

# Energy Governance and Capacity Initiative



U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR)

The Energy Governance and Capacity Initiative (EGCI) is a U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR)-led effort that provides U.S. interagency and expert independent advisory services in countries across the globe on a wide range of capacity-building related to hydrocarbon and mineral sector oversight and governance. Countries receiving EGCI assistance have world-class hydrocarbon and mineral resources and the potential to receive sizable financial windfalls from the development and export of these resources. Through EGCI, the Department of State works closely with governments to build the institutional and human resource capacity needed to manage resources for the benefit of long-term national economic development.

EGCI utilizes the U.S. government's considerable expertise and capabilities, as well as highly-specialized and flexible skill sets obtained through direct contracting with Deloitte and agreements with top U.S. academic institutions. Assistance is tailored to the specific needs of individual countries. EGCI supports a broad range of U.S. foreign policy and mutual diplomacy objectives and is coordinated with ENR's overall bilateral energy relationships.

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Workshops and seminars on leasing, revenue management, and regulatory best practices for oil, gas, and mining sectors
- In-country advisor support for oversight agencies to provide independent energy sector oversight and management
- Legal and technical guidance on implementing reforms and policies in the energy sector, as well as a commercial environment conducive to attracting investment
- Specialized assistance and expert guidance in oil and gas resource and revenue sharing and distribution, as well as in related financial and tax management
- Financial tracking systems and other measures to reduce opportunities for corruption
- Technical training in identifying oil and gas resources and methodologies to assess resources
- Best practices related to modern geological/geophysical data analysis and management
- Capacity-building on technical and management skills within energy-related ministries and other governmental entities
- Petroleum engineering, financial advisory services, and environmental studies
- Interagency and public review/comment for oil, gas, and mining sector decision-making

## CAPABILITIES

### Capacity-building areas:

- **Technical:** Building expertise in resource assessment and development optimization
- **Financial:** Management of government revenues
- **Legal:** Embedding international best practices into laws and regulations
- **Environmental:** Evaluating and assessing potential impacts

### U.S. federal agency partners:

- Department of the Interior (DOI)
  - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
  - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
  - Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)
  - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
  - Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR)
- Department of Treasury Office of Technical Assistance (OTA)
- Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

### Academic cooperative agreement partners:

- West Virginia University
- University of Texas—Austin
- Pennsylvania State University
- Colorado School of Mines