

MSG meeting 2024 # 8

Teams

October 9<sup>th</sup> , 2024

13.00- hrs. – 14:30 hrs.

Chair: Bernadette Cederboom

## MINUTES

# Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative MULTI STAKE HOLDERS GROUP SURINAME

**Certification of quorum:**

Apologies were noted from:

Sagita Jaggan

Michiel Raafenberg

Rene Artist

Roy Caupain

Monique Essed- Fernandes

Kathleen Blom

Novella Alcantra - Majana

Jenusah Sanné

Present	Absent without notice
<b><u>GOVERNMENT</u></b> Preciosa Simons Georgetine Tjalim Rachele van der Scheur	<b><u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u></b> Tosca Pinas
<b><u>COMPANIES</u></b> Bernadette Cederboom Vanessa Breidel Adriaan Asodanoe Daniela Herkul Mark Regis	<b><u>GOVERNMENT</u></b> Suraksha Hirasingh Henk Deel
<b><u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u></b> Rayah Bhattacharji	<b><u>SECRETARIAT</u></b>
<b><u>SECRETARIAT</u></b> Varsha Jhagroe	

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## **AGENDA**

1. Opening remarks  
Certification of quorum
2. Announcements and correspondences
3. Minutes June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - a. Discussion
  - b. Approval
  - c. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Minutes August 14<sup>th</sup> 2024
  - a. Discussion
  - b. Approval
  - c. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Update recruitment Independent Administrator BDO
6. Any Other Business
7. Adjournment

*Upcoming events:*

**Proposed date for next MSG meeting: TBD**

## **1. Opening remarks**

### **Certification of quorum**

Bernadette welcomed the members to the meeting at 13.21hrs and stated that there was no quorum. Civil society has only one person so decisions cannot be made.

## **2. Announcements and correspondences**

The announcements were read by Varsha.

- Novella is absent because she has some activities today since it is her birthday. Jenusah is at a doctor's appointment.

### **REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE in Trinidad & Tobago**

The InterAmerican Development Bank(IDB) together with the EITI International Secretariat (IS) and the Trinidad & Tobago EITI (TTEITI) are organizing an Regional Knowledge change event from November 4<sup>th</sup> till November 7<sup>th</sup> 2024. The representatives from Suriname at this moment are Preciosa, Rene, Daniela, Varsha and Novella. Michiel and Betty will try to join the team. Please note that all representatives could be asked to present a topic or to be in a panel.

Be advised that on day 2 bringing data use from a civil society perspective from Suriname is on the agenda.

### **THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT IS MOVING**

At this moment the National Secretariat is relocating to an office in the GMD building at the Jaggernath Lachmon street. When the team is settled completely we will update you further.

### **Stipend status ( the monthly allowance of EITI)**

The secretariat is awaiting approval from the council of ministers. When this formal document from the council of ministers is received, the MSG will be notified.

### **Contribution 2024 to EITI International**

Since we are reaching the end of this year so fast the National Coordinator sent a request to the council of ministers to approve the EITI contribution for the year 2024 also. This was needed in order to use some funds received in the budget this year. At the beginning of 2025 a new request will be sent for the contribution of 2025.

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### **3. Minutes June 13<sup>th</sup>**

There were some remarks made about the minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Some typo mistakes in minutes and the meeting with the US Aid delegation and meeting with the Minister of Natural Resources should be mentioned in the action points. All members present gave their approval.

### **4. Minutes august 14<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

All members present approved the minutes.

The question asked was when the Validation assessment session will be held?

Bernadette said that it is scheduled for the end of October and a small working group should organize this. Mark, Georgetine and Bernadette will plan this workshop.

A clear action plan has to be made and the MSG has to decide its implementation.

### **5. Update recruitment Independent Administrator BDO**

Varsha: BDO has sent the contract on procurement to the SCDS PIU and it is now with the PS Mining Mrs. Simons. She will sign this week so that BDO can start with the report.

Later on Mrs. Simons joined the meeting and she informed us that the contract indeed reached her and she will sign soon.

Mark: Action point. It has to do with 2 things:

- Determining all materiality thresholds for the report.
- Organizing our various constituency members to start gathering payment info that needs to be shared with the Independent Administrator, for example oil and gas companies.

Suggestion: Georgetine can help get the data for this, cause of the database done by a consultant.

### **6. Any other business**

Mrs Rachele van der Scheur was introduced in the MSG. Rachele is the new alternate from the Ministry of Natural Resources. She gave a short intro about herself.

Rayah had some questions:

- Procurement for an ongoing communications consultant for EITI funded by IDB. What is the status on that?

The secretariat will distribute documents of the communications consultant for those interested, and a small correction, it will be funded by World Bank, not IDB.

- Secretariat send TOR for EITI reporting. We would discuss this in today's meeting. What is deadline to give feedback on this and can we schedule it in next MSG meeting?

Suggested that this document is send via google link so everyone can work in document. This will be in our next MSG meeting.

- What is the role of EITI in disclosure of the FID?

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MSG should demand openness on the disclosure of the contract.

MSG should send letter about role of EITI in increasing transparency around issues as contract, terms of contract, to add public outreach.

Georgetine: the Ministry of Finance is currently adjusting the sovereign wealth fund. It is now at the State council. Then it will go to the Parliament to be approved by the end of 2024. This law has to be linked with the Accounting law (comptabiliteitswet). This will be an opportunity to talk about the role of EITI.

Suggestion: if someone from Finance can explain this law to the MSG.

Carl Eckhorst ( IMF negotiator) will be available to give a presentation on this Law on October 29<sup>th</sup>. This is also date of Validation Workshop. Location to be discussed yet.

## **7. Adjournment**

Bernadette thanked the members for the efficient meeting and adjourned at 14:30 hrs.

## **Action points after this meeting**

No	Action points	Responsible	Remarks	Status
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