

MSG MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) held on August 8, 2019 at 11:00am in the Conference Room of the LEITI, Old Budget Bureau Building.

Present in Attendance:

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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 |

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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 |

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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 self-introduction of members of the MSG and observers present.

The presiding officer of the meeting, Hon. Doryan, asked Hon.Carlton S. Miller to do the welcome remarks. He welcomed the MSG members and stated that they are 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 C.Mike Doryan, 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 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 requested the will of the body 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 ask the Hos as to whether the secretariat sent the letter to Ministry of Finance concerning the 550.000 USD additional that was needed. The Hos said, the MSG recommended that the various committee should restructure. Then the finance committee will by with House Legislature for money.
2. The HOS also said the emergency nature for the task ahead, it was mandated by the MSG that the secretariat should E – mail all members of the MSG to know their interest on the committee. The secretariat sent the E- mail but it was just couple of the MSG members responded.
3. Mr. C. Mike Doryan who is the Chairman for the MSG recommended that the various sub – committee should be reconstituted in the period of one week. But the HOS appeal that the time is short and for Liberia to not be delisted, they see reason to reconsitute the sub – committee.

The committees re – constituted are:

- a. Finance and Administration committee
- b. Government Ethic 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 Ethic and Membership Committee

- 1. Ekema Witherspoon ----- Chair
- 2. Eric Daniels ----- Member
- 3. Edtrick 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 sub – committees was reconstituted and declare 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 it was agree upon by everyone.

They all agree and the MSG policy manual was adopted.

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Kim Schulte who represent GIZ ask, why is it the constituting of the MSG is not equal? She said seven (7) from government, four (4) from civil society and four (4) from private sector. Why it is not 5 each? Mr. Witherspoon answer and said, it was the Act that arrange the constituting of the MSG.

The chairman told the secretarial to re – write the MSG members to submit the names of their proxy.

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