

Suriname

Stakeholder engagement – template for EITI data collection

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Period under review: [from previous Validation to commencement of this Validation)

Validation team: [Names and emails]

Deadline for submission: [Validation commencement date]

Introduction

The EITI requires effective multi-stakeholder oversight, including a functioning multi-stakeholder group that involves the government, companies, and the full, independent, active and effective participation of civil society.

The key requirements related to multi-stakeholder oversight include: (1.1) government engagement; (1.2) industry engagement; (1.3) civil society engagement, including [EITI Protocol: Participation of civil society](#), and (1.4) the establishment and functioning of a multi-stakeholder group.

The purpose of this template is to collect information from MSG members about the implementation of these provisions. Parts I to IV of this template should be completed and submitted to the International Secretariat by the commencement of Validation.

Part I: MSG oversight addresses Requirement 1.4.b and should be approved by the MSG before submission to the International Secretariat.

Parts II to IV should be completed by each constituency and submitted to the International Secretariat. These should be shared with the MSG for information.

The Validation team will undertake virtual or in-person consultations to gather additional information. Ahead of the Validation, a public call for stakeholder views will be launched by the International Secretariat.

Part I: MSG oversight

The objective of this [requirement](#) is to ensure that there is an independent MSG that can exercise active and meaningful oversight of all aspects of EITI implementation that balances the three main constituencies' (government, industry and civil society) interests in a consensual manner. As a precondition for achieving this objective, the MSG must include adequate representation of key stakeholders appointed on the basis of open, fair and transparent constituency procedures, make decisions in an inclusive manner and report to wider constituencies.

MSG's self-assessment.

Not applicable /Not met
/ Partly met / Mostly met / **Fully met** / Exceeded

[Justification:](#)

This section is to be filled out by the national secretariat or an MSG working group and should be approved by the MSG before submission to the International Secretariat.

MSG members and attendance

1. Current MSG members. Please fill out the table below. Add rows when necessary.

Constituency	Full/ alternate member	Member since (MM/YY)	Name	Position	Organisation	Gender	Meetings attended in period under review (dates)
Government	Primary	2020	Simons Preciosa	Permanent Secretary Mining	Ministry of Natural Resources	F	2021 (15/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (6/10)
Government	Primary	01.12.19	Jaggan Sagita	Deputy Director	Ministry of Finance and Planning	F	2021 (13/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (5/10)

Government	Alt		Tjalim Georgetine	Head Economic Affairs Department	Ministry of Finance and Planning	F	2021 (13/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (8/10)
Government	Primary		Deel Henk	District Commissioner resort Tapanahony	Ministry of Regional Development & Sport	M	2021 (10/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (8/10)
Government	Alt	25.07.23	Amit Chandansigh	Sub Permanent Secretary Industries	Ministry of EZOTI		2023 (0)
Civil Society	Primary		Artist Rene		Indigenous and tribal People / Kampos	M	2021 (12/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (8/10)
Civil Society	Primary		Caupain Roy		SWOS	M	2021 (12/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (0/10)
Civil Society	Primary		Bhattacharji Rayah		Projekta	F	2021 (15/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (9/10)
Civil Society	Alt		Essed Monique		Projekta	F	2021 (17) 2022 (12) 2023 (6/10)
Civil Society	Alt	15.01.19	Pinas Tosca		Indigenous and Tribal People/ Kampos	F	2021 (13/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (4/10)
Private Sector	Primary	20.02.22	Cederboom Bernadette	Government relations institutions manager	Newmont Suriname LLC	F	2022 (12) 2023 (8/10)

Private Sector	Primary		Herkul Daniela	Counsel upstream & corporate secretary	Staatsolie	F	2021 (11/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (2/10)
Private Sector	Alt	23.04.21	Regis Mark	Head Corporate Relations	Shell	M	2021 (11/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (8/10)
Private Sector	Alt	12.03.21	Resomardo-no Mike	Country Manager External & Government Relations	Shell	M	2021 (4/17) 2022 (12) 2023 (7/10)
Private Sector	Alt	01.07.19	Raafenberg Michiel	SeniorAssociate Legal and Corporate Affairs	Zhijin Rosebel Gold mines N.V.	M	2021 (17) 2022 (12) 2023 (8/10)
Private Sector	Alt	3 rd quarter 2022	Blom Kathleen	Chairwomen	Stichting Houders van Mijnbouwrechten Suriname (SHMR)	F	2022(2) 2023 (0/10)

2. Changes in membership in the period under review and the reason behind each change. (I.e. if there are people who have been members in the period under review but no longer are) Please fill out the table below. Add rows when necessary.

Constituency	Name of former member	End of MSG membership (MM/YY))	Reason for membership ending	Replaced by
Government	Dave Abeleven	2020	Due to another position in a parastatal authority	Preciosa Simons
Government	Lalji Valerie	April 2023	Due to another position within the Ministry	Vikaash Soerdjbalisingh -

Government	Gina Leysner	April 2023 (Letter received from Ministry EZOTI on July 25 th 2023)	Due to other priorities within the Ministry	Amit Chandansingh
Government	Quincy Wielson	December 2019	Not explained	Gina Leysner
Government	Joy ten Berge	Ministry of Finance	Resigned from the Ministry	Sagita Jaggan
Private Sector	Albert Ramdin	Newmont	Resigned from Newmont	Sowma-Sumter Shirley
Private Sector	Sowma-Sumter Shirley	Newmont	Due to other obligations within the company	Cederboom Bernadette
Private Sector	Richard Donnellan	Tullow	Country exit of Tullow	Mark Regis
Private Sector	Tedy Jbara	Stichting Houders van Mijnbouwrechten Suriname (SHMR)	Stichting Houders van Mijnbouwrechten Suriname (SHMR)	Michael Naarendorp
Private Sector	Michael Naarendorp	Stichting Houders van Mijnbouwrechten Suriname (SHMR)	Due to busy schedule	Kathleen Blom
Private Sector	Tom Fauria	Kosmos Energy	Country exit of Kosmos	Richard Donnellan
Companies	Sharmila Jadnanansing	RGM	End of her tenure on the MSG	Michiel Raafenberg

