

MSG MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 11:00am in the Conference Room of the LEITI, Old Budget Bureau Building, Monrovia, Liberia.

Present in Attendance:

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| 1. Hon. Gesler E Murray | MME |
| 2 Carlton S. Miller | MME |
| 3 B.A-Dennis | LRA |
| 4 Jefferson F. Cooper | MIA |
| 5 Timothy K. Jarry II | NOCAL |
| 6 John N Horace | NOCAL |
| 7 Edrick F. Noah | MOJ |

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| 1. Winston Wreh | LC |
| 2. Fallah B. Kamara | MICSOL |
| 3. Daniel Nyankonah | PUL |

Private Sector

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| 1. Clarence Tay | Atlantic Resource Ltd. |
| 2. Elvis G.Morris | GVL |
| 3. Ansu Konneh | Western Cluster |
| 4. Eric Swen | Arcelor Mittal |
| 5. Mercy Swen-Dwalu | Liberia Timber Association |

Observer

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| 1. David F.Borel Sr. | U.S Embassy |
| 2.Samuel J.Summerville | GIZ |
| 3. Kim Schultze | GIZ |

EITI International

Lydia Annamaria Aleksandra Klipi

LEITI

1. Hon J.Gabriel Nyenka
2. Jeffery N. Yates
3. McDonald S. Kerl
4. Emmanuel K. White
5. J.Kennedy Kolubah

Preliminaries: The regular meeting of the Multi- stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in the LEITI Conference Room.

Commencing at 11: 32 am, the meeting was called to order by the co-chair of the MSG, Hon. Gesler E Murray. Members offered a silent prayer. This was followed by a self-introduction of members of the MSG and observers present.

The Presiding Officer of the meeting asked the HOS to make the welcome remarks. He welcomed the MSG members and stated that they were the governing body of the LEITI. He emphasized that the Secretariat cannot do anything without the approval of the MSG. He said the Secretariat is prepared to do everything to make the MSG comfortable.

The Co-Chairman, Hon. Gesler E Murray, in a short statement, also welcomed everyone on behalf of the President and himself. He stressed that Liberia is the only country we have, and we all have to work to make it stable. He emphasized that LEITI is a transparency framework that seeks to promote the accountable management of the country's natural resources. He stated that the practice of transparent resource management prevents conflict and promotes stability of the state. He urged his fellow MSG members to put Liberia's interest first despite our diverse political and religious views. He encouraged all to build a relationship and mutual respect for progress.

Issues raised

1. Lyidia Annamaria Aleksandra Kilpi from the EITI Secretariat indicated the purpose of the team's visit to Liberia. She said their mission was to evaluate the functionality of the MSG. By this, the team was going to evaluate the effectiveness of each sector and seek to document how positive the MSG is contributing to the work of the Secretariat.
2. She also informed the body that the team will individually have meetings with each sector on the Board and that a report will be made to the EITI Board for review and decision. Lastly, she indicated that the outcome of their mission would be communicated to various stakeholders in Liberia.
3. Lyidia Annamaria Aleksandra Kilpi requested that the MSG review the current MSG Policy Manual and decide on it as part of the general discussion. She indicated that the present MSG is not functional due to the lack of adopting the current policy manual or creating a new one to guide its operation.

4. Ansu Konneh responded to Lyidia Annamaria Aleksandra Kilpi and informed her that the government of Liberia initially posted on the Executive Mansion website invitation for institutions to nominate their representatives to the MSG consistent with the law. Additionally, member institutions on the MSG received written communication from the Government of Liberia asking for nomination independently from each institution to serve on the MSG. Each institution reported and nominated individuals to serve on the MSG. Each institution received an appointment letter from the President of Liberia, H.E. Dr. George M. Weah, to serve on the MSG Board.
5. Lyidia Annamaria Aleksandra Kilpi also asked whether the MSG approved a work plan for the Secretariat's Operation? In response, the HOS indicated that due to the pressure for the publication of the 9th EITI report, it was agreed by the body to halt all other works about the Secretariat immediately, and the entire team should focus on the 9th EITI report. He also indicated that there had been no meeting call since the last meeting in which the report was published because four meetings were called in December alone. Lydia also asked that the MSG meeting be called, and the decision should be taken on the 2018/2019 Operational Work plan for the Secretariat and the MSG Policy Manual.
6. Lyidia Annamaria Aleksandra Kilpi informed the MSG that though Liberia has published the 9th EITI report, the country remains under suspension until the Annual Activity reports for 2017 and 2018 are published.
7. Ansu Konneh indicated that the delay in publishing some of these reports is due to the transition of the new government and the setting up of the MSG by the President.
8. Mr. Elvis G. Morris asked Lyidia Annamaria Aleksandra Kilpi on the specifics of their mission and if they communicated to the Secretariat the team's visit to Liberia? Lydia replied that a communication detailing everything was sent to the Secretariat. Mr. Tay then indicated that if that was done, a meeting of the MSG should have been called before the meeting with the EITI team.
9. Cecelia Dunuwalie then indicated that a checklist containing issues sent by the EITI team to the Secretariat should have been created and submitted to each MSG member before the meeting with the EITI team.
10. With the back and forth arguments, the presiding suggested that the meeting be rescheduled. Did he ask Lyidia Annamaria Aleksandra Kilpi if the team still had time to

attend the next MSG meeting? Lyydia Annamaria Aleksandra Kilpi replied that there was no time to attend another MSG meeting as schedules were booked with other stakeholders for discussions. However, she indicated that the team would meet separately with sector members on the MSG.

11. The Presiding then thanked the team and asked for the full participation of each sector member in the separate meeting. The meeting was adjourned by the presiding. The meeting ended by 1:15pm.