



MSG meeting 2024 # 1

Meeting Room Ministry of Natural Resources/ Zoom Room

January 24th 2024

13.20- hrs. – 14.43 hrs.

MINUTES

Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

MULTI STAKE HOLDERS GROUP

SURINAME

Certification of quorum:

Apologies were noted from:

Daniela Herkul

Sagita Jaggan

Suraksha Hirasingh

Preciosa Simons

Michiel Raafenberg

Monique Essed- Fernandes

Present	Absent without notice
<u>GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES</u> Georgetine Tjalim Henk Deel Vikaash Soerdjbalisingh	<u>COMPANIES</u> Kathleen Blom
<u>COMPANIES</u> Mark Regis (Zoom) Mike Resomardono (Zoom) Bernadette Cederboom (Zoom)	<u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u> Roy Caupain Tosca Pinas
<u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u> Rayah Bhattacharji Rene Artist	
<u>SECRETARIAT</u> Novella Alcantra – Majana Jenusah Sanné Ellesca Helderberg	

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AGENDA Meeting 24th January 2024

1. Opening remarks
Certification of quorum
2. Announcements and correspondences
3. Minutes November 15th 2023
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Approval
 - c. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Minutes December 6th 2023
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Approval
 - c. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Evaluation year 2023 and planning 2024
6. Any other business
7. Adjournment

Proposed date for next MSG meeting: TBD

1. Opening remarks

Certification of quorum

Rayah started the meeting at 13.20 due to technical issues and awaiting quorum.

Rayah welcomed the members to the first meeting this year.

2. Announcements and correspondences

- The National Coordinator wished everyone a happy new year and welcomed the members to the first MSG meeting in 2024.
- On the 29th of December the extension letter for report 2021/2022 was sent to mr. Mark Robinson. Confirmation of that the letter was received and the letter will be dealt with in February at the Board meeting in Toronto.
- The project manager Clyde of the SCSD project announced in December that SCSD would likely sign with BDO between the 15th and 20th of January 2024. It has not happened yet since they are still awaiting approval from the Word Bank.
- Invitation received to a presentation of the outcome of mapping studies from Projekta. The topics of the two mapping studies were:
 1. An examination of the gaps in our legal framework and
 2. An investigation into the gaps in capacity building programs of the Government and other institutes (which capacity building programs have been planned or implemented, what has not yet been addressed or planned. This presentation was held yesterday).The results of these studies provide an overview of the current situation and what is needed to address the current backlog in the legal framework and government capacity. This presentation was held yesterday.
- The secretariat started a series of training sessions donated by Shell companies. The Finance session is completed and ongoing are Project Management and Project Writing on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- On the 26th of January, that is this coming Friday, there will be an acquaintance meeting with mr. Valdez and Mrs. Chandoe from the American Embassy about the progress of EITI in Suriname and the way forward. MSG members who wish to join this meeting can send an app or email. It will be a physical meeting. The time and place are not confirmed yet. This information will be shared as soon as this is shared with the secretariat.

3. Minutes November 15th, 2023

- a. Discussion
- b. Approval
- c. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no comments and the minutes were approved by the members present.

4. Minutes December 06th, 2023

- a. Discussion
- b. Approval
- c. Matters arising from the Minutes

Georgetine asked the Secretariat to send the extension letter that was signed by the Minister of Natural Resources and the representatives of the three constituencies to the MSG members.

The minutes were approved by the members present.

5. Evaluation year 2023 and planning for 2024

Several members highlighted the following:

Georgetine:

- The TOR MSG was updated last year.
- Events that MSG members could attend, attend as much as possible.
- Work plan finalized.
- The mining law was presented.
- The reports were submitted.
- Last year was a challenge.

Rene:

- Milestones that were highlighted by Georgetine.
- Reaching deadlines are one of the challenges.
- Go to the communities to communicate what we as MSG do, for example the Pikin Saron case.
- Additional work towards the communities 2024 planning.
- Mennonites case.

Henk:

- There is a lot to do.
- Important is to get the communities involved.
- The reports standards need to be communicated to the communities.

Vikaash:

- As a new member was not able to get all the info but will be actively involved this new year by reading more and participating in EITI activities.

Novella:

- I got all the help I needed from the MSG members, EITI, and Estaban and team.
- Late hours with the help from Estaban and some MSG members to fill out the templates.
- It was a lot at one time, it was a fast-learning year with a lot of activities
- Conclusion read every day.
- We have no office equipment and that is one of our challenges to get the work done on time but we manage a lot because we are motivated.
- To make fewer mistakes, please stick to the deadlines.
- The goal for 2024 is to stick to our deadlines, we can do better.
- Thanked everyone for their contribution in the previous year.

Mike:

- Thanked the Secretariat for the contribution in the past year which was a challenging one.
- There is no need to rush to change current members since all MSG members office terms were extended from 2023 to 2026 as part of the revision of the MSG ToR.

Rayah:

- To grow and develop EITI with all partners involved
- We can do better than last year
- Thanked the Secretariat for a great job done in the past year

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6. Adjournment

Rayah thanked all the members for their contribution and invited them to the next meeting which will be an online meeting. She announced that the Secretariat will make a poll in the WhatsApp group so the members can vote on which of the two days, February 7th or February 14th 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 14.43 hrs.

After the meeting there was a drink and snacks and the members present received a small token of appreciation from the Secretariat.

See actions points on next page!!!

Action points Meeting January 24th 2024

No	Action points	Responsible	Remarks	Status
1.	Make a rotating chairing schedule for 1 st half of 2024	Private Sector Constituency	Members to provide list before the next meeting	Ongoing
2.	Draft an open data template for EITI Suriname	Mark	Mark is still busy working on this	Ongoing
3.	Signed extension letter to the MSG	National Secretariat	Georgetine asked this to be sent to the members	Completed Secretariat send this to the MSG members
4.	Final approved workplan 2023/2024 to the MSG	National Secretariat	Rayah asked for the final draft	Completed Secretariat send this to the MSG members
5.	Make a poll in the WhatsApp group to vote for February 7 th or February 14 th for the next MSG meeting	National Secretariat	Rayah suggested this to know who will be available on which day	Completed. Poll was made. There was quorum to meet on February 7 th .

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