

TTEITI- FCO Promoting Best Practice in Natural Resources Management
in the Caribbean.

TTEITI Regional Symposium 2018

Evaluation Report



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Project Description

The Trinidad and Tobago Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI) Steering Committee received grant funding in 2015 (in partnership with the University of the West Indies) and in 2017 (in partnership with the Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute) from the British High Commission Trinidad and Tobago, through the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office Prosperity Fund, to implement a project aimed at promoting best practice in natural resources management in the Caribbean.

Under the first grant, workshops were held in Jamaica, Suriname and Guyana in 2015 with a closing regional symposium in Guyana in 2016. Under the second grant, workshops were held in Barbados and Jamaica in 2017 with a closing symposium in Trinidad in 2018. The goal of these events was to build stakeholders' capacity and highlight to them the benefits of EITI implementation and show the linkages between local extractive sector issues that are of national importance.

Trinidad Symposium 2018

The TTEITI Regional Symposium was held on Monday 26th of March 2018 at the Marriott Hotel in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad under the theme "Strengthening Caricom energy collaboration". **Refer to Appendix I for the Symposium Agenda.**

The theme was inspired by Barbados' Energy Minister, Senator the Honourable Darcy Boyce, who during his address to participants at the Barbados leg of the TTEITI's regional capacity building workshop in September 2017, suggested that "a joint CARICOM working group to standardize issues related to licence and contract drafting, environmental regulation, local content provisions and other key energy issues" should be developed.

To further advance this directive, a Ministerial Panel with Government Ministers from across the region was held at the Symposium. The panel included Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of Energy and Energy Industries, Franklin Khan, Barbados' Energy Minister Senator Darcy Boyce and Suriname's Natural Resources Minister Regilio Dodson, the Ministers shared their country's perspectives on the topic "Caricom integrated hydrocarbon exploration strategies".

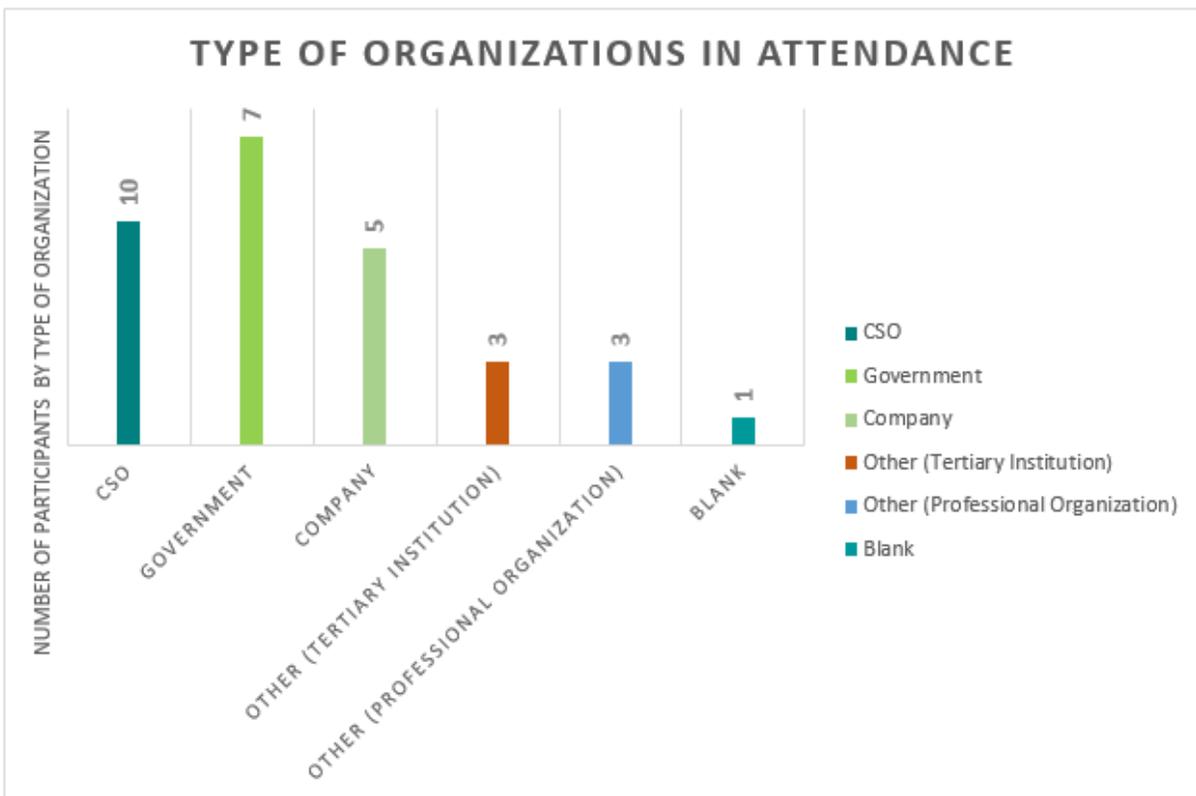
The Symposium was held to conclude the Regional Capacity Building Workshop series which was held in Barbados on September 12 and Jamaica on December 14, 2017. These workshops were held to highlight best practices in natural resource management and increase awareness of the benefits of EITI implementation in these countries.