Companies	Vandana Gangaram Panday	Staatsolie	Re-assignment to Oil and Gas regulator SHI	Daniela Herkul
Civil Society	Erna Aviankoi, KAMPOS	December 2019	End of term & departure from the country	Ewald Poetisie
Civil Society	Ewald Poetisie KAMPOS	15 januari 2019	Withdrawal of nomination by KAMPOS	Tosca Pinas
Civil Society	Dimitri Tjon Sie Fat, Green Heritage Fund Suriname	October 2017	Departure from the country	Lisa Best
Civil Society	Lisa Best, Tropenbos Suriname	February 2020	Departure from the country	None

3. MSG working groups and technical committees. If the MSG has established working groups or committees, please describe briefly their mandate and membership.

Subgroep	Members	Start date	Results
Beneficial Ownership	ME, TB, MN ME, SJ, KB	2018	Work was based on approved BO Roadmap (Oct 2017) Special MSG meeting dedicated to discussion BO (See minutes 26Feb21) Signed BO definition statement MSG 6Aug21 MSG to review Roadmap
MSG TOR	DH, MR, RB	2021	Revised draft TOR available Nov 2021. Final version to incorporate comments and be approved by MSG

Subgroep	Members	Start date	Results
Workplan	RB, MR	2021	PPT on WP 2022-24 (Dec 2021) WP 2023-24 drafted, discussed and approved by MSG
Governance & Compliance	DH, SSS, PS	2021	Updated draft TOR MSG presented Nov 2021
Evaluation IA tenders	TP		
Contract transparency	PS, SSS, MF, CG	Jan 2022	Notes: MSG members provide info on following. Contract transparency assessment (Dec 2021) Summary of all disclosed contracts (minutes 21Jan2022) Policy note Ministry NR? (Action point minutes 4Feb22) Procedural route contract transparency (minutes 4Feb22)
Budget WP 2023-24	ME, Mark R, Mike R, NAM	Apr 2023	Budget completed and approved by MSG in final WP 2023-24 MSG to define funding strategy. This subcommittee committed to work on both the priorities, the estimated budget of the work plan and the revised ToR for the Communication Specialist Firm.
Sub groups: Stakeholders engagement templates	GT ,PS, SJ RB,RA, TP Michiel R Mike R, BC, DH and Mark R	June 2023	Stakeholder engagement templates finished
Subgroup: Outcomes and impact templates	Rayah, Mike, Mark, Michiel, Berndette, Georgetine and Monique	June 2023	Outcomes and impact templates finished

MSG Terms of Reference and practices

4. Link(s) to publicly available MSG Terms of Reference and/or other documents containing the provisions of Requirement 1.4.b.

https://eitipuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ToR_MSG_EITI-SR.pdf

Date of approval was on 28 October, 2016

5. Date of MSG approval of its latest Terms of Reference or similar document containing the provisions under EITI Requirement 1.4.b.

<https://eitipuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Revised-ToR-MSG-EITISR.pdf>

Date of approval September 27th , 2023

6. MSG's policies and practices. Please fill out the table below.

Elements of MSG Terms of Reference (1.4.b)		
	Where is the policy documented? https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Revised-ToR-MSG-EITISR.pdf	During the reporting period, the MSG came to all decisions by consensus.
The role, responsibilities and rights of the MSG		
Definition of the role, responsibilities and rights of the MSG and its members.	MSG ToR 4.4. a,b Terms of the MSG and MSG members 5.2. a,e Term and tenure of Chair 5.3. a,b Responsibilities of Vice Chair 6.c,f,i,ii,iii,iv,v Responsibilities of the NC 7.2.Decision making 7.2.3 a,e,Voting	<i>[Have the roles, responsibilities and rights been respected in practice?]</i> Yes
Adherence to the EITI Association code of conduct, including addressing conflicts of interest.	4.5.e termination and resignation of MSG membership. 9.c Code of conduct and conflict of interest	<i>[Has the code of conduct been adhered to in practice? If conflicts of interest have emerged, how have these been addressed?]</i> Yes
Approval of work plans and oversight of implementation		
Approval of annual work plans.	MSG ToR 3.1.d.i. Responsibilities and functions of the MSG	The MSG approved the 2023/2024 workplan including the budget at its June 28 th 2023
Oversight of the EITI reporting process and engagement in Validation, including approval of Independent Administrator ToRs and EITI Reports.	3. Roles, rights and responsibilities of the MSG	Due to the part-time assignment of Secretariat staff during the majority of the reporting period The MSG has been fully engaged in oversight of EITI implementation. The MSG meets to approve the Inception report, the scope of the report and the final report. The MSG has approved three ToRs in the reporting period: 1. ToR for the hiring of an Independent Administrator for the preparation of its 3 rd report covering the fiscal years

