

**BRIEF INTERNAL REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE DRAFT REVISION OF THE 2018 EITI
DECREE BY THE EITI COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON 18 AUGUST 2023.**

A draft revision prepared by an ad hoc group was examined after being made available to Committee members. The Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced the work and invited all those in possession of the draft to intervene on the substance in relation to the objective of the revision, i.e. to align the internal governance of the Committee with the conformity of the Standard.

It should be remembered that this governance had made "inadequate progress" during the last validation, and the Internal Secretariat formulated the corrective measure of revising the Decree. The point of concern boils down to the commitment of the stakeholders, in particular the State and civil society. This requirement must be taken into account in the draft revision so that Cameroon avoids suspension at the next validation.

After a general presentation of the Ad Hoc Group's report, the Chairman of the meeting gave the floor to the members of the committee. The floor was then opened for contributions from all members. Two key principles emerged from this round table, which should be highlighted in the draft revision in relation to Requirement 1: Stakeholder engagement, as follows:

1. The commitment of the State: The draft revision must reflect a strong commitment from the State of Cameroon. To this end, it is envisaged that the EITI Committee, with legal personality and financial autonomy, will be placed under the supervision of the Presidency of the Republic;
2. Involvement of civil society: In accordance with the EITI protocol on the participation of civil society, the draft decree must be limited to defining the number of representatives of the civil society college and allow the college to appoint its representatives.

As these two principles are respected in the draft revision, other aspects of organisation, operation and support can be dealt with internally without affecting the next validation, which begins on 1 October 2023.

On this basis, the Committee congratulated the ad hoc group on its work. The ad hoc group was reinforced by the representative of the PM, MINJUSTICE, CENC and CRADEC. It is encouraged to enrich the draft revision which will be re-examined at the double session of 30 and 31 August 2023.

NB: This internal report is open to additions by other CSO members of the Committee.

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