This document serves as the TTEITI Secretariat's Evaluation Report for the Symposium.

Overview of Participants

Based on a headcount conducted during the Symposium, 88 persons attended the event, excluding Speakers, Secretariat members and temporary staff (17 total). Of these 88 persons, 29 (33%) provided their feedback through the forms provided. A majority of the symposium’s participants, based on the feedback forms represented Civil Society Organisations (35%) such as the Council of Presidents of the Environment (COPE) and Trinidad & Tobago Village Council (Mayaro). Government Organisations such as the Economic Development and Advisory Board (EDAB) and the Ministry of Energy in Barbados represented (24%) of participants. While Extractive Companies such as Lake Asphalt Limited and National Quarries Limited represented (17%) of participants. The category ‘Others’ (21%) comprised of participants from primarily Tertiary Institutions such as the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine and professional organizations such as the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, one person (3%) did not select an organization. See table 1 below for the exact number of participants.

Table 1



Total Count: 29 Participants

Data Analysis

Most respondents answered all questions on the Evaluation Forms provided while only (28%) of the forms had non-responses to a few questions. Questions 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were left unanswered by mainly representatives from Companies. **Refer to Appendix II for Evaluation Form**

Participants' understanding of EITI.

Most of the participants (93%) stated they better understood the purpose and role of the EITI having attended the symposium, while (7%) did not answer the question. See Table 2.

Table 2

Q1: I now have a better understanding of the purpose and role of the EITI				Total # of respondents
Yes	No	Unsure	Blank	
27	0	0	2	29

The perceived need for and the relevance of the EITI in the Region.

Most of the participants (93%) agreed after hearing and viewing the presentations that the EITI is needed in region, while (3%) stated they were unsure and another (3%) did not answer the question. See Table 3.

Table 3

Q2: I think the EITI is needed in the Region				Total # of respondents
Yes	No	Unsure	Blank	
27	0	1	1	29

Participants interest to share information

All participants (100%) stated they would be sharing the information with their peers after the symposium. See Table 4.

Table 4

Q3: I intend to share today's information with my colleagues				Total # of respondents
Yes	No	Unsure	Blank	
29	0	0	0	29

Throughout the symposium, participants requested access to the presentations and appeared eager to share the slides with their colleagues. After the symposium, some participants in particular, our regional guests from Jamaica, Bahamas and Barbados took extra workshop packages to distribute among their peers.

Participants' opinion of the presentations

All the participants (100%) shared the view that the presentations were relevant and timely. See Table 5.

Table 5

Q4: I think the information presented was relevant				Total # of respondents
Yes	No	Unsure	Blank	
29	0	0	0	29

Throughout the presentations, persons could be seen taking notes. Some persons were also observed taking photos of the slide-presentations and recording the presentations on their cellular phones. Based on the Project Officer’s observations, the audience was very attentive throughout the presentations, especially during Professor Andrew Jupiter’s, “**Maximizing hydrocarbon value: contract negotiations strategies**” and Finance Minister the Honorable Allyson West’s presentation: “**Improving Hydrocarbon revenue collection.**”

Participants were also very attentive during the Ministerial Panel; some participants took the opportunity to engage Trinidad’s Minister of Energy, Franklin Khan regarding topical issues in the energy and extractive sector.

Some notable questions asked during the Question and Answer session are illustrated in **box 1**.

Box 1

Participants’ questions and Minister Franklin Khan’s response:

- ❖ **Q1:** The government stated it has an interest in importing crude oil from Guyana in 2020. What is the update to meet the 110,000 barrel shortfall? - Reporter

Ans: “Guyana has a PSC in which most of the production belongs to the operator. We will still have to pay Guyana international prices even though we may be able to work out a deal. For every barrel of oil exported, Petrotrin loses 2-3 US\$. Petrotrin needs to be reconfigured and to become profitable before we can talk about this. Oil needs to be configured to the refinery”. - Minister of Energy T&T, Franklin Khan

- ❖ **Q2:** There is potential to export (aggregates), but we are not maximizing our resource because of the poor systems that we have. What action will be taken to stop illegal mining? – Representative, Mining community (Valencia)

