EITI candidate country, PWYP France is also redoubling its efforts to convince other European countries such as the UK and France (who sit or

have sat on the EITI board) to join the initiative. As Michel Roy points out, these countries can no longer say that EITI does not apply to them.

Pierre Colmant of PWYP France also attended a PWYP/TI meeting with the European Commission on 13 March 2009. The main objective of the meeting was to obtain a response to the letter which TI/PWYP France addressed to the Commission on 18 November 2008 on Promoting Revenue Transparency and on the possibility of revising EC Directive 2004/109/EC (Transparency Obligations Directive - TOD) as a complement to other ongoing initiatives (listing regulations, international accounting standards) in order to make country-by-country reporting mandatory for all EU-listed extractive companies.

PWYP France continues to make representations to the French government over countries where France has traditionally had influence. On the occasion of French President Nicolas Sarkozy's two-day tour of Africa on 26-27 March 2009, PWYP France together with PWYP Africa pointed out that in Niger the benefits gained by Aréva and France from uranium mining are neither matched by real development in the areas concerned nor by sufficient environmental protection.

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Denmark

IBIS, a Danish member-based development organisation, has taken the lead in efforts to galvanise civil society in Denmark to work on transparency in the extractive industries. The early priorities of the campaign are to increase capacity in the global south and to raise awareness in Denmark among civil society, companies and the government. Disclosure through country-by-country reporting will be a key area of advocacy.

As a first step IBIS is co-hosting a conference in October entitled *Extractive Industries Unleashing Potentials*. The conference is organised by Danida/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark; IBIS; Amnesty International Denmark; Transparency International Denmark; and Publish What You Pay Norway.

The objective of the conference is to discuss what Danish and international actors from governments, private sector and civil society can do to unleash the economic potentials in extractive industries through mobilising revenues and combating tax evasion while respecting human rights and promoting CSR.

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Norway

PWYP Norway's efforts to urge the Norwegian government to implement EITI proved successful with the news on 11 February that Norway had been accepted as an EITI

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Candidate, and became the 25th EITI implementing country. Norway, the world's third largest oil exporter, is the first OECD country to implement the EITI and it is hoped other supporting countries will take follow Norway's lead to broaden ownership and credibility of the initiative. Since its establishment in the country, PWYP Norway's goal for the campaign has been for Norway to implement EITI and assume responsibility for the role of civil society.

As part of the PWYP Norway Global Capacity Building Programme which aims to provide participants with useful networks and advocacy skills in their work on transparency and accountability in the extractive industries, the participants from Region 1 covering Anglophone Africa, are in the process of preparing for their second workshop which will take place in Accra, Ghana in September 2009. The third and last workshop in the series for Region 1 will be held in Kampala, Uganda in November 2009. Participating countries are mainly those who have been cooperating with "Oil for Development", an initiative of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD).

Belgium

Five organisations (11.11.11, Broederlijk Delen, Justice & Paix, CNCI, OCIPE) have formed a PWYP Working Group within the Belgian Natural Resources network. Due to Belgian members' proximity to the European institutions they are also a critical part of PWYP's EU-level actions.

In terms of EITI the working group plans to lobby the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in particular because the EITI now has an alternate board member from the Belgian government.

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Latin America Regional Update

On September 3-4, 2009 civil society groups will gather in Lima, Peru to formalize the establishment of a regional network for Latin America to work on issues of transparency and accountability in the extractive industry. Supported by the Revenue Watch Institute and Oxfam America, this meeting will bring together groups from **Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Mexico and Brazil** with the aim of establishing a mechanism for exchange and sharing experiences, and to deepen the regional knowledge and capacity for civil society to engage in this area. PWYP will work with this network, particularly in areas where joint advocacy targets with the global network would strengthen the work at the regional as well as international levels.

