

MSG meeting # 4

Location : Teams  
Date : June 10<sup>th</sup> , 2025  
Time : 12.20 – 13.50 hrs.

## MINUTES

### Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative MULTI STAKE HOLDERS GROUP SURINAME

## **AGENDA**

1. Opening remarks  
Certification of quorum
2. Announcements and correspondence
3. Minutes March 19<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - a. Discussion
  - b. Approval
  - c. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Minutes March 24<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - a. Discussion
  - b. Approval
  - c. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Status EITI reporting 2021-2022
6. Evaluation meeting with WB and follow up with SCSD PIU/ Clyde
7. Plan engagement with stakeholders
8. Set date workplan review / actions
9. Set date to finalize Annual Progress report 2024
10. Discussion Chair MSG
11. Any other business
12. Adjournment

**Upcoming events:**

**Presentation draft report EITI reporting 2021-2022**

**Time : 09.00 – 11.00 uur**

**Meeting Room Permanent Secretary Finance**

**Gompertstraat #3 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)**

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**Attendance:**

Name	Organization	Present	Apologies	Absent without notice
Georgetine Tjalim	Ministry of Finance and Planning	X		
Sagita Jaggan	Ministry of Finance and Planning		X	
Preciosa Simons	Ministry of Natural Resources			X
Rachele van de Scheur - Rijker	Ministry of Natural Resources		X	
Henk Deel	Ministry of Regional Development and Sport	X		
Rafiq Ilahi	Ministry of Economic Affairs		X	
Michiel Raafenberg	RGM	X		
Bernadette Sabajo-Cederboom	Newmont	X		
Kathleen Blom	SHMR	X		
Vanessa Breidel	Grassalco		X	
Adriaan Asodanoe	Grassalco	X		
Andrew Hepburn	Shell			X
Daniela Herkul	Staatsolie		X	
Rayah Bhattacharji	Projekta		X	
Monique Essed-Fernandes	Projekta		X	
Rene Artist	VIDS		X	
Roy Caupain	SWOS			X
Tosca Pinas	KAMPOS		X	
National Secretariat				
Novella Alcantra-Majana	Nat.Coord.	X		
Jenusah Sanné	Adm. Ass.		X	
Varsha Jhagroe	Techn.	X		
Mark Regis	Advisor		X	

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## **1. Opening remarks**

### **Certification of quorum**

At 12.22 hrs. there was still no quorum, but Bernadette started the meeting and welcomed the participants to the meeting. In addition to this meeting members suggested to take an hour after the meeting which was scheduled to be held the next day at the Ministry of Finance and Planning to address the recommendation sheet 2018-2020 which was sent over the weekend by BDO.

The discussion highlighted the critical need for civil society participation to achieve quorum necessary for decision-making. Participants noted the absence of key participants, which led to a consensus that proceeding without their involvement was not feasible. The group expressed frustration over last-minute cancellations and emphasized the urgency of securing attendance for future meetings. The conversation underscored the challenges of coordinating schedules and the importance of better planning to facilitate timely decision-making.

Bernadette mentioned the situation with Grassalco and that urgent measures should be taken. Vanessa had done everything at this point to get approval for the documentation that was received from various departments. The team decided to write a letter to Grassalco's President-Director and a c.c. to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grassalco stating the urgency of approving the data collected. Since the Minister of Natural Resources gave permission and contact of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the group agreed to copy him in the letter as well. This is to prove that the MSG has done its utmost to have these data as soon as possible provided and uploaded via the BDO portal.

Bernadette will send the draft letter to the members for comments.

The team also decided that the letter needs to be signed by a representative of every constituency. Michiel volunteered to sign on behalf of the companies. Novella would contact Rayah and Preciosa to sign on behalf of their respective constituencies Civil Society and Government.

## **2. Agenda items 2 to 11** were not addressed. They are postponed to the next MSG meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 13.50 hrs.

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***See follow up points below:***

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No.	Action points	Responsible	Remarks	Status
1.	Letter to Grassalco stating the importance of delivering data for the EITI 2021/2022 report	Bernadette (draft) MSG ( comments) Preciosa Michiel Rayah (to sign on behalf of the constituencies)	This letter needs to be sent as soon as possible, preferably before the presentation tomorrow.  cc. of the letter to The President Commissioner and the Minister of Natural Resources.	Pending
2.	June 11 <sup>th</sup> 11.15-12.15 Meeting on BDO recommendations 2018-2020 EITI report	MSG	Members to review the document and prepare for the meeting tomorrow.  This meeting to take place after the presentation of the draft report 2021-2022.	Pending

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