



EXTRACTIVES TRANSPARENCY WEEK 2021



Resiliency in Transparency

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Concept Note



Background

Since its creation in 2013 through Executive Order No. 147 (EO147), the **Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative** or **PH-EITI** has organized dozens of stakeholder engagement activities pursuant to the third pillar¹ and Requirement 7.1² of the EITI, the global standard for the open, accountable, and good governance of oil, gas, and mineral resources.

PH-EITI outreach activities are divided into two levels – national and subnational. At the national level, the PH-EITI Multi-stakeholder Group or MSG³ presents the key findings of the latest country report⁴ to a multi-sectoral audience through the **National Conference**. At the subnational level, relevant data are communicated to local government units (LGU) and communities where extractive projects are located through a series of regional forums called the **LGU Roadshow**. These activities provide a safe space for constructive engagement and capacity-building among stakeholders and public debate on important extractives governance issues.

With the onset of the COVID-19 crisis and the consequent implementation of social distancing measures, both annual events have been migrated to online platforms. And with the limitations of virtual meetings, reduced time for conferencing resulted in the elimination of a slew of extractives-related topics that stakeholders could *and should* discuss or zero in on.

¹ The **EITI process** has three pillars: (i) the creation of a multi-stakeholder group; (ii) the publication of independently reconciled annual country report; (iii) and communication of report findings to inform public debate on extractive issues.

² EITI **Requirement 7.1** on public debate requires implementing countries to ensure that outreach events are undertaken to spread awareness of and facilitate dialogue about governance of extractive resources, building on EITI disclosures across the country in a socially inclusive manner.

³ The **MSG** is the multi-sectoral body that sets the terms and direction of EITI implementation in the Philippines. The MSG is chaired by the Department of Finance and is composed of members from the [government] Department of the Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Energy, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, [industry] Chamber of Mines of the Philippines, Petroleum Association of the Philippines, and [civil society] Bantay Kita – Publish What You Pay Philippines.

⁴ The annual **country reports** are the flagship product of PH-EITI. The reports contain comprehensive information about the Philippine extractives sector for a given fiscal year as well as independently reconciled data on company payments to the government, and government revenues from the extraction of the country's natural resources.

The **Extractives Transparency Week** or **ETW** addresses this gap in stakeholder engagement. ETW is a series of talks and learning sessions meant to communicate information and encourage discourse on revenue management and resource governance. Building on EITI disclosures and considering pressing concerns and latest policy developments, the ETW aims to empower stakeholders to form opinions and make better policy decisions based on verified data and diverse insights and perspectives. Ultimately, the ETW hopes to spur ideas for reforms to strengthen governance mechanisms that would help ensure resource extraction contributes sustainably to inclusive economic growth and national development.

Theme and Schedule

On its first run in November 2020, the ETW borrowed from the 6th PH-EITI Report [FY 2018] and focused on specific themes, namely, *Synergy*, *Transparency*, and *Sustainability*, which, together, point to the confluence of multi-sectoral efforts to make the benefits of extractives data disclosures, and resource extraction per se, impactful and sustainable. The weeklong series comprised seven learning sessions with topics ranging from gender and ownership transparency to systematic disclosure and resource governance. ETW 2020, which had an estimated overall turnout of over 500, culminated in the National Conference 2020 that coincided with the seventh year since the issuance of EO147.

This year, fresh from the launching of the 7th PH-EITI Report and from the successful five- cluster virtual roadshows, the PH-EITI adopted for ETW 2021 the theme, ***Resiliency in Transparency***, to highlight how data transparency, accountability, and open governance contribute to resilient communities and economy, especially in the face of a global health emergency. As Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez remarked during the National Conference 2021, *“Transparency allows the free flow of accurate information. This, in turn, enables better coordination, appropriate interventions, and greater agility in times of crises. It is an effective instrument that enables resilient economic growth and inclusive community development.”*

True to Secretary Dominguez’ words, ETW 2021 will offer learning sessions on government’s extractives data management tools for resiliency planning. The series will also delve on the recurring issue of LGU shares in national wealth, and the impending increase in the National Tax Allotment of LGUs. Likewise, ETW 2021 will look deeper into the results of the concluded mining reviews, and PH-EITI’s analyses of gender-disaggregated extractives employment data, and information on mandatory social development funds.

With three events in all, ETW 2021 will be held as a four-day series that will culminate in the **PH- EITI Awards 2021** and the celebration of EO147’s eighth anniversary on November 26th.

DAY 1 | November 23, 2021

Opening Programme | 9:00 am – 10:00 am

- The Opening Ceremony provides a glimpse of the objectives and goal of the Extractives Transparency Week, particularly the theme, and a brief introduction to the sessions and guidelines to join them as well as the exhibits.

Inclusion and resiliency | 10:00am – 11:30am

- A fireside chat on the relevance of stakeholder participation, gender and Indigenous Peoples inclusion in developing impactful social development programs and in building resilient communities.
- Session will include a sharing of the results of PH-EITI's analyses of comprehensive gender- disaggregated extractives employment data, available Indigenous Peoples royalty data, and Social Development Management Program (SDMP) expenditures of mining companies.

DAY 2 | November 24, 2021

Extractives Data Blitz: Civil Society Initiatives in Promoting Inclusive Development and Community Resiliency | 10:00am – 11:30am

- Conference exhibit and lightning talks featuring civil society initiatives to promote extractives transparency, inclusive development, and community resiliency.

Extractives Data Blitz: Community Initiatives of Extractive Industries | 1:30pm – 3:30pm

- Conference exhibit and lightning talks featuring exemplary SDMP initiatives.

Events

DAY 3 | November 25, 2021

Extractives Data Blitz: Data Management Tools | 10:00am – 11:30am

- Conference exhibit and lightning talks featuring demonstrations of extractives data management tools.

Extractives Data Blitz: Mandanas Ruling and the Extractives | 1:30pm – 3:30pm

- Conference exhibit and lightning talks featuring presentations on the Mandanas ruling and the results of the Mining Industry Coordinating Council (MICC) mining review.

DAY 4 | November 26, 2021

PH-EITI Recognition Ceremony 2021 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm

- The PH-EITI Recognition Ceremony is an opportunity for the PH-EITI Multi-stakeholder Group to recognize PH-EITI reporting entities that demonstrated commitment to and diligence in the implementation of EITI in the Philippines. The event will coincide with the eighth year since the creation of the Philippine EITI through Executive Order No. 147, s. of 2013. It will be the culmination of the Extractives Transparency Week 2021. During the ceremony, the Philippine EITI will launch new initiatives such as the PH-EITI explainer videos and the Opening Extractives engagement plan for the Philippines.