		2018- 2020. This ToR was approved at the MSG's November 18th 2021 2. ToR for hiring of an Independent Administrator for the preparation of its 4th report on the fiscal years 2021 and 2022 . This ToR was approved at the MSG's meeting of May 3rd 2023. 3. ToR for the hiring of a Communication Consultancy to Support EITI implementation in Suriname for the period 2023-2024. This ToR was approved on June 28th and send to the SCSD PIU for approval by the Procurement Specialist.
Internal governance rules and procedures		
Inclusive decision-making process throughout implementation , with each constituency being treated as a partner and with the right to table issues.	ToR MSG 7.1.2.e frequency and notice	<i>[Have all MSG members been able to table issues for discussion in practice?]</i> Yes
Procedures for nominating and changing multi-stakeholder group representatives, incl. alternates.	ToR MSG 4.3 Nominations and qualifications	The Companies and Civil Society Constituencies have provided the MSG with the procedures for their nomination of representatives.
Decision-making procedures, e.g. rules for voting and quorum.	7.1.1 Quorum 7.2 Decision making 7.2.2 Consensus 7.2.3 Voting	Yes the decision making process has been followed. All decisions have been arrived at without the need for a vote in the review period.
Duration of the MSG's mandate	4.4 Terms of termination	Up till now it has been respected. On September 27th 2023, the MSG has voted on a comprehensive series of amendments to the ToR.

Per diems		From 2020 the MSG members did not receive per diems due to financial instability within the government. The per diem is SRD 1250 for the chairperson and SRD 1000 for the members. https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/RvM-537538.pdf https://eitisuriname.org/nieuws/instelling-nationale-commissie-suriname-eiti-multi-stakeholders-group/ https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/BESCHIKKING.pdf
Frequency of meetings	7.1.2 Frequency and notice	Because not all meetings were considered official due to lack of quorum, there were also some informal meetings, where decisions were taken via email afterwards.(2020-2022) 2021 17 meetings 2022 12 meetings 2023 10 meetings Regularly once a month. The ToR states that the MSG would meet once in the 2 months.
Advance notice of meetings and timely circulation of documents	7.1.2b Frequency and notice	In the agenda there is always a proposed date of a next meeting. At least a week before the MSG gets an advance notice with agenda via mail. Based on the documents and/or the content the MSG members receive the documents 1, 2 or 3 weeks before a meeting. In the google drive access as a commenter and sometimes as an editor is given to the MSG members so they can always view the documents at own pace.
Record-keeping	7.1.4 Record keeping	There are written records of the MSG meetings.
Other aspects covered in the ToR that the MSG wishes to highlight		
	Schedule 1 Decision Making Protocol for the EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Principles Annex Schedule 2 Process for a vote to remove a member of the MSG under paragraph 4.5 (g) of the Terms of Reference of the EITISR MSG.	Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 was added to the revised ToR on decisionmaking and process to remove a member of the MSG.

MSG meetings and minutes

7. Please provide the dates and a link to the published minutes of MSG meetings that have taken place in the period under review or provide any unpublished minutes as an attachment.

Minutes 2023

September 6th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/7.-Minutes-Meeting-2023-MSG-EITI-September-6th.pdf>

August 23rd <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/6.-Minutes-Meeting-2023-MSG-EITI-August-23rd-.pdf>

July 12th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/5.-Minutes-Meeting-2023-MSG-EITI-July-12th.pdf>

June 28th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/4.-Minutes-Meeting-2023-MSG-EITI-June-28th.pdf>

April 5th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/1.-Minutes-Meeting-2023-MSG-EITI-5th-april.pdf>

May 3rd <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2.-Minutes-Meeting-2023-MSG-EITI-May-3rd.docx.pdf>

May 17th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/3.-Minutes-Meeting-2023-MSG-EITI-May-17th.pdf>

Minutes 2022

January 7th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/1.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-JANUARY-7TH-2022.pdf>

January 21st <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-21-JANUARY-2022.pdf>

February 4th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/3.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-4-FEBRUARY-2022.pdf>

February 18th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/4.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-18-FEBRUARY-2022.pdf>

March 4th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/5.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-MARCH-4-2022.pdf>

March 25th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/6.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-MARCH-25-2022.pdf>

April 8th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/7.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-APRIL-8-2022-final.pdf>

April 22nd <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/8.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-APRIL-22-2022.pdf>

May 6th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/9.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-MAY-6-2022-v2.pdf>

May 20th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/10.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-MAY-20-2022.pdf>

July 15th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/12.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-JULY-15-2022.pdf>

July 29th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/13.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-JULY-29-2022.pdf>

Minutes 2021

February 5th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/1.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-5-FEBRUARY-2021.pdf>

February 19th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-19-FEBRUARY-2021.pdf>

March 12th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/3.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-12-MARCH-2021.pdf>

March 26th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/4.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-26-MARCH-2021.pdf>

April 16th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/5.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-16-APRIL-2021.pdf>

April 23rd <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/6.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-23-APRIL-2021.pdf>

May 7th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/7.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-7-MAY-2021-.pdf>

May 21nd <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/8.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-21-MAY-2021.pdf>

June 4th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/9.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-JUNE-4th-2021.pdf>

June 18th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/10.-MSG-Minutes-of-June-18th-2021.pdf>

July 18th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/11.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-JULY-16TH-2021.pdf>

October 8th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/12.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-OCTOBER-8TH-2021.pdf>

October 22nd <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/13.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-OCTOBER-22ND-2021.pdf>

November 5th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/14.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-NOVEMBER-5TH-2021.pdf>

November 19th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/15.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-NOVEMBER-19TH-2021.pdf>

December 3rd <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/16.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-DECEMBER-3RD-2021.pdf>

December 17th <https://eitisuriname.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/17.-MSG-MINUTES-OF-DECEMBER-17TH-2021.pdf>

MSG approval

8. Date of MSG approval of this submission.

September 27th 2023

Part II: Government engagement

The objective of this [requirement](#) is to ensure a full, active and effective government lead for EITI implementation, both in terms of high-level political leadership and operational engagement, as a means of facilitating all aspects of EITI implementation.

