



Approved MSG Procedures for Nominating and Changing Constituency Representatives

1.0 Background

Liberia is a member of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, a global standard to promote the transparent and accountable management of natural resources. The foundation of EITI implementation is that natural resources must benefit a country's citizens and contribute to economic growth and sustainable development.

In 2022, Liberia was validated by the International Secretariat and received a Moderate Score of 75. The score indicates that Liberia has made progress in implementing the 2019 EITI Standard. However, the Validation recommended 14 corrective actions that the country should address before the subsequent Validation, which starts on April 1, 2024.

Regarding the implementation of Requirement 1.4 (on MSG governance), the Validation report states that: *"Under Requirement 1.4.a.ii and 1.4.b.vii, Liberia should ensure that the MSG agrees on and publishes its procedures for nominating and changing multi-stakeholder group representatives under the principle that each constituency must have the right to appoint its representatives, bearing in mind the desirability of pluralistic and diverse representation. The MSG and each constituency should consider gender balance in their representation to progress toward gender parity. Under Requirement 1.4.b.iii, members of the MSG should liaise with their constituency groups".*

2.0 The purpose of the development of this policy

The procedure seeks to guide and strengthen the Multi-Stakeholders Group of Liberia in nominating and changing representatives in line with the EITI Standard.

There is a need to adequately reference the provisions of Sections 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, and 6.7 of the LEITI Act. This document guides the implementation of the LEITI, which requires that the President consult with the constituencies, especially civil society organizations and the private sector, before constituting the MSG or replacing MSG members.

3.0 MSG's Decision

In addressing corrective action number four from the last Validation, the steps below shall serve as the procedures that each constituency on the MSG will follow for nominating and changing members.

This section can reference/document the procedure through which the constituencies discussed and agreed on the guidelines for nominating or replacing their representatives.

Private Sector and Civil Society Organizations Procedures for Nominating Representatives

- The LEITI Secretariat shall inform all representatives from the Private Sector, Government, and Civil Society blocs through letters of the expiration of their tenure two months ahead, with cc to the respective governing bodies;
- The Secretariat shall write the governing bodies, informing them about the need to nominate their representatives to the MSG;
- The governing bodies shall convene their larger constituencies to select or elect their representatives to the MSG, **considering gender balance**
- The governing bodies shall transmit such nomination, along with the processes, to the LEITI Secretariat.
- The Secretariat shall forward the names presented to the Office of the President of Liberia for appointment to the MSG.

Private Sector and Civil Society Organizations Procedures for Changing Representatives

- To change a representative, the governing body shall inform the leadership of the MSG through written communication. The communication shall state the reason(s) for the change and the name of the new representative. The majority of members of such a governing body shall endorse such communication;
- Through its leadership, the MSG shall inform the Office of the President of Liberia through written communication of the change and the need to appoint the new representative.

Government Institutions Procedures for Nominating and Changing Representatives

- The LEITI Secretariat shall inform members of the Government constituents through a written communication of the expiration of the tenure of each representative pending a new appointment by the President;
- For the government constituency, a change to representation shall be made once the President replaces the current representative with a new one through presidential appointment, because the appointments are with the line ministries, agencies, and commissions rather than the presidential appointee.

Members of Parliament: Procedures for Nominating and Changing Representatives

- The LEITI Secretariat shall inform the President Pro-Tempore and the Speaker through a written communication of the expiration of the tenure of their representatives and the need to appoint new representatives. The Senate and House of Representatives shall have one person serving on the Multi-Stakeholders Group.
- The Pro-Tempore and Speaker shall, with the consent of the leadership of both Houses, nominate a representative through a written communication to the LEITI Secretariat.
- To change a representative, the Pro-Tempore and Speaker should inform the MSG Chairperson through a written communication of the change and the name of the new representative.

Note: The governing bodies mentioned above are the Chamber of Mines, Chamber of Commerce, Liberia Business Association, Liberia Agriculture Companies Association, Liberia Timber Association, Publish What You Pay, and a recognized Union/ Association of Workers in the Sector.

Consent Statement: The Multi-Stakeholder Group of the LEITI has unanimously approved and adopted this Policy Framework to help guide its Nomination and Changing of Representatives.