

MINUTES
SEITI MSG Meeting (No 14 /2021)

Date : Friday, November 5th, 2021
Time : 13.18h
Location : Virtual online (ZOOM)

Government			
Name	Present	Absent	Particularities
Preciosa Simons (PS)	X		
Valerie Lalji (VL)		X	With notice
Georgetine Tjalim (GT)	X		
Sagita Jaggan (SJ)	X		
Henk Deel (HD)		X	With notice
Ginna Leysner Vega	X		
Civil Society			
Tosca Pinas (TP)	X		
Rayah Bhattacharji (RB)	X		
Monique Essed-Fernandes (MEF)	X		
Rene Artist (RA)	X		
Roy Caupain (RC)	X		
Companies			
Michiel Raafenberg (MiRa)	X		
Michael Naarendorp (MN)		X	Without notice
Kathleen Blom (KB)		X	Without notice
Shirley Sowma-Sumter (SSS)		X	With notice
Marc Regis (MReg)		X	With notice
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		
Nancy Boldewijn (NB)	X		

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened by MEF at 13.18h.
2. **Announcements**
 - Invitation EITI Debate. November 17th & 18th (virtual).
Topic November 17th. Social and environmental transparency: extractive industries and energy transition. Topic November 18th. Escazú agreement: access to information, citizen participation and access to environmental justice
 - UN Climate Change Conference UK 21. Glasgow leaders' declaration on forests and land use
 - MEF asks if papers and webinars can be placed on the SEITI website. This will give others the opportunity to also participate. The MSG should participate more effectively in webinars. For Suriname it is important to participate, especially regarding fossil fuels. How do we get it out of the ground? We should stop talking about resources as assets.
 - Trinidad will do an emissions reporting. Maybe we can have a meeting with them to see how they are doing it.
 - TOTAL has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment regarding carbon emissions. We also need to look at the future and see how we can incorporate this in our work.
3. **Adoption of the minutes**
 - MSG 12, meeting of October 12th, 2021. There weren't any corrections or omissions, but since there was no quorum, the minutes could not be put to vote.
 - MSG 13, meeting of October 22nd, 2021. The corrections of RB corrections were yet to be made.
The suggestion is made that the MSG votes on the minutes via email. For the minutes of MSG 13, after the corrections of RB are made.
4. **Status update workgroup**
 - Governance and compliance. No one of the workgroup was in the meeting, so no update was given.
 - EITI work plan 2021. MiRa en MiRe will work together to finalize the workplan.
5. **Discussion action points validation report**

VL had to make a priority list of the action points. She hasn't done that yet. She promised to do so asap.

SJ states that she has feedback from the Ministry of Finance, regarding the action points. She will share the information with VL.
6. **Update IA EITI.**

The draft contract was with the Ministry of Finance for review. We had received minimum feedback. The updates are generated and sent again to the Ministry of Finance for approval. The target date for signing is November 15th, 2021.

A remark is made that CG has returned to Staatsolie of which he is available for the Ministry of Natural Resources once a week. It isn't clear for the MSG what CG's role is as of now. MEF asks RB and RC to have a chat with CG to have a view of his position. GT will have a talk with the IA regarding the next step in regards to reporting and deadlines. The timeline will have to be adjusted.

7. Discussion Glasgow leaders' declaration on forest and land use

MEF asked if an agreement had been made about logging. A contract has been signed for several years. The contract offers scope for any adjustments on an annual basis. We must prepare for the next conference and collect figures / information from the various authorities. With regard to carbon emissions, maybe we can talk to Trinidad to find out how and what.

MEF proposes that the Minister of Spatial Planning and the Environment or the Director of the Ministry be invited to one of the MSG meetings to discuss carbon emissions. The Minister of Spatial Planning and Environment has signed a contract with TOTAL. We would like to know if there are relevant tasks for the MSG.

RC states that nothing is formal yet. It's not clear yet what was signed for. A kind of umbrella has been drawn. Even Staatsolie is not familiar with it.

The MSG can provide input on the elaboration.

Carbon footprint must be discussed. Most companies already have a footprint.

RB will contact MR for emission reporting of Trinidad.

8. ToR MSG

RB states that DH had sent the new draft by email. RB will add the information from civil society and then mail it to the entire MSG. The TOR can be placed on the agenda for the next MSG meeting.

9. Presentation and discussion budget SEITI Secretariat

Clarity should be made as to who will pay for SEITI Secretariat training. It was indicated a while ago that certain things would be paid for from the World Bank project. An agreement was also made that the National Coordinator and the chairman of the MSG would look for (financial) resources.

RB suggests for the capability status of the training institutes to be added to the matrix. This will make it easier to make a decision who to work with.

10. Any other business

RB states that she had sent an email to SEITI Secretariat regarding certain documentation. NB confirms receipt of the email and indicates that it will share the information with the secretariat.

11. Closing

RB closes the meeting at 14.08h

Action points

	Action Items	Responsible	Target date	Update	Remarks
1	Voting of the minutes of MSG 12 and MSG 13 via mail	MSG	November 18 th		
2	MiRa en MiRe will finalize the 2021 EITI workplan	MiRa en MiRe			
3	SJ will share info regarding action points validation report with VL	SJ			
4	RB will contact MR for emission reporting of Trinidad.	RB			
5	Add capability status of the training institutes to the matrix	NB			