

**MINUTES**  
**SEITI MSG Meeting (No 10 /2021)**

**Date** : Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**Time** : 13.11u  
**Location** : Virtual online (Zoom meeting)

<b>Government</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Particularities</b>
Preciosa Simons (PS)	X		
Valerie Lalji (VL)	X		
Georgetine Tjalim (GT)		X	With notice
Sagita Jaggan (SJ)		X	With notice
Henk Deel (HD)	X		
Quincy Wielzen			
<b>Civil Society</b>			
Tosca Pinas (TP)	X		
Rayah Bhattacharji(RB)	X		
Monique Essed-Fernandes (MEF)	X		
Rene Artist (RA)	X		
Roy Caupain (RC)	X		
<b>Companies</b>			
Michiel Raafenberg (MR)		X	With notice
Michael Naarendorp		X	With notice
Kathleen Blom (KB)		X	Without notice
Shirley Sowma-Sumter (SSS)		X	With notice
Marc Regis (MReg)		X	With notice
Daniela Herkul (DH)		X	With notice
<b>EITI Secretariat</b>			
Clyde Griffith (CG)		X	With notice
Karishma Bhageloe (KB)		X	With notice
Reenuska Mahabier (RM)	X		
Diana Vyent (DV)	X		
Nancy Boldewijn (NB)	X		

**\*Mike Resomardono participated on behalf of Oil & Gas**

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened by RB.
2. **Announcements**
  - a. **TOR MSG meeting discussion June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** A session has been held. The document has not yet been processed in its entirety. DH will process the comments of what has already been discussed. Some of the key points have been included in the discussion. The adjustments that should be made are firstly that the TOR was written in a period in which Suriname is no longer a candidate country, but an implementing country. The roles, responsibilities, time allocation of secretariat vs board vs the Ministry of Natural Resources should be explained prolistipery. In the original TOR there was an external chair, but it will now be run on a rotation system. Voting and decision making were briefly discussed. The next session has yet to be determined.
  - b. **Meeting held with EITI International secretariat on June 11<sup>th</sup> regarding recommendations on validation report 2016/2017.** A meeting was held with Esteban Manteca and Francisco Paris (international secretariat). The main agenda item was processing the comments that were given. We have listed the recommendations resulting from the validation and discussed possible next steps. Esteban and Francisco have especially indicated that they are ready at all times to support in processing the points of attention. An important follow-up appointment is that as soon as the contract with the IA is in place, a session is held with the IA, so that the IA has a better idea of matters that should be included in the report. VL indicates that the government will look at the points for attention in order to contribute in this way. RB seconds that there are indeed a number of points for the attention for the MSG. RB asks if there is anyone who can list the points destined for the MSG and VL indicates that she will pick up on that. At the next MSG meeting we have to cycle through the specific recommendations and see if things need to be tackled via a working group.
  - c. **MSG participation in Deep dive sessions: Innovations in EITI reporting.** NB will mail the notes for the MSG. There was a talk about the MEF – countries that have done flexible reporting. It takes a lot from the MSG itself. Most countries take an independent administrator as a consultant anyway, because the secretariat has to be strong and requires a lot of time from the MSG.
  - d. **MSG participation in Transparency Week MSG Exchange for Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.** VL cites that when looking at the method of selection within the other countries, Suriname leads the way. Suriname is on the right track. Even in Guyana, the MEF is very dependent on some government affairs. They have been quiet for a while.

3. **Adoption of minutes: MSG-8 meeting of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 & MSG-9 meeting of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** Approval of MSG 8 will be sent via email.
4. **Update IA EITI.** BDO has until today (June 18<sup>th</sup>) to submit a financial proposal. The same group will assess and then make a decision. It must be in line with the substantive proposal. TP asks if the process is listed somewhere. VL indicates that procurement wise is the working method. There is one team that oversees the process from start to finish. TP asks what will happen if BDO does not submit on time. VL indicates that coordination must then be made with the procurement specialist. There are rules that indicate what the follow-up process is, unless there is force majeure. RM states that CG has indicated that BDO will submit the proposal today.

5. **Status Update Workgroup (BO, Governance & Compliance, EITI workplan 2021)**  
BO update: MEF. Afterwards there were further comments. A few issues came up in the last few days.

Governance & Compliance group – no one from the working group was present, so no update was given.

EITI workplan – RB asks if anyone else wants to take the lead. RB will send a mail to the working group.

6. **Presentation functions within the SEITI Secretariat.** The MSG did not have enough time to read the document, so the discussion is postponed to the next meeting.
7. **Presentation budget SEITI Secretariat.** The budget was incomplete and was not sent by mail beforehand. The MSG asked if the presentation and discussion can also be postponed to the next meeting.
8. **Any Other Business.** Only a few MSG members have given feedback on the mining law. This will be put on the agenda once more at the next meeting.

The request for extension has to be sent no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

9. RB closed the meeting at 14.15h. The next meeting will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

### Action points

	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Target date</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Listing of the recommendations of the validation report	VL		Ongoing	
2	Mail notes regarding innovations EITI reporting	NB		Ongoing	
3	Approval minutes MSG 8 via mail	MSG		Ongoing	
4	Workgroup EITI workplan 2021	MSG		Ongoing	Awaiting Feedback
5	Create document management (MSG-drive)	SEITI secretariat			
6	Follow Up meeting with EU	SETI secretariat			