Social accountability:

Resource governance
Practical entry points & lessons learnt

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e.g. oil, gas, iron, potash, copper, zinc etc.

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Mission: To improve the responsible and accountable management of extractive resources (oil, gas, minerals) for the public good

Scope: MENA, Eurasia, Latin America, South East Asia, Africa, USA

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| - For oversight actors (civil society, media, parliamentarians) and government  
  o Strong skills, global best practice  
  o Local capacity to build local capacity – RWI hubs | | |
Lessons learnt

1. Address revenue generation
   - Resource governance needs a special focus

2. Don’t focus on transparency/ATI alone – need 3 together
   - Transparency - Engagement mechanisms - Sanctions

3. Marry popular pressure with strong technical solutions
   - Social mobilisation AND technical capacity building

4. Think internationally
   - Use global mechanisms and comparative best practices

5. Cut off a root cause
   - Change global financial structures to reduce illicit financial flows
Thank you

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