

Governance of the Oil and Gas Sector in Lebanon: The Multi Stakeholder Approach to Strengthen Civil Society's Role

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CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The Lebanese Oil and Gas Initiative and in partnership with Publish What You Pay have launched a 3 year project entitled “A United Civil Society for a Transparent Petroleum Sector. This project is funded by NORAD.

With support from PWYP, a home grown coalition of civil society actors was established in July 2020. PWYP Lebanon’s establishment was among the primary objectives achieved under this project.

Another main objective of this project is to establish a forum for information sharing between the authorities, Coalition for Energy Governance, experts, and the civil society organizations subsequently promoting public consultations and raising public awareness.

Objectives

- To establish an inclusive platform that ensures multi-stakeholder discussions occur around relevant petroleum related issues.
- Garner consensus on key issues related to the governance of the petroleum sector in Lebanon
- Re-establish a multi-stakeholder commitment to the implementation of the EITI in Lebanon.

Expected outcomes

- Civil society organizations in Lebanon have a strengthened involvement in relevant Petroleum governance related issues.
- The Lebanese Coalition for Energy Governance-PWYP Lebanon strengthens its role as an interlocutor and oversight watchdog by engaging in purposeful discussions with other stakeholders around relevant issues related to the governance of Lebanon’s petroleum sector.

Expected outputs

- A list of key takeaways resulting from the overall discussions;
- A post panel report summarizing each panel's discussions points.

Participants

Participants will represent different stakeholders, including the ministries, Lebanese parliament, media, NGOs, community based organizations, youth networks, experts, companies working in the extractive sector in Lebanon, International EITI Board, PWYP Lebanon, PWYP secretariat, PWYP Global Council.