Ans: “There are significant gaps in the system. Illegal mining in north-eastern Trinidad and Tobago has been with us for many decades, for some reason, the State has not been as draconian as it should be. In 2014 there was a legislation that requires more documentation from operators....Illegal miners are of two (2) types: 1- operating with no licensing and 2- those without any documentation at all, there is also a lot of delinquency in payment of royalties. Regrettably most of this figure is owed by National Quarries. But there are a lot of large operators in T&T that have been delinquent, we plan to threaten to revoke licenses if they do not remain current with their payments”. - Minister of Energy T&T, Franklin Khan

Levels of satisfaction and interest in the Symposium

A vast majority of the participants (97%) said they were satisfied with the event, while (3%) said they were dissatisfied. See Table 6.

Table 6

Q5: I was satisfied with the event				Total # of respondents
Yes	No	Unsure	Blank	
28	1	0	0	29

Levels of interest in collaborating with the TTEITI

Some participants (55%) expressed interest in partnering with the TTEITI, while (3%) stated they were uninterested, (41%) of participants did not answer the question. See Table 7.

Table 7

Q6: Are you/ your organization interested in partnering with the TTEITI?				Total # of respondents
Yes	No	Unsure	Blank	
16	1	0	12	29

A majority of the organizations that expressed interest in partnering with the TTEITI came from Civil Society Organisations such as IAMovement and Council of Presidents of the Environment, most of the respondents who did not answer the question represented organizations that have already partnered with the TTEITI such as TTEITI's Steering Committee members and MOU signee.

Levels of interest in regional engagement.

A majority of the participants (80%) requested to be added to the TTEITI Secretariat's regional engagement list, while (10%) said they do not want to be included while another (10%) did not respond.

Table 8

Q7: Should we add you to our regional engagement list				Total # of respondents
Yes	No	Unsure	Blank	
23	3	0	3	29

Symposium's relevance to participants.

Seventeen percent (17%) of the participants did not answer question 8, however, a majority of the participants shared what they thought was important to them.

Some notable responses to question 8 on the Evaluation Form are illustrated in box 2.

BOX 2

Some of the notable responses to question 8 “Which part of the symposium was most useful/relevant to you?” Include:

- ❖ “This is an area of national concern in the Bahamas so this event was timely and all areas were very useful and extremely relevant”. -(Bahamas Government, Minister)
- ❖ “Panel discussion- Because it gave a Caricom perspective on the future of the industry”. (Mayaro Village Council, Vice President)
- ❖ The panel discussion was great, gave perspective on the Caribbean policy views”. – (TT Chamber of Industry & Commerce, Research Assistant)
- ❖ The open representation by government officials attending the session. The information quality for consideration was excellent for forward movement”. - (Civil Society Representative, Bahamas)
- ❖ “Maximizing hydrocarbon value: contract negotiations strategies- Prof. Andrew Jupiter, excellent negotiator’s view of the process”. -(UWI STA, Professor)
- ❖ “Franklyn Khan stood out in my mind. The change from liquid gas to natural gas”. – (National Quarries, Accountant)

Issues the TTEITI should focus on.

Some participants (21%) did not answer the question, however, a majority of the participants took the opportunity express what they think should be the focus of the TTEITI.

Some notable responses to question 9 on the Evaluation Form are illustrated in box 3.

Box 3

Some of the notable responses to question 9: “What issues do you think the EITI should focus on?” Include:

- ❖ “How to engage Minister of Energy to Champion EITI in respective countries” – (Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica, Representative)
- ❖ “Lobbying Cabinet for EITI legislation” – (Government Org., Field Auditor)
- ❖ “Enhancing the role of civil society organizations and local communities in accountability and transparency processes in the extractive industries”. – (ALJ School of Business, Adjunct Lecturer)
- ❖ “Equitable sharing of benefits and environmental issues; critical issues for sustainable development.” – (UTT, Environmental Studies, Assistant Lecturer)
- ❖ “Workshops to educate civil society organizations on the need for transparency and their obligation”. – (Council of Presidents for the Environment, Representative)
- ❖ “The contracts negotiated with multinationals”. (OWTU, Representative)
- ❖ “Ensuring that data is continually made understandable for the public so that we can vote from an informed position”. – (TT Chamber of Industry & Commerce, Research Assistant)
- ❖ “Environmental compliance- if there is no sustainable use of our resources and environmental degradation, it will further compound the problem our extractive sector faces.” – (FFOS, Programme Coordinator)
- ❖ “Focus on the non-hydrocarbon extractive industry regulation as transparency is sorely needed.” (National Quarries, CEO)

Successes and Lessons Learned.

