

MSG meeting 2023#10

Teams Meeting

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

13.00- hrs. – 14.35 hrs.

# MINUTES

## Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

### MULTI STAKE HOLDERS GROUP

### SURINAME

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**Certification of quorum:**

Apologies were noted from:

Mike Resomardono

Monique Essed-Fernandes

Jenusah Sanné

Present	Absent without notice
<b><u>GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES</u></b> Georgetine Tjalim Henk Deel Sagita Jaggan	<b><u>GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES</u></b> Preciosa Simons Vikaash Soerdjbalisingh
<b><u>COMPANIES</u></b> Mark Regis Michiel Raafenberg Bernadette Cederboom Daniela Herkul	<b><u>COMPANIES</u></b> Kathleen Blom
<b><u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u></b> Rayah Bhattacharji Tosca Pinas Rene Artist <b><u>GUESTS FROM GRASSALCO</u></b> Vanessa Breidel ( Internal Audit) Adriaan Asodanoe ( Production)	<b><u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u></b> Roy Caupain
<b><u>SECRETARIAT</u></b> Novella Alcantra – Majana	<b><u>SECRETARIAT</u></b> Clyde Griffith

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## **AGENDA Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

1. Opening remarks  
Certification of quorum
2. Announcements and correspondences
3. Discussion and approval of the validation reporting templates:
  - a. Stakeholder engagement template
  - b. Outcomes and Impact template
  - c. Transparency template
  - d. Summary Data Templates 2018,2019 and 2020
4. Minutes August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023
  - a. Discussion
  - b. Approval
  - c. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Minutes September 6<sup>th</sup> 2023
  - a. Discussion
  - b. Approval
  - c. Matters arising from the minutes
6. Revised ToR MSG
  - a. Discussion
  - b. Approval
7. Discussion and approval of list on suggested actions before validation.
8. Decision regarding request from the World Bank Procurement Officer for support for sole selection of BDO

9. Review of letter from the EITI Executive Director and decision on validation timeline.

10. Any other business

11. Adjournment

**Proposed date for next MSG meeting: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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## **1. Opening remarks**

Certification of quorum

Michiel started the meeting at 13.10 hrs and at 14.10 there was quorum.

Bernadette took over for a while when Michiel had to step away for some minutes.

## **2. Announcements and correspondences**

Correspondences:

- A letter received from the Minister of Economic Affairs that Mr. Amit Chandansigh is replaced by Ms. Suraksha Hirasing, Acting Director Economic Affairs. The secretariat send her an invitation for this meeting and also an invitation to join the Whatsapp group of the MSG.
- A letter received from Mark Robinson, Executive Director, about the transition to the new standard of 2023. In this letter is stated that countries are encouraged to update their work plans under requirement 5.1. National Multi-Stakeholder Groups (MSGs) are also urged to accelerate systematic disclosure and adopt cost effective quality assurance mechanisms for EITI data. In the case of Suriname, there have been no changes and the commencement of the next Validation continues to be 1 October 2023.
- Save date: Following up on the launch of the EITI Standard 2023, the EITI International Secretariat invites you to participate in a regional training on the changes to the EITI Standard. The detailed agenda for the meeting will be shared shortly. \* Date: Thursday, 26 October \* Time: 15:00 to 16:30 (CEST) \* Link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIufu-urTsiH9fluvGPr1j7BNtxrH\\_8KWS](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIufu-urTsiH9fluvGPr1j7BNtxrH_8KWS)

Announcements:

- The National Secretariat had a very successful time with the TTEITI team. The workshop on Wednesday went great. We had 90 participants and members of all constituencies were present. 11 members.

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Rene, Monique, Kathleen, Michiel, Bernadette, Daniela, Vikaash, Preciosa, Georgetine, Henk, Sagitta.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day we had the former Administrative Assistant of the MSG Nancy, 7 people from the GMD, 1 Staff member of the Finance Department of Natural Resources and Sebastian del Hoyo from the IaDB and of course the members of the TTEITI.

The Power point presentations of those 2 days will be shared when received from the Trinidad team.