MSG's self assessment

Not applicable / Not met / Partly met / **Mostly met** / Fully met / Exceeded

[Justification:](#)

This questionnaire seeks to collect information from government MSG members about the engagement of the government in the EITI process from 2018-2020. Government MSG members are requested to fill out the form together and either submit it directly to the Validation team (disclosure@eiti.org) or request the National Coordinator to submit it. Government MSG members may also mandate the National Coordinator to fill out the questionnaire. The deadline for submitting the form to the Validation team is (insert Validation commencement date). It is recommended that government MSG members coordinate to agree one submission. Diverging views within the constituency can be documented in the form. The signatories of the submission should be indicated at the bottom of the form. Stakeholders may contact the Validation team directly to provide additional views.

1. Examples of statements or actions in support of the EITI and/or matters in the scope of the EITI Standard by high-level government representatives, such as ministers or the head of state.

<https://eitipuriname.org/nieuws/statement-minister-david-abiamofa/>

2. Name and position of senior individual leading implementation.

Mrs. Preciosa Simons, the Permanent Secretary Mining at the Ministry of Natural Resources.

3. Describe the process for nominating government MSG members, including whether consideration was given to ensuring the seniority and diversity of representation.

Agreed procedure for selecting government MSG members	Practice in the period under review
When a member resigns from the MSG another one is appointed by the Minister or Permanent Secretary of the respective Ministries. In the case of Natural Resources it is decided that the Permanent Secretary of Mining would be the Primary member in the MSG so that EITI implementation stays on track.	A letter was received from the Permanent Secretary of EZOTI to appoint Amit Chandansigh as a new member of the MSG by April 2023. The letter was received on July 25th 2023. A letter was received from the Ministry of Finance to appoint Sagita Jaggan and Georgetine Tjalim. The letter was received on November 2021. From the Ministry of Regional Development there were no new appointees in the period under review.

4. If any MSG representatives changed during the MSG's term, please describe the process followed for replacing them.

Agreed procedure for replacing government MSG members	Practice in the period under review
As soon as the Ministry will have to apply for extension of the MSG members, a letter will be sent from the Ministry of Natural Resources to all the participating organizations to ask whether they will appoint new members or the it will stay the same. The organization will answer and with those letters the Ministry of Natural Resources will ask the council of Ministers for an extension of the term of the MSG. If members are replaced it is mentioned in the same council proposal and also who will be the replacement.	This has not happened since 2020 that is why the per diems of the members was not paid in the period under review.

5. Government resources directed to EITI implementation in the period under review, such as staff and funding for work plan activities.

The EITI Independent Administrator is funded out of the Suriname Competitiveness and Sector Diversification Project which is implemented through loan resources of the Government with the World Bank.

The Staffing, housing and equipping of the Secretariat is now assigned funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources out of the Suriname national budget.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has included a budget for EITI in the National budget for fiscal year 2024. The draft national budget will be presented by the President to Parliament on September 29th.

6. Efforts undertaken by the government to ensure an enabling environment for company and CSO participation in the EITI and/or to remove any obstacles to EITI disclosures.

For disclosure of information with regard to mining revenues, the ministry of Natural Resources signed an MOU with the companies.

Liaison with the broader constituency

3. Describe the government constituency's structures, policies and practices for coordination on EITI matters.

Please provide supporting evidence. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Structures in place for liaison with the broader constituency, such as coordination groups	Policies and agreed procedures for liaison with the broader constituency	Practice in the period under review
The Ministries of NR, Finance and RD are working	https://www.emsags.org/media/3mknxoan/emsags_full-size-project-document-compressed.pdf https://nimos.org/en/portfolio/minamata-project/	The Ministry of Natural Resources works closely with EMSAGS to tackle especially small scale gold mining and arranging of

together with EMSAGS. NIMOS		meetings with stakeholders on revising the mining law, which needs to be updated to (inter)national standards. Ministry of NR and Finance participate in all these sessions to create awareness of the EITInitiative.
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**4. Have MSG members sought input from the broader constituency on the following documents.
If yes, how and did you receive input?**

- a) The latest EITI work plan, including priorities for EITI implementation
- b) The latest annual review of outcomes and impact

The government did not have input from the broader constituency in the period under review. The MSG had a lot of challenges such as the corona pandemic, the financial crisis and a National Secretariat with part time working Staff.

Use of data

5. Have government representatives contributed to communicating or using EITI data, including participation in outreach activities?

If yes, please provide examples with links to any supporting evidence, such as reports, speeches or news articles.

The government of Suriname is committed to improve governance and transparency of the extractive sector (<https://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2023/06/14/pr23210-suriname-imf-executive-board-concludes-second-review-of-the-eff-for-suriname>);

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKqwIOahJ3I>

<https://dagbladdewest.com/2023/09/22/eiti-trinidad-tobago-verzorgt-workshop-aan-stakeholders/>

<https://www.gfcnieuws.com/missie-eiti-international-bezoekt-suriname/>

https://cds.gov.sr/de-boodschap/eiti-trinidad-tobago-verzorgt-workshop-aan-stakeholders/?fbclid=IwAR3mVcXOIwPvM7j58OZwMOvsH6JzJ42d_T3CtWGzuRCjwHlRUgCko1lAVj4

<https://dwtonline.com/nh-organiseert-training-hoe-accurate-en-actuele-informatie-te-delen-over-natuurlijke-hulpbronnen/>

<https://keynews.sr/2023/09/22/eiti-trinidad-tobago-verzorgt-workshop-aan-stakeholders/>

<http://www.nieuws-suriname.nl/training-over-delen-accurate-en-actuele-informatie-natuurlijke-hulpbronnen/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xsA-nf8l3Q>

