

*Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. Vickram Bharrat*

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The Government of Guyana (GoG) will be represented on the International Board of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) for the next three years. Guyana will be represented by the Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. Vickram Bharrat, MP, who was officially nominated as a Principal Member of the Implementing Country Constituency.

In this high-level international capacity, Minister Bharrat will represent Latin America and the Caribbean region for the 2026-2029 term.

The appointment, announced on June 30, 2026 by the EITI International Secretariat via an official circular, follows a rigorous four-month regional nomination and consensus-building process running from February 11 to June 24, 2026.

As Guyana's national EITI Champion, Minister Bharrat's elevation to the international governing body arrives at a critical moment for the country's own resource management as the country undergoes its second full Validation process.

Validation Commences! Guyana Undergoes Second International Governance Assessment

The formal evaluation of Guyana's natural resource governance is officially underway. Following a decision by the international governing body, Guyana's second full Validation process began on May 15, 2026, marking a critical milestone for the country's extractive sectors.

This comprehensive assessment evaluates Guyana's progress in implementing transparency standards across the oil, gas, mining, forestry and fisheries sectors over the four-year period between April 2022 and May 2026.

What is Validation?

Validation is the independent quality assurance mechanism used to assess how effectively member countries meet the global transparency standard.

Far from a simple paperwork audit, it evaluates three core pillars of resource governance:

- **Transparency:** Assessing whether government revenues, licence awards, contracts, and company payments are fully and publicly disclosed.
- **Accountability:** Ensuring robust data verification, comprehensive public reporting, and active compliance tracking.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Verifying that the government, industry operators, and broader civil society groups can engage openly and fully cooperate to shape national resource debates.



The EITI Validation Team

LOOKING BACK

Guyana's 2021 Results & Core Recommendations

During the first Validation against the international standard in April 2022, Guyana achieved a ¹“fairly low” overall implementation score.

While the country successfully compiled required financial data, the assessment highlighted critical areas requiring immediate structural improvements. Key recommendations included:

1. **Strengthening Tri-Sector Collaboration:** Maximising the active, independent participation of all three sectors—government, industry, and civil society—without internal friction.
2. **Broadening Public Outreach:** Ensuring annual work plans and resource discussions are not confined to internal boards but directly involve wider community feedback, particularly from indigenous and youth constituencies.
3. **Systematic Disclosures:** Transitioning toward automated, routinely published government data rather than relying strictly on retrospective annual reports.

Direct from the Ground: Validation Team's On-Site Visit

As part of the active evaluation, an international assessment team travelled to Georgetown for a high-level country visit in June 2026.

On June 8, 2026, the delegation conducted direct, on-the-ground consultations with the Ministry of Natural Resources and broader sector representatives. The primary focus of the June meetings centred on assessing real-world tri-sector alignment and evaluating the overall quality and public utility of natural resource reporting in Guyana.

The evaluation team is placing a particular emphasis on the participation of independent civil society organisations, ensuring that local groups can speak freely and openly contribute to the national public discourse regarding resource revenues.

1. Component and overall score
The three components of EITI Validation – “Transparency”, “Stakeholder engagement” and “Outcomes and impact” – each receive a score out of 100. The overall score represents an average of the component scores.

Progress in Motion: Work Commences on Guyana’s 8th National EITI Report

While international validation continues, local data compilation also advances. Preparations have officially commenced on Guyana’s 8th National Report, which will deliver comprehensive disclosures covering fiscal year 2024.

Following a competitive procurement process to secure an Independent Administrator, the technical framework is being put in place to consolidate complex payments and government receipts. The upcoming report will feature dedicated, comprehensive tracking broken down across the nation’s core extractive pillars:

Reporting Sector	Key Disclosures Tracked
Oil & Gas	Production volumes, corporate taxes, profit oil shares, and Natural Resource Fund inflows.
Mining	Gold, diamond, and bauxite declarations, royalty distributions, and licensing allocations.
Forestry & Fisheries	Large-scale timber concessions, production metrics, and an active scoping study on commercial fishing revenue lines.