As the network develops, PWYP will continue to support its targets in increasing knowledge around this key area of work. Currently, many of its members are also involved or have recently become involved in PWYP work more broadly. Recently, PWYP has increased outreach efforts in the region and has worked with RWI and OA to identify areas of overlap and interest in the region. Consequently, there has been an exciting increase in interest in the PWYP global coalition

from a range of contexts in Latin America. As such, in the past year, in addition to existing membership in Peru, we have new membership from **Bolivia and Mexico**, and have begun to engage with groups in **Ecuador**. Civil society from the region have a great deal of expertise on extractive issues on a broad range of value-chain issues, and will both inform the knowledge of PWYP and gain from the expertise civil society has developed over the past 6 years since the coalition's inception.

If you have further interest in learning about work going on at the national or regional level in Latin America, please contact Micol Martini, PWYP Programme Officer, at mmartini@publishwhatyoupay.org.

Bolivia

In Bolivia, PWYP is working with local partners Fundación Tierra and the Centro de Estudios y Apoyo al Desarrollo Local (CEADL). Main areas of work include the development of an observatory on natural resources, and working with actors to promote EITI implementation in Bolivia.

Tierra and CEADL are working to manage the launch of an Observatory on Natural Resources and Tierra has hosted seminars in regions of Potosí and Santa Cruz to examine extractive industry revenues at this level. This will be supplemented by up-coming analyses at the municipal level.

On EITI implementation, a seminar was hosted in May by the local affiliate of Transparency International (Fundación Jubileo) and by the Bolivian Ministry of Transparency, to obtain more information on the process. This has been followed up with meetings in July facilitated by Tierra, GTZ, and the German Embassy with various ministries (mines, transparency, hydrocarbons, and infrastructure), representatives from the state-owned oil and gas company Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales Bolivianos (YPFB), PWYP International and RWI to discuss the possibility further. There is particular interest in EITI as a mechanism to ensure companies operating in Bolivia under service contracts with YPFB are reporting accurate costs.

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North America Regional Update

Canada

The PWYP Canada coalition was established over a year ago by seven civil society organizations that were supporters of the PWYP international campaign. In its first year, the coalition made great strides in working towards the PWYP Canada mandate created by the members of the coalition. This included networking among civil society organizations in Canada, promoting PWYP Canada and the EITI via various media outlets, and engaging in dialogue with the Canadian government regarding the EITI.

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In 2009, the PWYP-Canada programme listed the following as its objectives: to expand the Canadian coalition and develop a common action plan and procedures for internal governance; collaborate with other Canadian groups working in the field of revenue transparency, contract transparency and CSR; advocate the implementation of EITI in Canada and the recommendations of the national roundtables on CSR. Over the past four months, the coalition has engaged in various activities in an attempt to meet these objectives, and is preparing for the PWYP international meeting which it will host in November 2009 in Montreal.

In order to achieve these objectives, the organization has continued its research on disclosure requirements for Canadian companies. The first draft of the report *Canada and the Extractive Industries: the Transparency of Publicly Traded Canadian Companies*, written and researched by PWYP Canada consultant Claire Woodside, was completed early in the year. The report was presented at a roundtable discussion held in May for civil society organizations and members of the Canadian government. The discussion also included a presentation on the EITI from PWYP's International Coordinator Rahdika Sarin. This session provided the opportunity for PWYP Canada to receive feedback from other civil society organizations regarding the EITI, Canadian disclosure requirements and ways forward for PWYP Canada research.

In February 2009, Hon. John Mackay tabled Bill C-300, known as the Act on Corporate Accountability for the Activities of Mining, Oil and Gas in Developing Countries. The bill will require greater accountability and controls on the provision of government support to Canadian extractive companies. It will also limit the eligibility for this support to those who comply with environmental, social and human rights standards. PWYP Canada is supporting bill C-300 and the government's attempt to bring greater accountability to Canadian companies operating in developing countries.

Finally PWYP Canada is hosting the PWYP International meeting in Montreal this November.

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United States

Members of PWYP US are working hard to get the Extractive Industries Transparency Disclosure Act reintroduced into the US Congress. The hope is that the Bill will receive sponsorship from both the Democrats and Republicans, thus improving its potential to pass on to the statute book.