<https://www.srherald.com/suriname/2023/09/24/actoren-in-natuurlijke-hulpbronnen-worden-aangescherpt/>

<https://gov.sr/minister-abiamfo-ontvangt-EITISR-rapport-2018-2020/>

https://m.facebook.com/minnhsuriname/posts/1889374364497608/?locale=hi_IN

<https://www.facebook.com/minnhsuriname/posts/suriname-bereidt-zich-voor-op-eiti-validatiein-verband-met-de-opkomst-zijnde-eit/2396635893771450/>

<https://m.starnieuws.com/index.php/welcome/index/nieuwsitem/52886#:~:text=Het%20EITI%20Drapport%20is%20het,de%20aardolie%2D%20en%20mijnbouwsectoren%20vervat.>

<https://dagbladdewest.com/2019/05/29/transparantie-binnen-mijnbouwsector-nu-verplicht/>

Sign-off

Please include below the names and contact details of the MSG members from the government constituency who sign off on submitting the above information to the Validation team. Add rows as needed.

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Part III: Industry engagement

The objective of this [requirement](#) is to ensure that extractive companies are fully, actively and effectively engaged in the EITI, both in terms of disclosures and participation in the work of the multi-stakeholder group, and that the government ensures an enabling environment for this.

MSG's self assessment

Not applicable / Not met / Partly met / Mostly met / **Fully met** / Exceeded

Justification: Extractive companies participated in the working group on the workplan, signed the MOU on disclosing of information and disclosed the required information for the reporting period 2018 until 2020.

*This questionnaire seeks to collect information from industry MSG members about the engagement of oil, gas and mining companies in the EITI process from **2018** to **2022**. Industry MSG members are requested to fill out the form together and either submit it directly to the Validation team (disclosure@eiti.org) or request the National Coordinator to submit it. The deadline for submitting the form to the Validation team is (insert Validation commencement date). It is recommended that industry MSG members coordinate to agree one submission. Diverging views within the constituency can be documented in the form. The signatories of the submission should be indicated at the bottom of the form. Stakeholders may contact the Validation team directly to provide additional views.*

MSG nominations

1. Describe the process for nominating industry MSG members, including whether consideration was given to ensuring the diversity of representation.

Please provide supporting documentation related to the latest nomination process. This could include the invitation to participate in the MSG, a list of interested organisations or individuals, constituency ToRs, minutes of the election process, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Agreed procedure for selecting industry MSG members	Practice in the period under review
- Industry constituency members appointed by the Minister of Natural Resources on the advice of the MSG. - MSG adopted its own Terms of Reference for governance purposes. - The Suriname Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group (EITISR MSG) was	In December 2022 oil and gas companies adopted an open nomination and secret ballot (Please see attachments 003_Email_13 Dec 2022 MSG O&G Principal representative Suriname EITI and 004_Email 20 Dec 2022 RE_ MSG O&G Principal representative Suriname EITI), majority vote system to elect its representatives for the MSG's 2023 – 2026 term.

established by State Resolution on November 17, 2016 and is authorized to promulgate protocols, conduct business and reach decisions with respect to EITI implementation in Suriname. The MSG consist of 9 (nine) Principal Members, comprising a 3/3/3 split from Government, Civil Society and Companies who have equal voting rights in the decision making.	- The constituency of the mining companies within the MSG have a practice whereby one company assumes the lead for a certain set timeframe and the other serves as alternate in the MSG. Rosebel Gold Mines N.V. (“RGM”) served as lead from 2016 till 2019 while Newmont Suriname LL.C. (“NM”) served as Alternate. Currently, NM serves as lead while RGM serves as Alternate. - Regarding the Holders of Small – and Medium sized mining rights (SHMR) representation, this is per Terms and Conditions of the TOR. See attached letter to the National Secretariat from the Chair of SHMR.
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2. If any MSG representatives changed during the MSG’s term, please describe the process followed for replacing them.

Agreed procedure for replacing industry MSG members	Practice in the period under review
The constituency’s principal member notifies the Chair and National Coordinator, in writing about the constituency’s decision to change company representatives.	- Upon the resignation of Tullow as the alternate oil and gas companies representative in Q2 2021, a meeting was held among the EITI supporting companies and nominations sought for a successor. Shell’s representative was unanimously selected as alternate oil and gas companies representative. - In December 2022, nominations were sought by email from all the oil and gas companies operating in country for election to the roles of principal and alternate company representatives. Through a secret ballot process Shell and Staatsolie respectively received the majority of votes and as such, were duly elected principal and adopted an open duly elected as principal and alternate representatives for the MSG’s 2023 – 2026 term. - As noted in section 1 Currently, NM serves as lead while RGM serves as Alternate.

Liaison with the broader constituency

4. Describe the company constituency's structures, policies and practices for coordination on EITI matters.

Please provide supporting evidence, such as constituency ToRs, dates and minutes of constituency meetings, number of emails to mailing lists, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Structures in place for liaison with the broader constituency, such as industry associations	Policies and agreed procedures for liaison with the broader constituency	Practice in the period under review
- For oil and gas constituency: EITI activities and progress is discussed as a substantive agenda item at the annual industry meeting between the Regulator and all companies - The two major mining companies (Rosebel Gold Mines NV, Newmont LLC) having engagements when needed on EITI matters - For the mining constituency: Exploring utilizing the meetings of the (VSB) Suriname Trade and Industry association (mining section) to discuss mining matters	- For oil and gas constituency: Presentation at the annual companies meeting - For oil and gas constituency: Email updates when certain milestones have been reached or before data collection process will start for the reconciliation reports. Please attachments 001_ Email update_15 Feb 2022 Suriname EITI Revenue Transparency Report for fiscal years 2018 – 2022 – Impending request to companies; 002_ Email update_1 Mar 2022 RE_ Suriname EITI Revenue Transparency Report for fiscal years 2018 – 2022 – Impending request to companies; 002_ Email update_1 Mar 2022 RE_ Suriname EITI Revenue Transparency Report for fiscal years 2018 – 2022 – Impending request to companies; Suriname EITI Presentation to Staatsolie - June 2023_to MSG	- For oil and gas constituency: An updated presentation on the current status of EITI implementation and the impending publication of the EITISR's 2018 – 2020. Reconciliation report was made at the annual companies meeting with the Regulator in December 2022. Please see attachment Minutes and Actions from the 9th Annual Suriname Oil & Gas Forum_for EITISR - Minister of Natural Resources held a public launch for the EITISR Reconciliation Reports for fiscal years 2018 – 2020 on 9 June, 2023

