

MSG meeting 2024 # 3

Teams

March 6th, 2024

13.00- hrs. – 14.48 hrs.

Chair: Michiel Raafenberg

MINUTES

Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

MULTI STAKE HOLDERS GROUP

SURINAME

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Certification of quorum:

Apologies were noted from:

Preciosa Simons

Tosca Pinas

Rene Artist

Present	Absent without notice
Georgetine Tjalim Henk Deel Sagita Jaggan <u>COMPANIES</u> Mark Regis Mike Resomardono Bernadette Cederboom Michiel Raafenberg Daniela Herkul Vanessa Breidel Kathleen Blom <u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u> Monique Essed- Fernandes Rayah Bhattacharji <u>SECRETARIAT</u> Novella Alcantra – Majana Jenusah Sanné Varsha Jhagroe	<u>GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES</u> Vikaash Soerdjbalisingh Suraksha Hirasingh <u>COMPANIES</u> Adriaan Asodanoe <u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u> Roy Caupain

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AGENDA

1. Opening remarks
Certification of quorum
2. Announcements and correspondences
3. Minutes January 24th 2024
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Approval
 - c. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Minutes February 7th 2024
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Approval
 - c. Matters arising from the minutes
5. National Secretariat Funding 2024
6. Planning validation assessment workshop
7. Any other business
8. Adjournment

Upcoming events:

March 14th:

*Implementing the EITI standard 2023(How to add the new requirements to the work plan?
What to prioritize?*

Proposed date for next MSG meeting: April 03rd 2024

1. Opening remarks

Certification of quorum

Michiel welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 13.05 hrs. There was quorum at 13.10 hrs.

2. Announcements and correspondences

Correspondences:

- ✓ A letter from the Managing Director of Grassalco was received in which he appointed two staff members to participate in the MSG on behalf of Grassalco. Mrs Breidel and Mr Asodanoe whom have participated in some of the meetings last year.
- ✓ A suspension letter was received from EITI International. Suriname is suspended for not reaching the deadline of December to produce the 2021 report. The letter will be shared with the MSG.
- ✓ Invoice received for contribution for year 2024.

Announcements:

- ✓ Varsha was introduced to the MSG. She is the technical officer at the secretariat and motivated to work together in achieving EITI Suriname goals.
- ✓ No date from EITI International yet on 6.2 implementing countries must include disclosures from SOEs on their quasi-fiscal expenditures. This is because of the preparation for the board meeting during the PDAC Conference in Canada. The members are occupied till the 8th of March. Also Esteban was promoted to Regional Director and our country lead now is Jessica Buendia. A meeting will be set up after March 8 with Jessica.
- ✓ On February 19th the National Coordinator participated in the 1st National Coordinators meeting in 2024. Key points were :
 - Outstanding contribution to EITI International (the proposal was made up for years 2022/2023 and will be discussed in the council of ministers. When the Ministry of Natural Resources has approval and authorization we will be needing the MSG members from Finance to help us see this payment through.

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- The ToR for hiring an Independent Administrator was discussed in the Board Meeting in Toronto. A template on what needs to be in ToR will be developed and shared with the implementing countries. There soon will be a next coordinators meeting in which the outcomes of the board meeting will be shared.
- A question for the MSG is which are the most significant priorities for the EITI where can EITI create most impact and how?
- ✓ EITI Suriname participated in the workshop mining impacts calculator. The mining impact tool is an economic tool to measure the economic impact of the social and environmental damage caused by gold mining. The objective was to introduce this tool to key stakeholders in Suriname, raise awareness and encourage its adaptation to the Surinamese context, also to gather information and comments for its possible application and strengthen cooperative efforts to address the primary challenges associated with artisanal and small scale mining operations. The participants did some exercises in groups on how the goldmining depends on and/or impacts for example the water quality or water quantity, timber production and none timber forest products and practiced a bit in the mining calculator. Suriname does not have the tool yet but it is in the planning. The National Secretariat was present and also the MSG members Georgetine, Rayah and Rene. The National Coordinator thanked Monique for sharing this invitation because this tool can also be used to promote transparency.
- ✓ In May there will be a regional Conference in Guyana. Hopefully, a lot of members get the chance to participate, since it will be held in our neighboring country. The specific details will be discussed as soon as more information is shared with the secretariat.
- ✓ In the last meeting the MSG members proposed a workshop to be held at the end of March. In agenda point 6 this will be discussed.

3. Minutes January 24th 2024

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The minutes were approved since there were no comments on these.

4. Minutes February 7th 2024

- a. Discussion
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The minutes were approved after the action points were discussed. The MSG members still have the chance to give comments on these minutes if they feel the need to it.

No	Action points	Responsible	Remarks	Status
1.	Draft an open data policy for EITI Suriname	Mark	Mark is still busy working on this	In progress
2.	Validation assessment workshop	MSG to discuss the date and specifics of the workshop.	Will be discussed agenda point 6	Pending
3.	Development of the secretariat functions	National Secretariat	Functions needs to be sanctioned by the Ministry of Internal Affairs	In progress
4.	National Secretariat Funding	MSG/NS	Will be discussed agenda point 5	Pending
5.	MSG is required to have a functional work plan fully costed	MSG	Seek funding at World Bank or other organizations for activities 2024/2025	Pending
6.	Procurement of an Independent Administrator for EITI report 2021/2022	SCSD PIU	2 nd half of March Signing with BDO April 1 st : Start date EITI report 2021/2022.	In progress:
7.	Procurement of a Specialist firm	SCSD PIU	SCSD Coordinator Clyde commented on this as follows: The PIU will first make a communication strategy with clear deliverables and	Pending

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			the consultant will be asked to guide these actions.	
8.	Develop a draft communication and engagement presentation.	Private Sector	The private sector will have the presentation ready by the next MSG meeting in April.	In Progress
9.	Define the scope of what should be disclosed from the contracts and license documents.	MSG/Private Sector	Private companies to share/disclose this information on their websites. EITI Suriname can share information (a link to the companies' websites)	Pending
10.	Contract an EITI consultant to develop systematic disclosure road maps.	MSG	Through IDB seek grants to fund this activity.	Pending
11.	Provide a list of active mining licenses	Vikaash		Pending
12.	Workgroup to assemble and publish information online publicly Maximizing public education and outreach	Mark Mike Monique Vikaash Specialist Firm	Workgroup formed. Workgroup will oversee the publication of information online, on time and provide the companies with all information concerning this.	Completed Pending
13.	Define the modes or means of public access (the platform in which contracts will be disclosed	Mark Mike Monique Vikaash	Website with the licenses was taken down. Vikaash to give an update on March 6 th .	Pending
14.	Status of the modernization of the cadaster.	SCSD Preciosa MSG	Ask Clyde from the SCSD project an update on this. *Preciosa to give an update on the launch of the website and other updates from the ministry. *To send an official letter for the follow up for the sake of the validation.	Pending
15.	Re-engage in the conversations for the	MSG	To be discussed further	Pending

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	definition of beneficial owner and political exposed person			
16.	Public disclosure of information	Sagita	To give an update on the Investmentmap process	Pending
17.	Social and environmental expenditures by extractive companies.	NS	To arrange a session with the International Secretariat about quasi fiscal expenditures.	In progress

5. Any other business

None

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 14.48 hrs.