

MINUTES

SEITI MSG Meeting (No 09 /2021)

Date : Friday, June 4th, 2021
Time : 13.10h- 14.10h
Location : Virtual online (Zoom meeting)

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

- **Marc Regis was represented by Mike Resomardono**

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. Adoption of minutes
4. Update IA EITI
5. Update Workgroup
 - i. BO
 - ii. Governance & Compliance
 - iii. EITI workplan 2021
6. Any Other Business
7. Closing

1. Opening

- No Quorum. This meeting was a briefly status update (Hosted by RB)

2. Announcement

- i. ToR MSG meeting scheduled for June 14th, 2021.
- ii. Introducing Nancy Boldewijn as new member of the Secretariat. MEF asked for an overview of the names, positions and tasks of the members of the SEITI secretariat. MEF suggested that the secretariat looks for a shared folder option (One Drive/Google Drive) to share documents with the MSG. After a document is uploaded the MSG should be notified. There is a suggestion to develop a document management policy
- iii. Meeting planned with EITI board on June 11th on recommendations on validation report 2016/2017

3. Adoption of minutes

- No feedback received yet on the minutes of the MSG-8 meeting of May 21st, 2021

4. Update IA EITI

- The secretariat will make an overview of the recommendations of the EITI validation 2016/2017 in preparation for the meeting with the EITI board
- The evaluation has been finalized. 3 companies were evaluated, namely: Betagroup (Columbia), BDO and Ernst & Young (E&Y). The companies were analyzed on their strength and weakness.
- The analysis showed that Beta group did not meet all standards.

- There were no significant differences between BDO (BDO Suriname in collaboration with BDO London) and E&Y, but it turned out that BDO has more experience.
- Evaluation report already uploaded in WB system (STEP)
- Letter for further negotiation /submission for Technical Proposal already send out to BDO.
- The aim is to have the contract negotiations as soon as possible.

5. Status Update Workgroup

- BO: Statement definition will be shared with MSG representatives to be signed.
- Governance & Compliance: No feedback
- EITI workplan 2021: No feedback. However, a budget has to be made for the application of resources for 2022. PS will view options/ NH will search for funds for 2021. MEF will make a budget for 2022

6. Any Other Business

- SEOGS summit was a successful and informative webinar.
- Communication plan Ministry NR and Ministry of ROM: nothing has been done on this yet. Nancy Boldewijn is the designated communication person for the time being. A consultant was hired to develop a communication plan. Unfortunately the result was not useful. The awareness about SEITI should be increased
- Invitations from International Secretariat regarding EITI Board meeting, GEI Transparency Week and the MSG Exchange for Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago

7. Closing

- Closing by RB at 14.10 h.
- Next Meeting: Friday 18 June 2021

Action Points

	Action Items	Responsible	Target date	Update	Remarks
1	Update/review ToR MSG	MSG		Ongoing	
2	Workgroup “Governance & Compliance”	MSG		Ongoing	Awaiting feedback from MSG on ToR 2017
3	Workgroup BO	MSG		Ongoing	Awaiting Feedback
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			