4. Have MSG members sought input from the broader constituency on the following documents. If yes, how and did you receive input?

- a) The latest EITI work plan, including priorities for EITI implementation
- b) The latest annual review of outcomes and impact

Company constituency members have sought input from the broader constituency primarily through:

- Informal meetings on a one on one basis.
- Discussions at industry meetings.

Use of data

5. Have company representatives contributed to communicating or using EITI data, including participation in outreach activities?

If yes, please provide examples with links to any supporting evidence, such as reports, blogs or news articles.

Yes. Company representatives have contributed to communicating or using EITI data in their various sustainability reports and internal meetings including but not limited to:

1. Shell Tax Contribution Report (<https://reports.shell.com/tax-contribution-report/2020/>)
2. Equinor Payments to Governments Report <https://cdn.equinor.com/files/h61q9gi9/global/cd2172b3aba2b8480650f8ab14c66de706169cfb.pdf?2022-payments-to-governments-equinor.pdf>
3. [staatsolie-annual-report-2018.pdf](#)
4. <https://www.staatsolie.com/media/nyrjninx/staatsolie-annual-report-2019.pdf>
5. [Staatsolie – Suriname’s National Energy, Oil & Gas Company – 2020 Annual Report](#)
6. [Newmont Beyond the Mine Sustainability reports: Newmont Corporation - Beyond the Mine: Newmont Publishes 2018 Sustainability Report Newmont Corporation - Newmont Publishes 2019 Sustainability Report Newmont Corporation - Newmont Publishes 2020 Sustainability Report](#)

The following Newmont reports are enclosed as attachments:

- Suriname Gold Project C.V. – Financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019
- Suriname Gold Project C.V. – Financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

7. The following RGM (Rosebel Gold Mines) reports are enclosed as attachments:

- RGM Financial Statements 2018 -2020
- RGM Annual employee reporting 2018 - 2020

Articles and videos include:

- Articles:

[EITISR rapport 2018-2020 aan stakeholders gepresenteerd - Overheid van de Republiek Suriname \(gov.sr\)](#)

[EITISR rapport 2018-2020 aan stakeholders gepresenteerd - EITI Suriname](#)

[Minister Abiamfo ontvangt EITISR rapport 2018-2020 - Overheid van de Republiek Suriname \(gov.sr\)](#)

- News paper articles:

[De West - LAATSTE RAPPORT EITI TOT 2020 - DE WEST \(dagbladdewest.com\)](#)

[De West - PUBLICATIE EITI-RAPPORT SURINAME? - DE WEST \(dagbladdewest.com\)](#)

Obstacles to participation

6. If company representatives have experienced any obstacles to participation in the EITI, please describe and specify these obstacles below or convey your concerns directly to the Validation team (disclosure@eiti.org) by the commencement of the Validation. Please provide supporting evidence if available. Requests for confidentiality will be respected.

Company representatives were free to express/share their candid opinions on matters of EITI implementation and encountered no obstacles to participation in the EITI based on a Memorandum of Understanding that was signed by all companies.

Sign-off

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Part IV: Civil society engagement

The objective of this [requirement](#) is to ensure that civil society is fully, actively and effectively engaged in the EITI process, and that there is an enabling environment for this. The active participation of civil society in the EITI process is key to ensuring that the transparency created by the EITI can lead to greater accountability and improved governance of oil, gas and mineral resources. The provisions related to civil society engagement seek to establish the conditions that permit this to occur over time.

MSG's self assessment

Not applicable / Not met / Partly met / **Mostly met** / Fully met / Exceeded

[Justification:](#)

This questionnaire seeks to collect information from civil society MSG members about the engagement of civil society in the EITI process from 2018 to 2020. Civil society MSG members are requested to fill out the form together and either submit it directly to the Validation team (disclosure@eiti.org) or request the National Coordinator to submit it. The deadline for submitting the form to the Validation team is (insert Validation commencement date). It is recommended that civil society MSG members coordinate to agree one submission. Diverging views within the constituency can be documented in the form. The signatories of the submission should be indicated at the bottom of the form. Stakeholders may contact the Validation team directly to provide additional views.

MSG nominations

1. Describe the process for nominating civil society MSG members, including whether consideration was given to ensuring the diversity of representation.

Please provide supporting documentation related to the latest nomination process. This could include the invitation to participate in the MSG, a list of interested organisations or individuals, constituency ToRs, minutes of the election process, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Agreed procedure for replacing civil society MSG members	Practice in the period under review
Although a common profile and criteria have been formulated for CS members, the various CS constituency seats have separate procedures: - A. There are 2 members (primary and alternate) for indigenous and tribal peoples organisations. The nomination of representatives is done by the	There was only 1 replacement completed in the period under review, on behalf of KAMPOS. This followed the agreed upon procedure. In September 2023, an open call for nominations will be launched for group C, according to the agreed upon procedure.

