

MINUTES

SEITI MSG Meeting (No 13/ 2019)

Date: Friday, 30 August 2019
Time: 14:00 h- 16:30h
Location: Conference Room Ministry of Natural Resources

Present		
Government	Civil Societv	Companies
H. Deel (HD)	R. Bhattacharii (RB)	R. Donnellan (RD)
D. Abeleven (DA)	L. Best (LB)	M.Raafenberg (MR)
S. Jaggan (SJ)	E. Poetisi(EP)	T. Jbara (TJ) (comp)
	M. Essed- Fernandes	D. Herkul (DH)

Absent with notice	Absent without notice
A. Ramdin (AR) (Comp)	V. Lalji (VL) (Gov)
R. Caupain (RC) (CS)	M. Naarendorp (MN) (Comp)
R. Artist (RA) (CS)	

SEITI-Secretariat	Guests
H. Hoepel- Aroma	Shashi Abhelakh
I. Draegenstein	Robin Ferrier
R. Williams	
S. Sanredio	

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. Status SEITI 2017
4. Feedback Dutch version SEITI 2016
5. Communication SEITI 2016
6. Approval MSG Work plan 2019-2020
7. Approval minutes of the MSG meeting 28 June 2019
8. Questions
9. Closing

1. Opening

Opening by DA at 14:00 h.

2. Announcements

- New representative in the MSG, on behalf of the Indigenous and Tribal People community, Mr. Ewald Poetisi.
- On behalf of Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Mr. Quincy Wielson.
- Invitation Training session BDO: access to the portal, 6 September 2019

3. Status SEITI 2017

With the vacation a new planning cycle for companies, deadline November 2019. The commitments for companies and government is the same.

DA: I will have a meeting with Francisco Paris (EITI) on the deadline of the report and the language etc. It is not necessary to recall the history, simplify the report and keep the scope as it was. The relation between the Ministry of Trade & Tourism and the gold exporters needs to be clarified as the structure is complicated. The training is a good opportunity to get the questions to BDO.

RD:, the report can be simplified through spreadsheets can the uploading process be simplified so data is automatically populated and can data be uploaded when companies have it ready rather than waiting for a portal to be open'. Also regarding the Friday afternoon meetings,

MR: companies should make more efforts to meet the deadline

DA: a meeting will be arranged with BDO to discuss the next steps, with one person from each constituency.

RB: a date can be decided to do the meeting with the secretariat, MSG and BDO on Wednesday or Friday.

4. Feedback Dutch version SEITI 2016

Deadline: 16 august 2019. No feedback from groups, Next deadline??

RB: The Dutch version has to be discussed so that we understand the purpose of it. Has the communication firm presented a communication plan to the MSG?

MEF: What is the purpose of the summary and what do they want to achieve with the summary.

BDO should know that there should not be multiple versions flying around. There is not a lot of time so a discussion has to be made if this report will be in Dutch.

DA: if the MSG wants the report in Dutch I will discuss it with BDO to see what we can get out of it.

5. Communication SEITI 2016

DA: the contract with the communication firm ends on 31 August 2019 and has to be renewed. We have to use a strategy that has a good understanding so that the communication firm can understand what they are looking at. We also have to get the Dutch version on the website.

MEF: How will the communication with the community take place? What is delivered concerning the website and the plan? We have not gotten a response on that.

RB: When we have more public exposure we will have to work on how to communicate the information

DA: we will arrange a meeting with the communication firm to start the extension to see where we stand, based on the deliverables.

6. Approval MSG Work plan 2019-2020

MEF: it was not clear what Tom proposed, in the final column we will see what is left over, allocated, permitted and expenditures.

DA: the communication activities needs to be, a new decision and the changes has to be made. We have to move fast with the communication firm because the money is not the issue.

MEF: the work plan version on the website is outdated

DA: we will update the report.

7. Approval minutes of the MSG meeting 28 June 2019

No comments were received; the minutes were send in PDF format but there is a need for a word format

8. Questions

RD: can we look at Wednesday meetings as Friday afternoons are difficult due to my regional travel, if not can we dial into meetings'?

Operators forum October 5th 2019, it is an annual meeting with the State oil company and other oil companies who will be the representative for Suriname EITI?

RB: is there a phone number to reach the secretariat or WhatsApp? Who is interested in the beneficial ownership roadmap sub group?

9. Closing

The secretariat will check what we can arrange with BDO on:

The language; the deadline of submission of the 2017 rapport; the management letter

The minutes 28 of June will be send in word format

DA: the meeting closed at 16.30