

MINUTES

SEITI MSG Meeting (No 09 /2022)

Date : Friday, May 6th, 2022

Time : 13.10h – 13.57h

Location : ZOOM

Government			
Name	Present	Absent	Particularities
Preciosa Simons (PS)	X		
Valerie Lalji (VL)		X	Without notice
Georgetine Tjalim (GT)	X		Joined later
Sagita Jaggan (SJ)	X		
Henk Deel (HD)	X		
Ginna Leysner Vega	X		
Civil Society			
Tosca Pinas (TP)		X	With notice
Rayah Bhattacharji (RB)	X		
Monique Essed-Fernandes (MEF)		X	With notice
Rene Artist (RA)		X	With notice
Roy Caupain (RC)		X	With notice
Companies			
Michiel Raafenberg (MiRa)	X		
Michael Naarendorp (MN)		X	Without notice
Kathleen Blom (KB)		X	Without notice
Bernadette Sabajo-Ceder (BSC)	X		
Mark Regis (MReg)	X		
Mike Resomardono (MiRe)		X	Without notice
Daniela Herkul (DH)		X	Without notice
EITI Secretariat			
Clyde Griffith (CG)	X		
Karishma Bhageloe (KB)	X		
Reenuska Mahabier (RM)		X	With notice
Diana Vyent (DV)	X		
Nancy Boldewijn (NB)	X		

1. Opening. The meeting was opened by RB at 13.10h.

2. Announcements

- The Letter of Extension was sent on April 26th, signed by minister David Abiamfo
- The companies that have signed the MOU regarding EITI reporting 2018 -2020 already are the ministry of Natural Resources, State oil Company, Grassalco and Newmont. IAMGOLD and SHMR still have to sign
- Absent with notice: RM, RA, RC, MEF and TP

3. Adoption of the minutes:

- MSG 5. March 11th, 2022 – Approved
- MSG 6. March 25th, 2022 – Approved taking into account that the times at which some MSG members had to leave the meeting are noted on the attendance list instead of in the minutes
- MAG 8. April 22nd, 2022 – Approved

4. Update MOU 2022 EITI Suriname reporting (IOC's)

The MOU was sent by mail to the following IOC's:

- APA Suriname
- Petronas Suriname Exploration & Production B.V.
- TOTAL E&P Suriname B.V.
- SHELL Suriname Company
- ExxonMobil Corporation
- Capricorn Energy PLC
- Chevron Corporation
- Decker Petroleum And Marketing Co. ltd
- Challenger Energy Group

MaRe states that Kosmos and Tullow Oil are prepared to sign in on the MOU.

The secretariat will add these two companies to the MOU and sent the MOU by email for them to sign. MaRe will mail the contact information to NB.

5. Update MOU 2022 EITI Suriname reporting (Companies)

See agenda point: announcements

6. Update work plan 2022 - 2023

The work plan subcommittee had a meeting last Tuesday. Last week Friday the compilations were sent by mail by the Secretariat. The request from the subcommittee is for one more MSG member to join. RB will ask in the whatsapp group who would like to participate. MaRe suggest that MiRe participate.

7. Update Chairmanship MSG

Previously, the Director of Natural Resources was the chairperson and after that there was a rotation system. Always someone from every constituency. At one point there was no one who could handle the role or is capable. MaRe asks if the problem can't be solved with the ministry of Natural Resources. RB states that according to the ToR, the ministry is indeed responsible for the position. If we would like to have an external chair, we should look at funding, even if it means a 50% FTE. However, the chance is small that the ministry has the money to pay an external chair.

PS confirms that indeed the ministry will not be able to do so. Especially since there has been a budget cut. An external chair means outsourcing and that costs a lot of money and it doesn't look favorable. RB asked if the secretariat can look at an option if funding from SCSD is possible. There is one problem and that is that the budget for this year is already fixed. There was a lot of negotiation to get the project going. CG will discuss the following with the World Bank, in regards to funding:

- BDO costs
- Engagement
- Chairmanship MSG
- National Coordinator SEITI

CG announces that he won't be the National Coordinator anymore, within a short amount of time. The council proposal with regard to the compensation for the MSG members and the secretariat had already been drawn up, but must be amended. The name of SSS should be removed and names of BSC and GL should be added. For now there's no new National Coordinator In the proposal. There needs to be a vocal point for the secretariat. In some countries the chairperson is someone from the Ministry of Natural Resources. There's work to be done.

CG is already in talks with the Minister of Natural Resources regarding the gap. There's already a proposal for a new candidate. The minister will have a talk with the candidate.

For the chairperson of the MSG we will need to look for someone external as well as funding (within SCSD) even if it is next year. it will have to be someone outside the government, because the World Bank does not fund government officials.

The process of identifying a chairperson includes a ToR, an advertisement and a score sheet. We have to decide if we would like a sub committee to work on it.

BSC suggests a 6 months bridging period to do some head hunting. We live in a small society with limited resources. The ToR is important to do the headhunting. For the time being we'll have to do it ourselves.

RB emphasizes that it's the last year for her as well as for MEF and others. They are maxed out and will therefore be shifting out. She can eventually stay as an observer. From civil society it is a long process to recruit new members.

MiRa states that we need to find a way how to deal with the members that are shifting out and immediately think about training new members. We need to check within every constituency what the recruitment process looks like.

RB states that within civil society there's an agreement that no more than 2 persons at the time should step out of the MSG. She will contribute as an observer.

Monique, Roy, Rene, rayah will be stepping out. RB will opt a meeting

BSC asked if it is possible for RB to apply for the position of National Coordinator. RB states that she unfortunately has no time to be the National Coordinator.

MaRe states that it is not unusual to do so. She has done it herself.

RB emphasizes that it is a good way not to lose the momentum.

The suggestion is made to have subcommittee to prepare the recruitment proposal regarding the process. MiRa will come back on the suggestion.

8. Any other business

None

9. Closing

The meeting ended at 13.57h. The next meeting will be on May 20th

Action points

	Action Items	Responsible	Remarks	Status	Target Date
1	Sub committee to work on proces for a new National Coordinator and/or a MSG Chairperson				
2	CG to give an update on status National Coordinator	CG	CG will remain to be the National Coordinator until the report is finished	Ongoing	
3	CG would ask the World Bank to fund the MSG Chairperson and/or National Coordinator as of next year	CG	This would probably be as of next year, due to the fact that the budget for the remaining time of the year is tight		
4	MiRa to pick up on ToR etc for MSG Chairperson		TP can eventually assist		No target date yet