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Minister of Finance
Republic of Cameroon

Commencement of Cameroon's EITI Validation

Your Excellency,

We are writing to inform you of the launch of Cameroon's Validation under the 2019 EITI Standard on 1 October 2023.

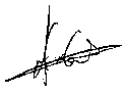
The EITI Board has agreed on the following [Validation procedure](#) :

1. The International Secretariat publishes a call for comments on stakeholder engagement ahead of Validation. This was done on 1 July 2023 ([here](#)).
2. Through this email, the multi-stakeholder group (MSG) is informed of the commencement of Validation and is invited to contact the Secretariat with comments and concerns regarding the implementation of the EITI.
3. The MSG submits its three completed [data collection templates for Validation](#) no later than the commencement of Validation, 1 October 2023. The three templates must be published on the EITI Cameroon website. Given the slight delay in the publication of the 2021 EITI Report and the Validation templates, the publication of these documents is necessary so that Validation can commence.
4. The EITI International Secretariat undertakes a desk review, assessing progress made in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard. The desk review will follow the standardized procedure for data collection and stakeholder consultation in accordance with the [Validation procedure](#) and the [Validation Guide](#).
5. The draft evaluation is sent to the MSG for comments. In accordance with the Validation schedule ([Annex C](#) of the Validation procedure), this shipment is planned within nine weeks following the start of Validation. The MSG has four weeks to formulate its comments.
6. After receiving these comments, the International Secretariat's assessment is finalized for review by the EITI Board via the Validation Committee.
7. The Validation Committee will review the assessment of the International Secretariat and the MSG's comments. The Committee will then decide whether to request additional information or agree on a recommendation to the EITI Board.
8. The EITI Board will make a final determination of the level of progress in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard in accordance with Article 4.c of Section 4 of the EITI Standard. The Secretariat's assessment and MSG comments will be considered confidential until the EITI Board takes a decision.

In accordance with this procedure, consultations with stakeholders involved in Cameroon's EITI Validation are provisionally scheduled between 23 October 2023 and 3 November 2023 and will be conducted remotely (Teams, Skype, others).

Given the multi-stakeholder nature of the EITI and the importance of dialogue, the Validation procedure places emphasis on stakeholder consultation. MSG members are invited to share this notification with interested stakeholders. Stakeholders are encouraged to contact the International Secretariat with their comments and concerns regarding the implementation of the EITI. Requests for confidentiality will be respected.

We would like to thank you for the collaboration of all Cameroonian stakeholders in this process, and we ask you to trust, Your Excellency, in the expression of our respectful consideration.



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