

The Papua New Guinea Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Third Civil Society Training & Consultation Process, 16 – 18 June 2014

[The Gateway Charter for Civil Society Action – Establishment of the PNG EITI Civil Society Forum](#)

On Wednesday 18th June 2014 during the third PNG EITI Civil Society Training & Consultation held from 16th – 18th June 2014 at the Gateway Hotel in Port Moresby, we the undersigned civil society participants have discussed and agreed as members of the Interim Civil Society Forum on EITI to commit to the following as outlined in this Charter:

1. Recognizes and reaffirms the declaration signed by the following civil society representatives on the PNG Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi Stakeholder Group (“PNG EITI MSG”). These organizations are PNG Council of Churches (“PNGCC”), Papua New Guinea Mining Watch Inc, Business Against Corruption Alliance (“BACA”), PNG Eco Forestry Forum, Transparency International PNG Inc (“TIPNG”), Consultative Implementation & Monitoring Council (“CIMC”) and the Institute of National Affairs (“INA”).
2. Work towards establishing the PNG Civil Society Forum on EITI by 30th September 2015.
3. The organizations or entities that we represent espouse high standards of transparency, accountability, integrity in their respective financial and administrative affairs. This includes full disclosure on conflict of interest.
4. Uphold participatory governance – consensus based decision making
5. Respect the domain/space including the right to be heard of each organization that is part of the civil society framework.
6. Advocate for sustainable resource management through collective and collaborative engagement with other stakeholders. This includes the promotion of fair and equitable resource distribution.
7. All parties to this Charter share equal responsibility in promoting civil society engagement in the EITI process.
8. Commit to effective communication in a timely, effective and efficient manner.
9. Promote open and active sub-national participation in the governance of natural resources recognizing the need to adopt the principles of free, prior and informed consent at all times. This includes developing and sustaining timely, efficient but practical dialogue with communities in Papua New Guinea.