The compilation process aims to address past reporting gaps and introduce standard open-data templates to make resource revenue information easier for citizens to access. In line with global deadlines, the technical team is working to finalise and publish the report by December 31, 2026, as required of an EITI implementing country.



Shaping an Inclusive Energy Future:

GYEITI and Women in Energy Guyana Address Gender Disparity



The Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (GYEITI) Secretariat, in collaboration with Women in Energy Guyana, hosted a gender engagement session on July 15, 2026. The event explored gender dynamics in the extractive sectors, local labour trends and pathways towards more inclusive governance.

The session featured a keynote presentation by Dr Priya Marajh, President of the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago, who shared regional perspectives, data-driven frameworks and comparative case studies relevant to Guyana's evolving policy landscape.

Beyond Disclosures: The EITI Gender Standard

The EITI Standard has moved beyond revenue reporting to promote inclusive natural resource governance. It includes three key gender-related requirements:

- **Gender-disaggregated data:** Reporting employment figures, licence allocations and benefit distributions by gender.
- **Inclusive Multi-Stakeholder Groups (MSGs):** Promoting equitable representation of women in decision-making.
- **Environmental and social impact assessments:** Including gender considerations to assess how extractive operations affect women in host communities.

Global Lessons for Guyana

The session considered examples from other EITI-implementing countries. Senegal and Zambia used gender-disaggregated reporting to support advocacy for vocational training for women in mining areas. The Philippines and Mongolia introduced gender focal points within regulatory bodies to support oversight of corporate compliance.

MEANINGFUL EITI IMPLEMENTATION REQUIRES MOVING BEYOND PASSIVE DATA DISCLOSURE TO ACTIVE ADVOCACY AND INSTITUTIONAL INCLUSION FOR WOMEN WITHIN THE ENERGY LANDSCAPE. ”

— Dr. Priya Marajh, President of the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago

Five Recommendations for Guyana

The session proposed the following measures:

1. Require gender-disaggregated workforce and salary reporting by major operators and contractors.
2. Set minimum gender targets in annual Local Content Plans.
3. Track and highlight female-owned and female-led businesses in the Local Content supplier registry.
4. Establish a standing gender technical working group within the MSG framework.
5. Include gender-responsive targets in state-sponsored apprenticeships, STEM programmes and technical training.



Dr. Priya Marajh

Challenging Misconceptions

The engagement addressed misconceptions that can limit public participation in extractive-sector oversight:

- **The “Powerless Observer” Fallacy:** The mistaken belief that citizens cannot influence the extractive sector, despite existing mechanisms for raising concerns and applying for MSG observership.
- **The “Automatic Prosperity” Myth:** The false assumption that major resource discoveries automatically guarantee domestic wealth without active, transparent revenue tracking and public accountability.
- **The “Multinational Bias”:** The view that benefits only accrue to international operators—a myth easily disproven through transparent local content reporting and the deliberate integration of local businesses.

Next Steps: Moving Forward Together

The GYEITI Secretariat has established a collaborative support framework and is available to provide technical and analytical training to help stakeholders interpret and use national EITI reports. A two-way feedback channel will be launched to allow civil society and professional networks to share real-time observations with the Secretariat.

GYEITI Participates in Building Expo 2026



A GYEITI representative engages with members of the public.

The Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (GYEITI) increased public engagement and awareness among Guyanese when it participated in the Guyana International Building Expo 2026, held at the Guyana National Stadium, Providence, East Bank Demerara.

The event provided GYEITI with another valuable opportunity to engage the public at a high-profile national forum. Over the four-day exhibition, thousands of patrons attended the expo, creating an excellent platform for GYEITI to raise awareness about the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and its role in promoting transparency and accountability in Guyana's extractive sector.

