

MINUTES
SEITI MSG Meeting (No 13 /2021)

Date : Friday, October 22nd, 2021
Time : 13.21h
Location : ZOOM

Government			
Name	Present	Absent	Particularities
Preciosa Simons (PS)	X		
Valerie Lalji (VL)		X	Without notice
Georgetine Tjalim (GT)	X		
Sagita Jaggan (SJ)	X		
Henk Deel (HD)	X		
Quincy Wielzen (QW)		X	Without notice
Civil Society			
Tosca Pinas (TP)		X	With notice
Rayah Bhattacharji (RB)	X		Joined at 13.30h
Monique Essed-Fernandes (MEF)		X	With notice
Rene Artist (RA)		X	With notice
Roy Caupain (RC)	X		
Companies			
Michiel Raafenberg (MiRa)	X		
Michael Naarendorp (MN)		X	With notice
Kathleen Blom (KB)		X	Without notice
Shirley Sowma-Sumter (SSS)	X		
MarK Regis (MReg)	X		
Daniela Herkul (DH)	X		
EITI Secretariat			
Clyde Griffith (CG)	X		With notice
Karishma Bhageloe (KB)	X		With notice
Reenuska Mahabier (RM)		X	With notice
Diana Vyent (DV)		X	With notice
Nancy Boldewijn (NB)	X		

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened by DH.
2. **Announcements**
 - Mail from Juan Carlos Duenas Ricaurte, Technical Secretary EITI Ecuador, to inform us that EITI Ecuador has a webpage to inform citizens about the process of implementing standard and about the management of the extractive sector
 - Absent with notice:
 - MES
 - TP
 - RA
 - MN
3. **Adoption of the minutes MSG12 meeting of October 8th, 2021**
 - Corrections/ommissions form SJ.
 - There is probably a typing error. The amount of 300 should be 300.000 in the agendapoint 'Update IA EITI'.
 - The agreement with the World Bank still has to be reached.

The adoption of the minutes is postponed to MSG 14.

4. **Status update workgroup**
 - **Governance & Compliance.** The committee has had one session. DH needs to plan one more session to process the information. She proposes to decide on it in MSG 14. The letter of extension indicates the date of December 31st, 2021. The status of the government is unknown. The companies are up to date.
 - **EITI workplan 2021.** RB has sent some information to MiRe to discuss with MaRe. The Plan of Action will be presented in MSG14. If it is feasible, it will be sent previous to the meeting.
5. **Discussion action points validation report**
 - No updates from SEITI Secretariat
 - No updates from companies. The update will be given in MSG 14
 - No updates from the government
 - No updates from civil society (CS didn't have action points)
6. **Update IA EITI**

The contract to be signed with the Procurement Specialist has already been drawn up, but still has to be signed. It is sent to the Ministry of Finance for review. It could take some time, unless we're after it. If everybody that needs to sign, signs today than we can start discussing certain things. CG and SJ will pick up on it.

RB indicated that it would again send the list of action points that it had sent to the Secretariat in March 2021 for a smoother / faster course of the work of the IA.

7. ToR MSG

The ToR will be finalized in MSG14. (referring to agenda point 4 Governance & Compliance). The nomination procedure should be taken in consideration. RB will do the adjustments within cs.

8. Discussion council proposal SEITI and MSG

There are a few ambiguities regarding a few MSG members who haven't attended the MSG for some time now.

Quinzy Wielzen. His replacement is pending

Richard Donnellan – replaced by Mark Regis

Tedj Jbara resigned and was replaced by Kathleen Blom

By means of a presidential decree, it was indicated at the installation that the money had already been allocated. However, no one has ever received a remuneration.

CG will ask Dave Abeleven if there was a reimbursement request for the remuneration and then we can finalize this. CG states that he has already spoken to minister Abiamofo. The minister is waiting on the council proposal, which needs to be drawn up by the Permanent Secretary of Mining, PS. CG will talk to her to get things done.

GT asked how the financing will be done, because the final approval should come from the minister of Finance. The procedures for the process of approval of council proposal should be taken into consideration.

RB suggests that the MSG member share their preference with the secretariat on how they would like or are allowed to receive the remuneration, because in some organizations it is not allowed to receive the remuneration as an individual.

9. Presentation and discussion budget SEITI Secretariat

RB suggests that the secretariats fills in the amount of hours needed for the specific trainings and completes the comparison matrix.

NB states that she would sent the MSG an updated matrix by Wednesday, October 27th.

10. Any other business

CG. Staatsolie, IAMGOLD, Newmont have there input ready for the IA. What is the update from Grassalco. I also haven't seen MN for a while. DH states that MN is in the meeting and can answer the question.

MN states that they had a different approach, but I assume that we will do it in the same way again.

CG. Grassalco is not represented in this meeting. Can somebody explain how that went in the previous years? RB. From what she knows Grassalco was contacted on 2 levels. The first one was directly by the IA and the 2nd was by the ministry of Natural Resources, because it is a parastatal company and they had a lot of issues and challenges with the reporting.

GT. After the IA has talked to Grassalco about the financial information. The validation is also done together with Grassalco. The Ministry of Finance and Grassalco sit together and discuss things with the IA. That is how it was done in the past. It is not clear who is now the contact person of Grassalco. CG asks PS if she has a contact person at Grassalco of which she can give the name to GT.

RB states that the webinar she mentioned in a previous meeting, which would be held by the end of October, is a challenge for the other participating countries to find speakers. The webinar is postponed to a date to be determined.

In the previous MSG meeting the proposal was made to have a physical MSG meeting. The suggested location is the meeting room of the Ministry of Natural Resources. NB will ask if the meeting room is available for the next MSG meeting.

11. Closing

DH closed the meeting at 14.11h.

Action points

	Action Items	Responsible	Target date	Update	Remarks
1	Update governance and compliance	Workgroup	Nov 5 th , 2021	Ongoing	
2	Make comparison matrix for financial training and Project Management	NB/Secretariat	Oct 27 th , 2021	Ongoing	
3	Update ToR MSG	Workgroup		Ongoing	
4	Workgroup EITI work plan 2021	Workgroup		Ongoing	