To promote the audit of extractive industries
WGEI Work Plan Activity 2: Information Sharing in Extractive Industries

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Presentation Outline

1. Extractive Industry (EI) Toolkit Overview
2. Recap discussion from prior Steering Committee meeting in September 2020
3. EI Toolkit Update
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Extractive Industry Toolkit Overview

• In 2017, the WGEI Steering Committee agreed to develop a resource to assist WGEI members in understanding key issues when auditing extractive industries (EI).

• The United States Government Accountability Office took the lead in developing the Extractive Industry (EI) Toolkit.

• The EI Toolkit is a web based resource structured around the 7 steps of the EI value chain and consolidates existing WGEI website resources and other existing EI guidance.
Recap of Discussion at 2020 Annual Steering Committee Meeting

• Conducted final quality assurance on EI Toolkit
• Translated EI Toolkit to French and Spanish
• In process of translating EI Toolkit to Arabic
• Drafted EI Toolkit feedback survey and translated into French and Spanish
• Upon completion of Arabic translation, will transmit EI Toolkit feedback surveys to WGEI members
• [Link](http://www.wgei.org/introduction-to-extractive-industries/)
Extractive Industry Toolkit Update

• WGEI Chair transmitted EI Toolkit Feedback surveys to approximately 39 members in June 2021 in English, French, and Spanish

  • We initially received responses from 12 members

  • We then followed up with the remaining 27 members July and August of 2021 and received responses from an additional 6 members

  • The overall response rate was just less than 50 percent at 46 percent.

  • Thank you to all who provided comments on the EI Toolkit!

  • We’re always happy to receive additional feedback
Extractive Industry Toolkit Update

An initial review of the comments indicates that members think the EI Toolkit will be useful

• “The Toolkit is an excellent document with useful links. It meets the basic expectations / goals although for continuous improvement the toolkit can be further developed to include issues highlighted on each section.”

• “a well researched, structured, concise, valid and relevant contents with useful links”

• “We have studied the toolkit of the working group and found that it is quite helpful for auditors, providing easy access to all those seven steps of EI value chain and consolidating rich resources from various international organisations of EI field.”
Extractive Industry Toolkit Update

Members also provided some useful feedback for improvements.

• “Suggest to have key considerations for low valued minerals otherwise known as low value or development minerals. These minerals mostly include hard rock, river gravel, sand and limestone. Also suggest to include extraction of low valued minerals in Key Audit Considerations.”

• “It would be better if we could add some pictures as the background of the website in order to illustrate for EI issues.”

• Some of the links to source material cited in the EI sourcebook are not working
In July 2021, ARABOSAI concluded its work in translating the Toolkit to Arabic

- SAI Egypt and SAI Kuwait translated the document

- ARABOSAI also received comments from SAI Algeria, SAI Kuwait and SAI Yemen

- One key comment provided related to links to source documents. There was concern that the links may not be permanent, and that perhaps uploading source documents to the WGEI website might be an approach to consider.
Next Steps for Extractive Industry Toolkit

• September – December 2021: Review and address member comments as well as upload the Arabic EI Toolkit to the WGEI website and solicit any additional feedback from Arabic speaking SAIs

• January – March 2022: Update English, French, Spanish and Arabic EI toolkits on web

• Fall 2021 – Spring 2022: Further develop standardized process for annual updates to EI Toolkit to be overseen by designated EI Toolkit Manager

• December 2022: Complete annual EI Toolkit update
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