

## **MSG MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) was held on June 13, 2019, at 11:00am in the Conference Room of the LEITI, Old Budget Bureau Building.

Present in Attendance:

### **GOL**

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| 1. Hon. Carlton S. Miller | MME   |
| 2 T. Ojuku Nyenpan        | MFDP  |
| 3 Alton V. Kesselly       | MOE   |
| 4 Momolu S. Johnson       | MIA   |
| 5 Timothy K. Jarry II     | NOCAL |
| 6 Edrick F. Noah          | MOJ   |

### **CSO**

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| 1. Winston Wreh      | LC     |
| 2. Abraham B. Gappie | MICSOL |
| 3. Cecelia Danuweli  | PWYP   |

### **Private Sector**

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| 1. Clarence Tay      | Atlantic Resource Ltd. |
| 2. Elvis G. Morris   | GVL                    |
| 3. Ekema Witherspoon | LTA                    |
| 4. Eric Swen         | Arcelor Mittal         |
| 5. Esiaka B. Konneh  | Broker &Diamond        |

### **Observer**

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| 1. Coloffer Clark | U.S Embassy |
| 2. Kim Schultze   | GIZ         |

### **LEITI**

1. Hon J. Gabriel Nyenka
2. Jeffery N. Yates
3. J. Kennedy Kolubah
4. Maxim Duahdyu

**Preliminaries:** The regular meeting of the Multi- stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) was held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, in the LEITI Conference Room.

Commencing at 11: 32 am, the meeting was called to order by the proxy of the Co-Chair of the MSG, Hon. Carlton S. Miller. This was followed by a self-introduction of members of the MSG and observers present.

The presiding officer of the meeting, Hon. Miller, 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 Presiding, Hon. Carlton S. Miller, 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 encourages all to build a relationship and mutual respect for progress.

### **Reading of the Agenda**

The presiding asked the Head of Secretariat to read the agenda. The agenda was read as requested. Following the reading, the Chair presented the agenda and asked for the body's will towards the agenda. It was subsequently moved and seconded that the agenda be used as a working tool to guide the meeting.

Silent prayer was offered by members, followed by the discussions below:

### **Key Issues Raised**

1. The Board instructed the Secretariat to send the draft MSG Policy Manual to each member right after the meeting.
2. The Board requested the Secretariat to email members and observers asking each person to express an interest (through email) in serving on any of the three (3) committees mentioned in the Manual.
3. The Board also instructed the Secretariat to comprehensively break down the USD 550,000 needed to disseminate the 9th EITI Report, start and complete the 10<sup>th</sup> EITI Report.
4. The MSG asked the Secretariat to ensure that the previous meeting minute is sent to each member of the Board for review and correction, where possible, before the next call MSG meeting.

5. The MSG requested the Secretariat restructure the letter of support intended for the Minister of Finance and Development Planning.
6. Mr. Elvis indicated that the MSG should ensure that a team from the Board is formulated to go specifically after observers to convince them to bring their support back to the LEITI.
7. Mrs. Danuweli requested that the HOS and members of the Board find time and go to the Honorable House of Representatives to lobby with members of the Ways, Means, and Finance Committee concerning support to LEITI.
8. The Secretariat informed the MSG of the vacant post for the Deputy Head of Secretariat at the LEITI. The MSG noted the information and **by a consensus agreed** that after setting up the various committees, the Finance and Administration Committee will take charge of the recruitment of the Deputy Head of Secretariat and make a report to the body.
9. Mr. Morris indicated that after the committees are set up, members of the committee responsible for Finance and Administration should meet with the Secretariat to discuss the 2019/2020 FY National Budget issues.
10. The MSG **by a consensus agreed** that the regular meeting would be the last Wednesday in every month at noon in the conference room of the Secretariat.