Association of Indigenous Village Leaders and KAMPOS respectively, according to their own internal procedures. Each candidate member has to fill in a nomination form, and sign a declaration of consent. - B. There is 1 member on behalf of the workers unions' in the extractives sectors. They also propose a joint nomination based on their own internal procedures. C. For the 3 other seats (2 primary and 1 alternate), a call for nominations is disseminated via e-mail to a wide variety of CSO's with the request to share and forward. Two independent evaluators (usually individual consultants with no alliances with organizations or industry) are tasked with the screening and scoring of all submitted nominations according to the profile and criteria. Their proposed selection of members is then submitted again to the mailing list via e-mail for approval.	
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2. If any MSG representatives changed during the MSG's term, please describe the process followed for replacing them.

Agreed procedure for replacing civil society MSG members	Practice in the period under review
The agreed upon procedure remains unchanged; the profiles and criteria were revisited and minor adjustments were made.	There was only 1 replacement completed in the period under review, on behalf of KAMPOS. This followed the agreed upon procedure. In September 2023, an open call for nominations will be launched for group C, according to the agreed upon procedure.

Liaison with the broader constituency

3. Describe the civil society constituency's structures, policies and practices for coordination on EITI matters.

Please provide supporting evidence, such as constituency ToRs, dates and minutes of constituency meetings, number of emails to mailing lists, etc. If the evidence is available online, please provide a link. If it is not, please annex the evidence to this questionnaire.

Structures in place for liaison with the broader constituency, such as networks	Policies and agreed procedures for liaison with the broader constituency	Practice in the period under review
- KAMPOS: the MSG representative reports to the Office of KAMPOS. This is on an incidental basis, in meetings and via whatsapp. There are no minutes of these meetings. The MSG-representative held a presentation for the members of KAMPOS on 12th of July 2022, the meeting link is attached. https://zoom.us/j/91512927049?pwd=dVJKaXZORC9uQ2JsTEx0RkRvd2pqZz09. A meeting will be held in September 2023. - VIDS: MSG-representative reports to Bureau of the VIDS. This is on an incidental basis, based on the agenda of the Bureau director and staff. The briefings are conducted face-to-face, but there are no minutes of the meetings. Structured outreach and information sharing with the Association of Indigenous Village Leaders remains a challenge. - Trade unions: the MSG-representative briefs the chairs of C-47 and SWOS on an incidental basis, in face-to-face meetings. He also forwards relevant documents, links (e.g. to the EITI website), and Calls for Inputs. In practice, the trade unions indicate that they entrust all relevant decisions regarding reporting of labor issues to the MSG-representative, without the need for constant supervision. Interactive communication remains a challenge. General CS representatives have a formal mailing list of CSO's that updates should be sent to regularly. Since the start of Covid and afterwards, these updates have not been shared with the mailing list. On August 30th, a new update (incl. the last report) will be sent to the mailing list for feedback / input. Additionally, on incidental basis, input is asked of individual civil society members on EITI-related issues, e.g. environment, ITP-rights.		<i>[Please describe how the constituency coordinated on EITI matters in the period under review, including a description of actors engaged.]</i>

4. Have MSG members sought input from the broader constituency on the following documents. If yes, how and did you receive input?

- a) The latest EITI work plan, including priorities for EITI implementation
- b) The latest annual review of outcomes and impact

Not yet (planned for October 2023).

Use of data

5. Have civil society representatives contributed to communicating or using EITI data, including participation in outreach activities or use of EITI data in advocacy and campaigns?

If yes, please provide examples with links to any supporting evidence, such as reports, blogs or news articles.

In the past years, numerous attempts were made to organize structured outreach from the MSG/Secretariat, by hiring of consultants etc. CS was counting on these external consultants to work together with us for outreach and communication of EITI data to our broader constituencies and the general public.

- Although we participate in the MSG and have knowledge of the subject matter, we lack the resources and the capacity to design and implement broad awareness campaigns on such complex technical issues. Obstacles to communication and liaison with the broader constituencies: There is significant brain drain in civil society, leading to a smaller group of people with the time, capacity and technical knowledge to contribute and/or provide input in EITI processes
- Because of other more urgent problems in e.g. indigenous and maroon communities (in combination with the relative lack of general awareness and knowledge of EITI), the issue is not usually considered a priority for provision of input. There is also a general distrust of government and the extractives sector in general. Communities have participated in so many workshops etc, but still see no clear benefits or improvements in the situation.
- <https://www.srherald.com/suriname/2022/04/21/begrip-en-onbegrip-bij-wateroverlast-brokopondo/>
- https://www.google.com/search?q=wateroverlast+brokopondo&rlz=1C1GCEU_enSR923SR923&oq=wateroverlast+brokopondo&aqs=chrome..69i57.14688j0j9&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:b628b484,vid:HU1h4Dkr66M
- <https://www.waterkant.net/suriname/2022/04/25/duurzame-oplossing-wateroverlast-brokopondo-noodzakelijk/>
- <https://dwtonline.com/bewoners-brokopondo-in-de-startblokken-voor-actievoering/>

- <https://dwtonline.com/wegbarricades-uit-onvrede-over-werkwijze-iamgold-en-staatsolie/>
- <https://prezi.com/p/ecojqy-nxogf/goudwinning-suriname/>
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- <https://nos.nl/l/2476103>
- <https://surinamenieuwscentrale.com/inheemsen-dienen-petitie-bij-de-nederlandse-ambassade>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKgY-yWzBZ8>
- <https://stvs.sr/inheemsen-dienen-petitie-in-over-grondenrechten-vraagstuk/>
- Because of the delayed nature of the EITI reports, it is difficult to generate interest and discussion on data that is (at that time) 2 – 3 years old. That is why we push for more systematic disclosure.

