

MINUTES
SEITI MSG Meeting (No 16 /2021)

Date : Friday, December 3rd, 2021
Time : 13.10h
Location : ZOOM

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

1. Opening. The meeting was opened by RB at 13.10h

2. Announcements

The MSG and Secretariat had a meeting with Esteban of EITI International Secretariat. EITI International Secretariat has started an assessment for the member countries to disclose contracts. They asked if Suriname is ready. The proposal is that each constituency delegates two members to participate (DH will participate on behalf of the companies and MIRa will coordinate with SSS who to delegate to participate). Two consultants will also participate. The mail with the information as well as the invite will be sent soon. A survey will be conducted to assess Latin America's position in disclosing contracts.

The suggestion was made for SEITI to disclose the contracts of Suriname on the website (contracts of IAMGOLD and or Newmont?).

Maybe a one-pager can be made of all agreements. It must be drafted in such a way that everybody can understand it (user-friendly). A link can be made from the EITI website to where all the PSEs are. MiRa will make a summary.

TP. In addition to the one-pager, videos with voice overs can also be made. Especially for the inland residents.

Practice has shown that the large companies enter into contracts with the small companies. Should there also be disclosure of those contracts?

DH. Amendments are constantly being made due to changes in the contracts. Material changes can be made in all contracts.

3. Adoption of minutes MSG-15 meeting of November 19th, 2021.

The minutes have been adopted. The action points will be sent by the end of the weekend by NB.

4. Update IA EITI

PS has not signed yet. She did not feel well. CG asked PS if VL is allowed to sign, but PS has promised to pick up on the signing.

CG has agreed with Robin Ferrier from BDO to have a meeting on December 10th, 2021 to do a kick-off (via zoom). The meeting link will be shared with the MSG.

If we look at the timeline of the IA there are actions we can already take to ease the work of the IA. We can collect all information and contact persons already available. The people can be admitted to the portal as soon as BDO is ready.

5. Communication outreach EITI

There already is a ToR. Maybe we can post it as a project item at the World Bank. We can ask PS, the minister of NR or SJ. We have to look for funding from the loan agreement with the WB. A communication subgroup must be formed. The request will

be posted by email. Deadline December 10th, 2021. TP will participate in the subgroup on behalf of civil society.

Besides the documents, videos can also be made in different languages.

CG indicates that all this must be indicated in the ToR. A good plan must be put together so that at least 80% of Suriname gets knowledge about EITI. MiRa will list ideas for the subgroup on outreach.

6. Action points workplan

RB shared a PPT regarding the EITI Suriname workplan 2022- 2024. RB will resent the mail to the SEITI Secretariat. NB will forward the mail to the MSG for feedback. Deadline for feedback is December 10th, 2021, so that the proposal can be discussed/approved at the following meeting

7. Discussion SEITI Secretariat trainings comparison matrix

The proposal from SEITI Secretariat is to have the finance training by Leduc Consultancy & Training and Writing a project proposal and Project Management by HUMUS Consulting.

Those present support the proposal, based on the experiences of the consultants, as well as the professional presentations of the offers. The absentees will be asked to provide their feedback and/or approval by December 8th, 2021 at the latest.

8. Any Other Business

The draft decision regarding the remuneration (council proposal) has already been made.

9. Closing

The next meeting will be on December 17th, 2021.

SJ indicates that she will not be present at the next meeting.

RB closed the meeting at 14.30h.

Action points

	Action Items	Responsible	Target date	Update	Remarks
1	A summary of all agreements (disclosed contracts) in order to make a one pager	MiRa			
2	Ideas for videos with voice overs, especially for inland residents	TP			
3	Final signature of the BDO contract	PS			
4	Mail regarding the forming of a subgroup for communication outreach EITI	Secretariat			
5	Feedback of MSG on EITI workplan	MSG	December 10 th		