In April PWYP US delivered a letter to the new President of the United States, Barack Obama. The letter was signed by Directors and Presidents of the numerous U.S.-based human rights, development, faith-based, and environmental groups who make up the Publish What You Pay US national coalition. PWYP were seeking two specific things from the new US President:

- Support for the Extractive Industries Transparency Disclosure Act
- US implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and increased US support for EITI

Members of PWYP US are very hopeful that President Obama will make transparency in the extractive industries a priority in his administration and look forward to working with him during his term of office.

Upcoming events

Please note: these events are taken from PWYP's public calendar. Further information including a full description, organizers and contact information are available at: <http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/newsroom/events>

International Conference on Extractive Industries Contracts

Date: 23/9/09 - 24/9/09

Location: Washington, DC

Conference: Geological resources and good governance in Central Africa

Date: 24/9/09 - 25/9/09

Location: Yaoundé, Cameroon

EITI Board Meeting

Date: 14/10/09 – 15/10/09

Location: Baku, Azerbaijan

Extractive Industries: Unleashing Potentials – Respecting People and Environment

Date: 23/10/09

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

PWYP International Conference 2009

Date: 16/11/09 – 18/11/09

Location: Montreal, Canada

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PWYP gravely concerned at increased repression of transparency activists in Niger
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DRC: PWYP welcomes the release of human rights and transparency campaigner Golden Misabiko; calls for all charges to be dropped
21 Aug 2009
PWYP International

Niger: civil society suspends participation in national EITI process
18 Aug 2009
PWYP International

Action Alert: PWYP calls on the Nigerien government to end all forms of harassment against civil society leader Marou Amadou
13 Aug 2009
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Open Letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton: The U.S. should do more to support transparency efforts in Africa
7 Aug 2009
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Democratic Republic of Congo: Publish What You Pay calls for the immediate release of transparency activist Golden Misabiko
29 Jul 2009
PWYP International - Public Statement

Niger Update: Forum on Extractive Industries and Security of Civil Society Activists
24 Jul 2009
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PWYP Welcomes Adoption of Transparency Act in Liberia
14 Jul 2009
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PWYP Delegation Visits Gabon
15 May 2009
PWYP Africa / PWYP France

EITI events in Washington DC and new EITI Candidate countries
15 May 2009
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Rio Tinto takes step towards transparency by publishing payments to governments
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PWYP campaigner receives prestigious environmental prize
20 Apr 2009
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Niger: PWYP expresses grave concern at arrest of journalist Abibou Garba and civil society activist Idi Abdou
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Sarkozy in Africa: PWYP calls on France to ensure equitable and accountable management of natural resources
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Pope says Publish What You Pay merits support
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Doha 2009: Civil society protection a priority; other measures needed to complement EITI implementation
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Civil Society Representatives on the EITI Board 2009-2011
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PWYP Statement to the African Union: For an open and inclusive debate on revenue transparency
5 Feb 2009
PWYP Africa

Gabon: Open Letter
30 Jan 2009
PWYP International

PWYP Calls On Gabon To Drop All Charges Against Released Activists
16 Jan 2009
PWYP International

Gabon: Anti-Corruption Advocates Imprisoned On Trumped-Up Charges
9 Jan 2009
PWYP International

Publish What You Pay condemns arbitrary arrest of anti-corruption campaigners in Gabon and calls for their release
5 Jan 2009
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Niger: civil society declaration on suspending participation in Niger EITI process

16 Aug 2009

ROTAB / PWYP Niger

Nigeria: Memorandum on the Petroleum Industry Bill 2009

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PWYP Nigeria and other CSOs working on EI transparency and accountability in Nigeria

PWYP Uganda: Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO) - Q1 2009 Newsletter

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Niger: Declaration from Forum on Extractive Industries 13-15 July 2009

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Global Witness welcomes new Liberian Transparency law, urges other countries to follow suit

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Déclaration Finale de Kinshasa

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Revenue Watch Calls on Ghana and the U.S. to Secure Oil Wealth Through Oversight and Openness

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Revenue Watch Institute

Revenues from oil, gas and mining must benefit all Cambodians, new coalition urges

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Liberian legislature passes the Liberian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative Act

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CP sur la commission d'enquête parlementaire sur l'octroi par le gouvernement des permis au Niger

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Spanish press opens its eyes to EITI and the resource curse

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