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## 4.6 Conclusions

Transparency, by promoting accountability, minimizing waste and corruption, fostering democratic debate, guiding macroeconomic management, and enhancing access to finance is fundamental to good governance in the EI sectors. Good practice in EI sector management in general depends on the participation of all affected parties in the effective introduction, implementation, and maintenance of EI sector transparency. For each of these parties, good practice with respect to revenue transparency suggests the following:

1. **All Governments** should promote transparency and act to remove, to the maximum extent possible, any legal or political impediments to public disclosure of EI sector information. Support international transparency initiatives, such as EITI and international treaties;
2. **Host State Governments** should be responsible for the publication and widespread, easily accessible dissemination of contract terms and credible data on EI revenues received and related allocation and expenditures;
3. **Home State Governments** should promote good transparency practice on the part of EI companies which it hosts, particularly with respect to the payments those companies make to resource-producing states;
4. **Companies** should be responsible for the public disclosure in a regular, timely and disaggregated manner of all EI sector-related production, costs and payments made to resource-producing state governments;
5. **Civil Society**, both nationally and internationally, should strengthen capacity to collect, analyse, explain, and disseminate information. Develop independent monitoring capability, lobby governments, companies, and IFIs; form umbrella coalitions, such as PWYP, uniting the various constituencies affected by EI sector operations;
6. **IFIs** should continue to mainstream transparency objectives in lending and policy dialogues with all resource-rich client states, and in international forums; and, where appropriate, include transparency commitments in lending conditions; and
7. **Implementation Example: EITI.** The key to leverage extractive resources to attain beneficial development outcomes is to increase accountability and transparency as well as improve governance in the sector. A recent (November 2012) publication, **Implementing EITI for Impact: A Handbook for Policymakers and Stakeholders**, analyses the importance of implementing the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to domestic economies, governance structures, and local populations, and suggests measures to leverage its potential to ensure inclusive growth and sustainable development.