

MINUTES

SEITI MSG Meeting (No 03/ 2020)

Date: Wednesday, 03 June 2020
Time: 12.30- 14.30
Location: Virtual online (Zoom meeting facilitated by the Chair)

Present		
Government	Civil Society	Companies
D. Abeleven (DA)	R. Bhattacharji (RB)	Michiel Raafenberg
Joy Ten Bergen (JB)	M. Essed-Fernandes (ME)	D. Herkul (DH)
Sagita Jaggan (SJ)		

Absent with notice	Absent without notice
R. Artist (RA) (CS)	V. Lalji (VL) (Gov)
	M. Naarendorp (MN) (Comp)
	A. Ramdin (AR) (Comp)
	R. Caupain (RC) (CS)
	H. Deel (HD) (Gov)

SEITI-Secretariat
H. Hoepel- Aroma (Gov)

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. Follow up regional meeting on EITI
4. Status procurement EITI reporting
5. Any other matters
6. closing

1. Opening: 12.30 h

Quorum status, a few minutes before the meeting started DH send a notification of not being able to attend. However, the meeting continue with those who were present.

2. Announcements

- absent with notice mr. Rene Artist and Daniella Herkul. Others are absent without notice.
- the important items for today are the regional meeting and EITI reporting

3. Follow up regional meeting on EITI

With reference to the meeting report shared by the secretariat. A number of countries are facing the challenge of covid -19 and election. For example, Gyuaana has no legal parlement therefore the National EITI secretariat is restricted in processing payments. In thier case the Parlement approves the budget for the national secretariat. For Suriname this not an issue but certainly new members will be nomited for MSG.

The representative for the Latin America and the Caraibbean (LAC) region which is Colombia will discuss matters raised during the regional meeting with the EITI board. The following alternatives will be put forward.

EITI reporting

- A. Covid-19 outbreak as an exceptional circumstance.
- B. Flexibility for EITI reports to be due in 2020 e.g. effective ways to publish the report and deviating from standard procedure for hiring an Independent Administrator.
- C. Extension of all reporting deadlines: mid-2020 could be extended until December 31, 2020, and the end of the year could be extended until March 31, 2021.

EITI validation

- A. Extension request due to Covid-19 will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis
- B. Previous agreement on the granting of extensions: validation extension of up to six months to any country that makes a requests.
- C. Moratorium on validations until the situation stabilizes.

RB: is there an extension for regular reporting such as progress reports?

DA: the 6 months extension is for every report.

4. Status procurement EITI reporting

DA: A concept TOR for EITI reporting 2019-2021 will be provided by the secretariat later today
The TOR for EITI report 2018 was finalised at a earlier stage and submitted to the PIU of the SCSD project.
The procurement of the EITI reporting for 2018 will be a direct selection procedure and the EITI reporting for 2019-2021 will have a tender process.

MEF: is the funding through a loan? Does it require a procedure?

DA: the loan has to do with the establishment of a Mineral Institute which will eventually incorporate the EITI Suriname secretariat.

5. Any other matters

HA: update regarding the procurement of Event Management and Beneficial Ownership (BO)
contact details of the two MSG members was submitted to the procurement specialist.

Regarding the purchase of equipment to conduct virtual meetings one company responded out of 7 companies. Is one MSG member interested to participate in the evaluation committee?

MR: I will check with my ICT department and let you know

6. Questions

MEF: Is there a budget available for EITI reporting and how many years?

DA: The costs are part of the available budget

HA: An estimate of the available budget is included in the project procurement plan, the link will be shared by mail.

7. Closing : 13.16

DA: Stay healthy and safe