

## CSO One – Day Advocacy Outcomes

On May 17, a one-day advocacy session was convened at Policy Forum, resulting from a request for such a session to be held by CSO participants attending the Workshop from May 13-16. CSO participants from both workshops involving parliamentary staff (May 13-16) and Members of Parliament (May 19-20) were invited to attend (although it was acknowledged that CSOs attending the latter session would not necessarily have had the same level of awareness regarding the issues raised in the first workshop, but due to time constraints, this was the only time available to hold such a session). Additionally, it was acknowledged that this advocacy session was only one of the initial steps towards building an advocacy group around the issues the group identified as being critical within the mining sector in Tanzania. Ms. Vanessa Herringshaw (RWI) and Ms. Vera Mshana (PF) co-facilitated the session.

Participants identified the following as critical issues in the mining sector in Tanzania:

1. Transparency (of contracts, revenue/expenditure, licensing)
2. Lack of information (of contracts, revenue/expenditure, licensing)
3. Lack of good governance
  - a. Capacity (existing officers are failing to perform)
  - b. Accountability – participation
  - c. Ownership/control (at central and local government levels)
  - d. Management/licensing (at central and local government levels)
4. Untapped resources (e.g. artisanal mining and lapidary industries)
5. Proactive regarding other natural resources (e.g. oil/gas)
6. Violation of human rights, environmental degradation (e.g. lack of social services, alleged evictions)
7. Lack of accountability (government, companies, others)
8. Corporate social responsibility (do we need more CSR or revenue?)
9. Environmental management on closure of mines
10. Getting a fair share
11. Love levels/lack of civic education

In relation to the issues identified above, participants stated that the roles of CSOs were the following:

1. Lobby for more information (quantitative and qualitative) to be made publicly accessible;
2. Get more (i.e. facilitate public involvement) involved in policy and legislative formulation;
3. Participate in consultative processes with local communities where mines are located (as primary stakeholders);
4. Look to work with International CSOs as an additional resource as and when necessary;
5. Provide legal aid;
6. Build knowledge/raise awareness in local communities especially regarding their legal human and constitutional rights;
7. Ensure revenue builds capacity;
8. Ensure genuine production reports and track revenue collected;
9. Ensure/track how far company exercises CSR as per agreed terms;
10. Train people how best to use such CSR programs/coordinate long-term mine closures and ensure certain services remain;
11. Train local communities on Social Accountability Monitoring and counsellors of CSOs too;
12. Link affected people with relevant bodies when rights are abused; and
13. Learn how to lobby so that can track revenue and get funds from companies.

An immediate issue which CSOs identified should be focused on are mining contracts. In particular, the terms of the existing contracts and the findings thereon made by the Bomani Presidential Commission needed to be known and reviewed. Other matters, such as whether or not renegotiation should take place should be publicly debated, and further public (i.e. involving parliamentarians, CSOs, media, local communities) consultation on revenues should be held. Networking with other international and national existing initiatives (such as Publish What You Pay and the Reference Group which commissioned The Golden Opportunity Report co-authored by Tundu Lissu and Mark Curtis) would also be important. Going forward, it was emphasised that participants in their advocacy efforts would need to build a sense of who to work with, tighten the issues (i.e. focal points for advocacy efforts), work at national and grassroots level, and put pressure on companies (both at the national and international level).

