

PLATFORM FOR REPRESENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF CAMEROONIAN CIVIL SOCIETY  
ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN MONITORING GOVERNANCE IN THE EXTRACTIVE SECTOR

## Final press release

### *Preamble*

We, the 34 civil society organizations (CSOs) members of the Representation and Accountability Platform of Cameroonian Civil Society Organizations Involved in Monitoring the Governance of the Extractive Sector, have convened our General Assembly on February 29, 2024 in the premises of the SeP association.

Civil society, active in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) since 2005, observes the need to update the Code regulating its participation. This revision, following the 2023 EITI validation, aims to improve the representation, accountability and effectiveness of CSOs.

The new Code, in compliance with EITI 2023 standards, governs the appointment of representatives and focal points, while guaranteeing the independence and integrity of CSOs. It reaffirms their commitment to ethics, democracy and good governance.

Taking into account the above facts, the general assembly convened for this February 29 therefore aims to adopt the new Code of Conduct, the adoption of the criteria, the designation of representatives to the Committee and the designation of focal points to the EITI Committee .

The General Assembly began at 9:34 a.m. and concluded at 5:11 p.m.

### **Present:**

**See attendance sheet**

### **Agenda :**

8:30 a.m.: Arrival and installation of members of the Assembly

Opening of the General Assembly

9:00 a.m.: Performance of the national anthem

Individual presentations

Wordwelcome

Wordintroduction to the provisional Steering Committee

9:30 a.m.: Installation of the General Assembly office

Handling of work by the assembly office

(1) Deliberations on the working methodology

(2) Code adoption work

(3) Criteria adoption work

(4) Appointment of representatives to the Committee

(5) Designation of focal points

Closure of work

Conferenceand validation of the final press release

5:00 p.m.: Performance of the national anthem

### **Installation of the General Assembly office**

Following the COPIL's proposal, the management of the remainder of the AGM was entrusted to Ms. NDJETOH Micheline of AFEMIC as president, with as first rapporteur Mr. KAMGA Justin de FODER and as second rapporteur Mr. MBARA TIPANE Cyrille from GAD. This proposal was unanimously approved by the AG.

### **Methodology**

After debate, the General Assembly agreed that the methodology will consist of reading the code line by line, followed by contributions. This approach opened the way for a discussion on why the elections are urgent, knowledge of the platform, the status and membership of new members.

### **Code adoption work**

- We, as Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), would like to emphasize that we represent a diversity of faith-based, professional, etc. organizations.
- Concerning the Spokesperson, we maintain freedom of expression: He is designated by the members to raise a specific question within the committee on a rotating basis.
- The General Assembly is affirmed as the supreme body of the platform, with the missions of establishing strategic orientations, making important decisions and supervising activities.
- The COPIL is the organizing body of the platform, responsible for implementing the decisions of the AG. Its functions include coordinating activities, managing resources and representing the platform to stakeholders.
- Funding for the platform will be issued from membership fees of 20,000 FCFA, annual contributions of 60,000 FCFA, as well as 25% of session fees to the EITI committee.
- Fundamental principles for eligibility for candidacy of a CSO as a member of the GMP in Cameroon include seniority of at least 3 years or experience in monitoring the implementation of the EITI and having experience in the plea. It is essential to give everyone a chance, because we are united in our diversity and differ in our opinions.
- The representative appointed by an organization must present his CV.
- The group of representatives representing civil society in the Multi-Party Group has the duty to report regularly to the members of the platform.

### **The assembly adopts the code of conduct as well as its annex relating to the protocol for participation of the OSCC-ITIECAM platform in the multi-stakeholder group.**

#### **Next meeting:**

The code of conduct as well as its annex relating to the protocol for participation of the OSCC-ITIECAM platform in the multi-stakeholder group will be sent on Monday March 4. The COPIL will send them to members initiating member memberships and payment of fees. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 4, 2024 for the validation of the agents.

#### **Fence :**

The General Assembly ended in a constructive atmosphere, marked by strong commitment from all members present.