Successes	Lessons Learned
The presentations were well-received overall and targeted to the interest of the attendees.	Encourage speakers to complete and submit presentations at least two days prior to the event for vetting, some of the text and graphics used were difficult for participants to view/read.
Regional guests hotel check-in and check-out went smoothly	Communicate with hotel in advance that if guests request additional services it is to be billed to them directly.
Some participants completed the Evaluation Forms	Encourage participants to answer all of the questions on the form.
The Secretariat was able to register most attendees.	Use devices with access to google drive so registration desk team can update the registration list in real-time.
The room was organized and audio/visual equipment tested before the start of the event.	Consider purchasing a phone stand to be used during live streams to ensure proper video quality and also to not disrupt the stream if the person tasked with holding the phone is busy.

Sustainability: What are the next steps?

Following the event, the TTEITI Secretariat emailed participants a copy of the PowerPoint presentations and added participants who expressed interest to our regional mailing list, with the intention of updating them on the activities of the TTEITI and how they can become involved.

Appendix I



TTEITI Regional Symposium 2018

Monday, March 26, 2018.
Marriott Hotel, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Time: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Theme: Strengthening Caricom Energy Collaboration

Agenda

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPICS
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Mr. Victor Hart Chair, TTEITI Steering Committee.	Welcoming Remarks.
9:15 am - 9:30 am	His Excellency Tim Stew British High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago.	Sponsor's Remarks.
9:30 am - 9:50 am	Senator the Honorable Darcy Boyce Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Energy etc. Barbados.	Caricom energy collaboration perspective.
9:50 am - 10:15 am	Senator the Honorable Franklin Khan Minister of Energy & Energy Industries, Trinidad and Tobago.	Keynote Address.
10:15am – 10:30am	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30 am-11:40 am	PANEL DISCUSSION: Caricom integrated hydrocarbon exploration strategies. Senator Darcy Boyce , Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Energy etc Barbados, Senator Franklin Khan , Minister of Energy and Energy Industries, Trinidad and Tobago and Mr. Regilio Dodson , Minister of Natural Resources, Suriname. Moderator: Mr. Sherwin Long , Head, TTEITI Secretariat.	
11:40 am –12:00 pm	Professor Andrew Jupiter Energy Industry Expert, Trinidad and Tobago.	Maximizing hydrocarbon value: contract negotiations strategies.
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Ms. Nazera Abdul-Haqq Policy Coordinator, TTEITI Secretariat.	TTEITI Inter-Secondary Schools' Competition Award Presentation.
1:15 pm – 1:35 pm	Mr. Gregory McGuire Energy & Strategy Consultant, Trinidad and Tobago.	Developing inclusive revenue allocation strategies.
1:35 pm – 1:55 pm	Senator the Honorable Allyson West Minister in the Ministry of Finance, Trinidad and Tobago.	Improving hydrocarbon revenue collection.
1:55 pm – 2:15 pm	Ms. Louise Poy Wing Senior State Counsel, Ministry of Energy & Energy Industries, Trinidad and Tobago.	Exploring contract transparency.
2:15 pm – 2:35 pm	Mr. Conrad Enill Chairman and CEO, Connill Enterprises Limited, Trinidad and Tobago.	Extractive sectors and environmental compliance.
2:35 pm – 2:55 pm	PRESENTERS Q & A	
2:55 pm – 3:15 pm	Mr. Sherwin Long Head, TTEITI Secretariat.	Closing Remarks.

Appendix II



**TTEITI REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2018
EVALUATION FORM
Trinidad – March 26, 2018**

Your feedback is important to us and we would appreciate it greatly if you would take a few minutes to share your thoughts and opinions about today's Symposium.

Please return this form to the TTEITI representative at the end of the Symposium. Thank you.

ABOUT YOU:

1. Name: _____
2. Organisation / Position : _____
3. Type of Org: Government Company Civil Society Other _____
4. Email: _____ 5. Phone: _____

INSTRUCTION: Please circle your response to the items.

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| 1. I now have a better understanding of the purpose and role of the EITI | YES | NO | UNSURE |
| 2. I think the EITI is needed in the Region | YES | NO | UNSURE |
| 3. I intend to share today's information with my colleagues | YES | NO | UNSURE |
| 4. I think the information presented was relevant | YES | NO | UNSURE |
| 5. I was satisfied with the event | YES | NO | UNSURE |
| 6. Are you/your organisation interested in partnering with the TTEITI? | YES | NO | |
| 7. Should we add you to our regional engagement list? | YES | NO | |

8. Which part of the Symposium was most useful/relevant to you? If none, please state why.

9. What issues do you think the EITI should focus on? Please state why.

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