

## **MSG MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) was held on August 8, 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. Macdonald C. Joss      | MFDP  |
| 3. C. Mike Doryan         | FDA   |
| 4. Timothy K. Jarry II    | NOCAL |
| 5. Edrick F. Noah         | MOJ   |
| 6. Ruth Sawmadal          | MIA   |
| 7. Eric Daniels           | NOCAL |

### **CSO**

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| 1. Winston Wreh      | LC     |
| 2. Abraham B. Gappie | MICSOL |

### **Private Sector**

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| 1. Clarence Tay      | Atlantic Resource Ltd. |
| 2. Elvis G. Morris   | GVL                    |
| 3. Ekema Witherspoon | LIBTA                  |
| 4. Ansu S. Konneh    | WCL                    |
| 5. Henra G. Baysah   | LIBTA                  |

### **Observer**

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| 1. Daniel F. Bovel Jr. | U.S Embassy |
| 2. Kim Schultze        | GIZ         |

### **LEITI**

1. Hon J. Gabriel Nyenka
2. Jeffery N. Yates
3. Macdonald Kerl
4. J. Kennedy Kolubah
5. 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, August 8, 2019, in the LEITI Conference Room.

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

The presiding officer of the meeting, Hon. Doryen asked Hon. Carlton S. Miller 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.

In a short statement, the Presiding, Hon C.Mike Doryen, 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 of the agenda, the Chair presented the agenda and summoned 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. Mr. Ekema S. Witherspoon asked the HoS whether the Secretariat sent the letter to the Ministry of Finance concerning the 550.000 USD additional support that was needed.
2. The HOS said that due to the emergency nature of the task ahead, the MSG mandated that the Secretariat email all MSG members to know their interest on the committee. The Secretariat sent the Email, but it was just a couple of the MSG members who responded.
3. Mr. C. Mike Doryan, the Chairman of the MSG, recommended that the various sub – committee should be reconstituted in one week. But the HOS appeal that the time is short and Liberia not to be delisted, they see a reason to reconstitute the subcommittee immediately.

The committees reconstituted are:

- a. Finance and Administration committee
- b. Government Ethics and Membership Committee
- c. Reporting and Communication committee

## Various committees and members

### ❖ Finance and Administration committee

1. T. Ojuku Nyenpan ----- Chair
2. Abraham B. Gappie ----- Member
3. Winston W. Wreh ----- Member
4. Ruth Sawmadal ----- Member
5. Ekema Witherspoon ----- Member
6. Cecelia Danuweli ----- Member

### ❖ Government Ethics and Membership Committee

1. Ekema Witherspoon ----- Chair
2. Eric Daniels ----- Member
3. Edrick F. Noah ----- Member
4. Clarence Tay ----- Member

### ❖ Reporting and Communication committee

1. Ansu S. Konneh ----- Chair
2. Carton S. Miller ----- Member
3. Danial Nyankonah ----- Member

The three subcommittees were reconstituted and declared organized by the MSG chairman Mr. C. Mike Doryan.

Mr. Elvis G. Morris recommended to the chairman that all MSG members agree. For the Amended MSG policy manual to be adopted, every member must sign and their signature should serve as evidence to show that everyone agreed upon it.

They all agreed, and the MSG policy manual was adopted.

## AOB

Kim Schulte, who represents GIZ, asks why the MSG's constitution is not equal? She said seven (7) from government, four (4) from civil society, and four (4) from the private sector. Why is it not five each? Mr. Witherspoon answered and said it was the Act that arranged the constitution of the MSG.

The chairman told the secretarial to rewrite the MSG members to submit the names of their proxy.

Finally, the MSG meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm