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We are of the view that the strength of EITI lies in peer learning, and as such, we are prepared to share our experiences and to take to Sierra Leone best practices that can positively impact on the sector.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Ladies & Gentlemen, the presentation topic-"Achieving Compliance-The Challenges" is apt for the Sierra Leone situation because, the EITI family will like to know why has Sierra Leone not yet attained compliance when other countries have attained that. At the same time, the topic is implicitly requiring us here representing Sierra Leone to be frank with the issues, and this we will definitely do. Download here: {phocadownload view=file|id=136|text=Presentation by SLEITI National Coordinator on the topic - Achieving Compliance: The Challenges|target=s}