GYEITI shared a booth with agencies of the Ministry of Natural Resources, including:

- ✓ Guyana Geology and Mines Commission
- ✓ Guyana Gold Board
- ✓ Local Content Secretariat
- ✓ Guyana Forestry Commission
- ✓ Petroleum Management Programme
- ✓ Guyana Mining School

Public Engagement

Throughout the four-day event, GYEITI representatives engaged with hundreds of patrons by sharing information on the work of the EITI and its implementation in Guyana. Visitors were encouraged to ask questions and learn more about the importance of transparency and accountability in managing the country's extractive resources.

During the outreach activities, the team, comprising Ashantie Williams, Johann Earle and Arun Sooknarine, provided information on the following:

- What the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is
- When EITI was introduced in Guyana
- Transparency in the extractive sector
- Dutch disease
- The resource curse
- EITI reporting
- EITI validation
- The MSG
- The GYEITI Secretariat
- The GYEITI Work Plan



Public Questions and Feedback

Members of the public expressed interest in learning more about GYEITI and the EITI. Key questions included:

- What is EITI all about?
- How does EITI ensure transparency?
- When did Guyana join the EITI?

These questions provided valuable opportunities for the team to explain the objectives of the EITI, Guyana's implementation process, and the importance of transparency in the extractive industries.

Successful Participation

GYEITI's participation in the Guyana International Building Expo 2026 strengthened public awareness of the Initiative.

The following outcomes were recorded:

- Johann Earle was among several interviewees who provided video comments to MTV News about their participation in the Building Expo.

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- Arun Sooknarine of the Ministry of Natural Resources' Youth in Natural Resources programme, served as the Youth Liaison to GYEITI during the event. He produced a short video highlighting the Ministry of Natural Resources' booth and the agencies represented.

The video demonstrated the relationship between GYEITI and the various agencies and explained how they collaborate to foster greater transparency within the extractive sector.

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The National Tshaos Council (NTC) Executive Meeting 2026

GYEITI Engages Tshaos on Transparency and Accountability at NTC Executive Meeting 2026

The Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (GYEITI) Secretariat and Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) participated in the National Tshaos Council (NTC) Executive Meeting 2026, delivering a presentation on the third day of the meeting, held on May 21 2026 at the National Exhibition Centre, Sophia.

The engagement enabled GYEITI to interact directly with Tshaos and village leaders from indigenous villages and communities across Guyana. More than ten Tshaos from several regions participated, sharing perspectives on transparency, accountability and natural resource governance.

Two civil society representatives on the GYEITI MSG also participated: Mr Derrick John, Chairperson of the NTC, and Mr Shane Cornelius, NTC Secretary, both of whom are Tshaos. The NTC is the national representative body for Guyana's Indigenous village leaders and provides a forum for them to discuss matters affecting their communities and advocate on issues of national importance.

Participants were updated on preparations for Guyana's second EITI Validation, as well as the outcomes of the first Validation in 2021. The presentation also highlighted the role of civil society and the importance of transparency and accountability in managing natural resources.

Participants discussed how reliable extractive-sector information can help Indigenous leaders understand developments affecting their communities and engage more effectively in national discussions. The Secretariat distributed GYEITI brochures, newsletters and the Data Dissemination Bulletin for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 and encouraged Tshaos to share these resources within their villages.

The engagement reinforced the importance of collaboration among Indigenous communities, civil society, government, and industry stakeholders in advancing transparency and responsible natural resource governance.

Discussions also highlighted the value of ensuring that Indigenous voices remain an integral part of national conversations on the management of Guyana's natural resources and the benefits derived from the extractive sector.

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-  **Send Feedback** – gyeiti@nre.gov.gy. Tell us your thoughts on how we can improve transparency in Guyana's extractive sector

Your voice counts! Together, we can ensure Guyana's natural resources benefit everyone.



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Guyana

ABOUT EITI

The Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (GYEITI) is part of the global Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

EITI promotes transparency and accountability in the extractive sector of resource-rich countries by requiring disclosure of payments made by companies and revenues received by governments. Guyana joined the initiative in 2017 and has since published seven (7) EITI reports, with the eighth (8th) report scheduled for publication on or before December 30, 2026.

GYEITI is governed by a multi-stakeholder group comprising representatives from government, industry, and civil society, each with equal representation and voting rights.

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