

## MINUTES

### SEITI MSG Meeting (No 01 /2022)

**Date** : Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time** : 13.05h – 13.45h

**Location** : ZOOM

<b>Government</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Particularities</b>
Preciosa Simons (PS)	X		
Valerie Lalji (VL)		X	Without notice
Georgetine Tjalim (GT)	X		
Sagita Jaggan (SJ)		X	With notice
Henk Deel (HD)	X		
Ginna Leysner Vega	X		
<b>Civil Society</b>			
Tosca Pinas (TP)		X	With notice
Rayah Bhattacharji (RB)	X		
Monique Essed-Fernandes (MEF)	X		
Rene Artist (RA)		X	With notice
Roy Caupain (RC)	X		
<b>Companies</b>			
Michiel Raafenberg (MiRa)	X		
Michael Naarendorp (MN)		X	Without notice
Kathleen Blom (KB)		X	Without notice
Shirley Sowma-Sumter (SSS)		X	Without notice
Mark Regis (MReg)		X	Without notice
Daniela Herkul (DH)	X		
<b>EITI Secretariat</b>			
Clyde Griffith (CG)	X		
Karishma Bhageloe (KB)	X		
Reenuska Mahabier (RM)	X		
Diana Vyent (DV)	X		
Nancy Boldewijn (NB)	X		

**\*Mike Resomardono was present on behalf of Mark Regis**

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened by RB.

2. **Announcements**

CG asks if the MSG can work on a contract for transparency. DH states that it is not required by law for the companies to do so. The companies do it voluntarily. We could draw up the contracts without obligation for the extractive industry.

RB indicates that it was laid down in the MoUs in previous years. It can also be included as a clause in the ToR.

CG proposes that it comes as a policy note from the Ministry of Natural Resources that companies should publish the information.

DH will look at the option and determine what the procedural route could be.

With regard to the IA, DH indicates that no one from BDO has made contact with her as yet. Nevertheless, she will be the vocal point from State Oil Company.

3. **Adoption of the minutes**

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- Michiel has provided feedback on the workplan via email
- DV is part of the workplan committee on behalf of SEITI Secretariat
- The capability training that Esteban is willing to provide for SEITI Secretariat and the MSG must be scheduled

**Minutes MSG 17, Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- The approved extension letter has already been forwarded to the MSG
- PS states that there is no update on the website of GMD
- NB should add the action points to the minutes of MSG 16 and MSG 17 and resend the minutes
- Update inception report BDO. A mail was sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources, State Oil Company and the Ministry of Finance. The information that needs to be delivered is very important for the scoping phase. DH states that she will provide BDO with the necessary information before the next MSG meeting
- CG will coordinate with Arun Sadhoeram from BDO if they wish to receive the info with parts or rather all at once

4. **Update inception report BDO**

This point was taken of the agenda.

5. **Budget SEITI Secretariat**

The budget was adjusted after the MSG approved SEITI Secretariat's proposal for the institutions to be chosen to provide the 3 capacity building training, to know: Finance for NGO's, Writing a project proposal and Project Management.

The adjusted budget was approved by the MSG. The next step for SEITI Secretariat is to write an official sponsorship application letter to Shell in order to finalize the verbal commitment.

#### **6. Any other business**

GT announces that the EITI has been included in the IMF's program that was approved on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. This means that financial resources for EITI can also be requested within the IMF fund. While IMF will monitor SEITI's performance, they will in particular verify if MSG has completed reports in line with deadlines. That is one of the eligibility requirements for the funds. GT has given an update on the reports of 2018, 2019 and 2020 during the meetings with the IMF.

DH asks if there is some information GT is allowed to share with the MSG.

GT states that she will share the report regarding the measurements with the MSG.

Please find below the link that GT has shared in the MSG appgroup:

<https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/CR/Issues/2021/12/23/Suriname-Request-for-an-Extended-Arrangement-under-the-Extended-Fund-Facility-Press-Release-511294>

The MSG is looking forward to further updates.

#### **7. Closing**

The next meeting will be on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

RB closed the meeting.

### Action points

	Action Items	Responsible	Target date	Update	Remarks
1	Schedule an introduction meeting between State Oil Company and BDO	DH/CG		Done	
2	The action points of the minutes of MSG 16 and MSG 17 need to be added to the minutes where after they should be resend	NB		Done	
3	DH will look at the option and determine what the procedural route could be regarding contract transparency	DH			
4	Policy note from the Ministry of NR regarding contract transparency	CG/PS			
5	Schedule training days with Esteban regarding capability training for SEITI	Secretariat			
6	Writing a sponsorship application letter for funding of SEITI Secretariat	Secretariat			
7	Update on GMD website	PS			