

MINUTES
REGULAR LEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LEITI, OLD BUDGET BUREAU BUILDING
REDEMPTION
ROAD, MONROVIA, LIBERIA Tuesday, JANUARY 16, 2024

In Attendance were:

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| 1. C. Mike Doryen | FDA |
| 2. Johnson S. Willabor Jr. | MME |
| 3. Athelia Korvah | LRA |
| 4. Benedict Ocran I | MFDP |
| 5. Timothy Jarry II | NOCAL |
| 6. Ansu Konneh | MOA |

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| 1. Fallah B. Kamara | MCSCCL |
| 2. Cecelia Danuweli | PWYP |
| 3. Winston Wreh | LLC |
| 4. Amb George Kingsley | NCSCCL |

Private Sector

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| 1. Elvis Morris | GVL |
| 2. Ekema Witherspoon | LibTA |
| 3. Marcus Wleh | Arcelor Mittal |

Observer

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| 1. Djomba Mara | GIZ |
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1. Jeffery N. Yates/HoS
2. Zaza Y. Quaqua/DHOS
3. McDonald S. Kerl Sr.-Technical Officer
4. Cedrick Kpadeh/Communications

Others

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| 1. Samuel Summerville | GIZ |
| 2. Sayor Wahtorson | PWYP |
| 3. Eric Swen | Arcelor Mittal |

Preliminaries: The call meeting of the LEITI Multi-stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 in the LEITI Conference Room. Commencing at 13:39 GMT, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the MSG, C. Mike Doryen of the Forestry Development Authority who immediately after notification of a quorum, requested a motion for the adoption of the agenda presented by the Secretariat. Mr. Mr. Benedict Ocran of Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Ekema Witherspoon of the Liberia Timber Association (LibTA) for the agenda to be accepted as presented. Thus, a ten-item agenda was adopted and opened for discussion. The Chair reminded colleagues that the meeting was mainly to approve and publish the 15th EITI Report for Liberia.

1. **Opening Prayer:** Silent pray observed for religious tolerance
2. **Reading and Adoption of the Agenda:** - The agenda of ten items was approved as presented through a motion as carried in the preliminaries above
3. **Welcome Remarks:** The Presiding after the adoption of the agenda, requested Mr. Johnson Willabor of the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) to do the welcome remark. To this, Mr Willabor. called on his colleagues to fully and freely participate in all deliberations in the interest of the Country.
4. **Review and Approval of Press Statement:** The MSG unanimously accepted the press statement as presented by the HoS because it was sent to the Body a few days before the meeting.
5. **Presentation of 15th Report and APR 2023:** The HoS presented a copy of the Country's 15th EITI Report to the Chair indicating that the report covers one year and six months commensurate with national fiscal calendar changes. Accordingly, the Government has moved from fiscal year to calendar year. Also, the HoS presented the Annual Activity Report for 2023 for the Body's endorsement and approval for publication.
6. **Approval of the 15th Report-** After receiving the two Reports from the HoS, the Chairman thanked him and the Secretariat for a job well done and then placed the Reports on the floor for approval. After a series of cross-examination of the Reports, Mr. Timothy Jarry of NOCAL made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Winston Wreh of the Liberia Labor Congress, for the approval and subsequent publication of the Reports.
7. **Publication of the 15th Report:** After the motion was carried, the MSG then opened up to the media for the publication of the Report. The Chairman and Presiding, Mr. C. Mike Doryen of the Forestry Development Authority then read the press statement on the publication of the Report in the full glare of the Liberian media.
8. **AOB:** Under AOB, Chairman Doryen, on behalf of himself and all other government's constituent members thanked the MSG for holding together for the last six years

admonishing all to remain focus on the implementation of the EITI in Liberia especially as the Country was making innovative strides towards contract transparency and Beneficial Ownership. He encouraged his colleague to provide the same level of support and cordiality to those that will eventually replace him and others on the MSG.

9. **Adjournment:** After his solemn message, the meeting was adjourned through a motion from Marcus Wleh of Arcelor Mittal. His motion was seconded by Madam Athelia Korvah of the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA). The meeting was thus adjourned at 14:58 GMT.