

Meeting of Civil Society to Make Input into LEITI's Workplan

April 5, 2024@11:30am

Moderator: Cedrick Kpadeh / Communication Officer

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Organization
1. Macauley Gedeo -----	Liberia Labor Congress
2. Cooper H. Ikpeh -----	Liberia Peace Building Network
3. Abraham Gapple -----	MICSOL
4. Amb. George N. Kingsley -----	National Civil Society Council (NCSCCL)
5. Alieu M. Fahnbulleh -----	LCSO Coalition
6. W. Lawrence Yeallue II -----	Alab Liberia
7. Harold Aidoo -----	Integrity Watch LIB
8. Veronica S. Johnson -----	POCHAWOIN
9. Beyan E. Harris -----	LCSO Coalition/Cycle
10. Leoby S. Jarteh -----	YILIP
11. Anderson Miameh -----	CENTAL

Objective: The workshop is aimed at bringing members of the CSO bloc outside the Multi-Stakeholder Group to review, discuss, and make relevant inputs into LEITI's Workplan for 2024-2025 as required by the EITI Standard and before approval by the Multi-Stakeholder Group.

Meeting Agenda

NO.	Time	Activity	Facilitator
1.	9:00 am-10:00 am	Registration	Participants
2.	10:05 am-10:10am	Welcome Remark	Zaza Y. Quaqua Deputy Head Secretariat
3.	10:10am -10:15 am	Self-Introduction	Participants
4.	10:15 am-10:20 am	Overview of the work plan	Jeffrey N. Yates, Head of Secretariat

5.	10:20 am-11:20 am	Presentation of the draft work plan	Head of Secretariat/ Technical Officer
6.	11:20 am-12:20 pm	Questions, Answers, and incorporating of comments into the work plan	Participants and LEITI Secretariat
7.	12:20 pm-12:25 pm	Closing remarks and announcement	Cedrick Kpadeh- Communications and Outreach Head
Moderator		Cedrick Kpadeh	

Highlights from the meeting:

The Deputy Head of the Secretariat, Zaza Y. Quaqua, welcomed the CSOs to the LEITI Secretariat and encouraged them to deliberate on the workplan (2024/2025) freely.

As the different CSO representatives deliberated, the following points were taken:

- ✓ CSOs should use information from the LEITI freely; There should be no MOU for that. This will help promote Contract Transparency in the Country.
- ✓ CSOs must be trained by the LEITI Secretariat on the scope of the EITI to help expand.
- ✓ LEITI should compile a list of non-compliant companies and share it with relevant CSOs during its reporting processes;
- ✓ LEITI must coordinate efforts to regulate and formalize the Artisanal Mining Sector to help the Government's revenue generation.
- ✓ When concessions are signed, obtain copies from the Legislature and the Executive.

One Day Workshop with Government Institutions to review the LEITI's Secretariat Draft Workplan for 2024-2025

April 16, 2024@11:30am

Moderator: Cedrick Kpadeh / Communication Office

ATTENDANCE:**Names****Organization**

1. Amos Yollah Boakaik ----- FIA
2. Sonkarlay Gonkartee -----FIA
3. Amos Q. Tokpa ----- NIC
4. Bless S. Noah ----- OGP
5. Beverly P. Allen -----OGP
6. Emmanuel B. David -----GAC
7. Bonah Kawala -----GAC
8. James K. Kingsley -----LACC
9. Clande D. Edwin ----- EPA

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Key Highlights

The Deputy Head of the Secretariat, Zaza Y. Quaqua, welcomed the GOL MACs to the LEITI Secretariat and encouraged them to deliberate freely on the work plan per the Government's agenda.

As the different GOL Ministry and Agencies representatives deliberated, the following points were taken:

- ✓ Work with CSOs to disseminate LEITI's reports – LACC
- ✓ An MOU should be forged with the FIA to investigate further issues of money laundering and other financial crimes that may arise from the LEITI Reports.
- ✓ Government institutions should carry one or two LEITI staff along whenever they engage in rural areas to help disseminate LEITI reports.
- ✓ OGP is willing to work with LEITI to disseminate LEITI's reports.
- ✓ Local authorities should form an integral part of the LEITI dissemination exercises.
- ✓ LEITI should Continue to budget for vehicles until it gets it – GAC
- ✓ Consistently discuss LEITI underfunding on the media.

One Day Workshop with Companies to review the LEITI’s Secretariat Draft Workplan for 2024-2025

April 17, 2024@11:30am

Moderator: Cedrick Kpadeh / Communication Officer**ATTENDANCE:****Names Organization**

1. Sellue George.....Western Cluster
2. Moibah Toliver..... Bea Mountain
3. Esther kiatambaBea Mountain
4. MoSaid Massaley.....Western Cluster
5. Byron Geply.....Firestone Liberia
6. Augustine B.M Johnson..... Madra Forestry Liberia Limited
7. Ostein Murab..... Hummingbird Resources Liberia Inc.
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Objective: The workshop is aimed at bringing members of the industry bloc outside the Multi-Stakeholder Group to review, discuss, and make relevant inputs into LEITI’s Workplan for 2024-2025 as required by the EITI Standard and before approval by the Multi-Stakeholder Group.

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Note Taken During Deliberations

The Deputy Head of the Secretariat, Zaza Y. Quaqua, welcomed the industry representatives to the LEITI Secretariat and encouraged them to deliberate on the work freely.

As the different company representatives deliberated, the following points were taken:

- ✓ LEITI should regularly update companies on the EITI Standard
- ✓ The Government should empower the Secretariat with Vehicles to enhance data collection
- ✓ Companies should consider using corporate social development funding to collaborate with LEITI to support some of its programs.
- ✓ Ensure gender mainstreaming in its operations at the level of the secretariat and MSG.

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