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**HE Dési Bouterse**  
President of the Republic  
Surinam

## INVITATION TO THE 2019 EITI GLOBAL CONFERENCE

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His Excellency,

I am honoured to invite you to address the 2019 Global Conference of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), which will take place in Paris on 18-19 June 2019. We hope that you might use the international platform to restate your government's commitment to open governance in the extractives sector, perhaps with specific attention to your reforms to ensure that the oil and gas revenues are managed in the benefit of all Surinamese people.

The EITI, the global standard for the governance of oil, gas and mineral resources, is implemented by 51 countries worldwide. It has helped to improve the investment climate, level playing fields, and build trust in resource rich countries around the world.

The EITI Global Conference, held every three years, will focus on the role of the EITI in the good management of the sector, especially to increase domestic resources, tackle corruption, increase investment, strengthen systems, publish and explain details of individual extractives deals, and enable civic space.

We foresee considerable public interest in the Conference. The previous EITI Global Conference held in Lima in 2016 had 1,200 participants, including Heads of State, CEOs and civil society leaders from across 80 different countries attending the event.

I hope we will have the opportunity to welcome you as one of the speakers.

Yours sincerely,



Fredrik Reinfeldt  
*Chair*  
Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

cc. Minister of Natural Resources Regilio Dobson