Obstacles to participation

6. If civil society representatives have experienced any obstacles to participation in the EITI, including the use of publicly available extractive sector data, please describe and specify these obstacles below or convey your concerns directly to the Validation team (disclosure@eiti.org) by the commencement of the Validation.

The [EITI's civil society protocol](#) requires that the government ensures an enabling environment for civil society engagement in the EITI. Any concerns related to potential breaches of the protocol should be accompanied with a description of the related incident, including its timing, actors involved and the link to the EITI process. If available, supporting documentation should be provided. Requests for confidentiality will be respected.

For purposes of Validation, 'civil society representatives' refer to civil society representatives who are substantively involved in the EITI process, including but not limited to members of the multi-stakeholder group. The 'EITI process' refers to activities related to preparing for EITI sign-up; MSG meetings; CSO constituency side-meetings on EITI, including interactions with MSG representatives; producing EITI Reports; producing materials or conducting analysis on EITI Reports; expressing views related to EITI activities; and expressing views related to natural resource governance.

Provision of the EITI civil society protocol	Potential breach identified in the period under review and accompanying evidence
2.1 Expression: Civil society representatives are able to engage in public debate related to the EITI process and express opinions about the EITI process without restraint, coercion or reprisal.	none

2.2 Operation: Civil society representatives are able to operate freely in relation to the EITI process.	none
2.3 Association: Civil society representatives are able to communicate and cooperate with each other regarding the EITI process.	none
2.4 Engagement: Civil society representatives are able to be fully, actively and effectively engaged in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the EITI process.	Although CS is able to be engaged fully and actively, this engagement is not always effective to a lack of continuity and capacity in subsequent national secretariats. We also feel that there is a lack of clear understanding of the division of roles and responsibilities between the Secretariat, the MSG and the Ministry of Natural Resources: in practice it often seems that the Secretariat reports to the Ministry instead of to the MSG.
2.5 Access to public decision-making: Civil society representatives are able to speak freely on transparency and natural resource governance issues, and ensure that the EITI contributes to public debate.	There had been no repression or coercion, but as mentioned above, capacity and other constraints hamper our ability to ensure that EITI contributes to public debate.

Sign-off

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List of stakeholders suggested by the MSG for consultations regarding EITI implementation during Validation

The MSG is required to provide a list of different stakeholders whose opinions would enrich the Validation procedure. The list should include stakeholders outside the MSG from different constituencies: government, industry and civil society. This list will be an important input for the Validation team to prepare and programme consultations. The data will be processed according to GDPR regulations.

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For Validation team's use: Guiding questions for consultations on stakeholder engagement

- What are the key strengths of the constituency's engagement in the EITI?
- Obstacles or barriers to participation in the EITI, including related to any of the provisions of the civil society protocol?
- Did actors from other constituencies attempt to influence the MSG nomination process or constituency coordination?
- What are the constituency's (or organisation's) priorities for EITI?
- To what extent are the constituency's or organisation's priorities reflected in EITI implementation?
- Are other constituencies fully, actively and effectively engaged in EITI implementation?
- Any other remarks, including commentary on the MSG's functioning.
- For stakeholders not on the MSG: Commentary on opportunities to provide input to the MSG's work or agenda. Commentary on the representativeness of constituency MSG members, possible conflicts of interest and the openness of the MSG nomination process.
- Context-specific questions arising from the written input to clarify or seek further information.

For Validation team's use: Template for "Call for views on stakeholder engagement"

Call for views on progress in EITI implementation in [country]

[Summary of status of implementation, including the commencement date of Validation and the outcome of the previous Validation,]

The EITI International Secretariat is seeking stakeholder views on [Country's] progress in implementing the EITI Standard between [period under review]. Stakeholders are requested to send views to [contacts of Validation team members] by [Validation commencement date].

The EITI Standard requires that the government, extractive companies and civil society are fully, actively and effectively engaged in EITI implementation. The Secretariat is seeking views on the following questions:

1. Are the government, extractive companies and civil society fully, actively and effectively engaged in EITI implementation?
2. Are there any obstacles or barriers to the participation of any of these constituencies or their sub-groups in EITI implementation?

Civil society engagement in the EITI will be assessed in accordance with EITI Protocol: Participation of civil society. Stakeholders are requested to provide input on [Country's] adherence with the protocol.

Any concerns related to potential breaches of the protocol should be accompanied with a description of the related incident, including its timing, actors involved and the link to the EITI process. If available, supporting documentation should be provided. Stakeholders may also indicate which provision of the civil society protocol they consider the breach(es) to relate to. Responses will be anonymised and be kept confidential.

The Secretariat is seeking views on the following questions related to civil society engagement:

3. Are civil society organisations able to engage in public debate related to the EITI process and express opinions about the EITI process without restraint, coercion or reprisal?
4. Are civil society representatives able to operate freely in relation to the EITI process?
5. Are civil society representatives able to communicate and cooperate with each other regarding the EITI process?
6. Are civil society representatives able to be fully, actively and effectively engaged in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the EITI process?
7. Are civil society representatives able to speak freely on transparency and natural resource governance issues, and ensure that the EITI contributes to public debate?

For purposes of the protocol, ‘civil society representatives’ refer to civil society representatives who are substantively involved in the EITI process, including but not limited to members of the multi-stakeholder group. The ‘EITI process’ refers to activities related to preparing for EITI sign-up; MSG meetings; CSO constituency side-meetings on EITI, including interactions with MSG representatives; producing EITI Reports; producing materials or conducting analysis on EITI Reports; expressing views related to EITI activities; and expressing views related to natural resource governance.