- BDO asked kindly to give them time to finish the document. They have asked information from different stakeholders but not all of them have replied to their questions. The revised report 2018-2020 and the tables in the report will be shared with us at the latest on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Michiel welcomed Grassalco Staff in the meeting today. These 2 Staff members came to observe the meeting and announced that Grassalco is willing to work on information sharing but they need time to do so. At this point Grassalco can only observe and have no answers yet to the comments mentioned in the templates.

### **3. Discussion and approval of the validation reporting templates:**

- a. Stakeholder engagement template
- b. Outcomes and Impact template
- c. Transparency template
- d. Summary Data Templates 2018,2019 and 2020

Since the templates have been discussed various times, they were not discussed in the meeting.

*The above mentioned templates were approved by the MSG members present but the MSG members still had a chance to send additional information they wanted to share with the National Secretariat until September 28<sup>th</sup> at 15.00 hrs.*

### **4. Minutes August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

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

*Minutes of August 23<sup>rd</sup> were approved after some corrections from Sagita.*

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The corrections were:  
SCSD instead of SCDS  
EMSAGS instead of EMSASGS  
Sagita instead of Sagitta

## **5. Minutes September 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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

***The MSG members did not have comments on the minutes of September 6<sup>th</sup> and they were approved by the members present.***

## **6. Revised ToR MSG**

- a. Discussion
- b. Approval

***The amended ToR of the MSG were approved by the MSG members present.***

- 7. Discussion and approval of list on suggested actions before validation.

***The MSG did not have additional information to share and approved of the list of suggested actions. This will also be sent to the validation team as an underlying document to the templates.***

## **8. Decision regarding request from the World Bank Procurement Officer for support for sole selection of BDO.**

Some of the members had concerns whether BDO should be hired again because a lot of deadlines have been missed, documents from the companies shared with BDO not put on the portal etc. and also that the pre validation team had so many comments on the 2018 – 2020 report.

The pro and contra of starting a new procurement have been discussed and the MSG decided to go through with the direct selection of BDO for report 2021- 2022.

The MSG knows that the deadline probably will be missed but by going through a new procuring process will let Suriname miss the next deadline as well-meaning an immediate suspension and for a longer time. The MSG weighed the consequences of a possible suspension consciously and chose

the alternative option. The MSG will continue with BDO on the next report but in a different way and monitor the results and have a much closer quality monitoring of the process So the MSG and the Secretariat will work along with BDO and keep a closer eye this time. They were allowed a free hand because they had the experience, but they seem to be operating more like somebody who's doing the exercise for the first time.

**9. Review of letter from the EITI Executive Director and decision on validation timeline.**

This issue was cleared before this meeting. The MSG thought that an extension of the validation was possible but it was not. It was a misread in the letter sent by Mark Robinson to Suriname.

**10. Any other business**

- Tosca will be out of the country and be back on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.
- Grassalco will still work on the presentation and will keep contact with the secretariat.

**11. Adjournment**

Michiel thanked Bernadette for chairing when he was called away by his General Manager for a brief moment and adjourned the meeting at 14.35 hrs.



## Action points

### Action points Meeting September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

No	Action points	Responsible	Remarks	Status	Target date
1.	Comment on the templates : 1. Stakeholder Engagement. 2. Outcomes and impacts 3. Summary Data 4. Transparency	MSG	Individual members to send additional information on the templates	Completed	28.09.23 15.00 hrs.
2.	Submit to the validation team: 1. Stakeholder Engagement. 2. Outcomes and impacts 3. Summary Data 4. Transparency Templates 5. Gap Analysis 6. Underlying documents	Nat.Secr.	Received additional info from Mark Bernadette Sagita Georgetine Michiel	Completed	29.09.23
3.	Submit on the website All the templates Revised ToR	Nat.Secr	Templates and revised ToR can be viewed on the website	Completed	01.10.23
4.	Agree upon an open data policy.	MSG	If the government of Suriname does not have one, the EITI can agree on some principles to make all its information open access	Pending	
5.	Ask procurement officer SCSD PIU how to go about amendments for BDO ToR	Nat.Secr.	Invited to the MSG meeting of October 11 <sup>th</sup>		

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