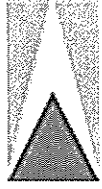




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GUYANA'S ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EITI STANDARD

For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Progress Report of the Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative GYEITI covers the period January to December 2020. The report provides a review of the accomplishments and challenges for the reporting year 2020.

Though the EITI Standard no longer requires National Secretariat's to publish an annual progress report, publishing of an Annual Progress Report is recommended by the EITI International Secretariat and will likely benefit the country when being Validated.

GYEITI- Multi Stakeholder Group has taken a decision to continue publishing Annual Progress Reports.

This reporting year was particularly unique as the government of Guyana, in April 2020, as part of efforts to limit the transmission of Covid-19, put restrictions in place. These restrictions prohibited large gathers and limited face-to-face meetings. This became a considerable obstacle to the execution of work plan activities, especially with regards to conducting public outreaches and public awareness campaigns in the various regions of the country.

Government employees were instructed to work from home. The National Secretariat did not host meetings for several months (March, April and May 2020). Eventually virtual meetings became the norm. In June 2020, the National Secretariat was able to use the Zoom online platform to host GYEITI MSG Statutory meetings virtually.

Despite these many challenges the GYEITI National Secretariat and Multi Stakeholder Group were able to function as mandated by the EITI Standard. In addition, there was a change of Government after a lengthy delay in announcing the winner of the National Elections in Guyana held in March 2020. In August 2020 a new Government was sworn into office.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF GUYANA'S 2<sup>ND</sup> EITI REPORT

The Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (GYEITI) National Secretariat, with assistance from the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), through the USAID GYEST project, convened several meetings with government agencies to determine the status of implementation of the recommendations from 1<sup>st</sup> EITI report. **(See Annex IV)**

The Guyana Gold Board (GGB), in accordance with requirement 7.1 has undertaken to hire a consultant to revise their computerized system. The Guyana Geology and Mines Commission is also in the process of creating a cadaster system that will allow information to be collected and easily retrieved for EITI reporting.

The National Secretariat continues to work closely with relevant government entities to encourage them to implement these recommendations. The Guyana Revenue Authority (GRA) remains a stumbling block as legislative reform seems inevitable. The National Insurance Scheme (NIS) and National Industrial, Commercial Investment Limited (NICIL) have not fully cooperated with the EITI reporting processes.

The Guyana Forestry Commission and Department of Fisheries of the Ministry of Agriculture participated meaningfully in discussions with the GYEITI and pledged cooperation and support.

The GYEITI MSG continues to function without representatives from the mining sector. The Co-chair Hilbert Shileds abandoned his position as representative of small and medium scale mining sector, his alternate Allison Butters-Grant deceased but the vacancy was never filled. Patrick Harding abandoned his position as representative of large-scale mining and his alternate Ayaana Jean-Baptiste changed job and abandoned her seat as alternate to Patrick Harding.

Civil Society Sector of the MSG still has one vacancy for an alternate.

Due to change of government, two (2) MSG members resigned and their seats remained vacant as of 31.12.20

GUYANA'S 2<sup>ND</sup> EITI REPORTING PROCESS

Guyana's 2<sup>nd</sup> Report was due for publication according to the EITI Requirements on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.

The procurement process caused some delay in the hiring of the Independent administrator. The global covid-19 pandemic triggered delays. As such the GYEITI-

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Multi Stakeholder requested an extension for submission of Guyana's 2<sup>nd</sup> EITI Report FY 2018. The EITI Board granted an extension of the deadline until 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

As the term of the MSG would have ended on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, a decision was taken to extend the life of the MSG until the publication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> GYEITI Report. See **Annex VII**.

#### GYEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP

##### MSG EXTENSIONS

For reporting year 2020 there were two (2) approved extensions to the term of the Multi Stakeholder Group (MSG). This was done through approved resolutions to amend the MSG Terms of Reference (TOR). The first extension was approved on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at a specially convened MSG meeting and covered the period 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. The second resolution was approved on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020 at an MSG Meeting. This covered the period 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 to 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. Details of reasons for these extensions can be seen in the attached copy of the abovementioned resolutions. (See **Annex VII**)

##### GYEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP (MSG) - MEMBERSHIP

The GYEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) as at 31 December 2020 is comprised of ten (10) primary members (see **Annex II**) and nine (9) alternates (see **Annex III**). All primary members and alternates can attend MSG Statutory Meetings as per the approved MSG Terms of Reference (MSG TOR).

Government Sector saw the resignation of one primary member Mr. Wallace Ng-See-Quan in August 2020. As of 31.12.20 this vacancy was not filled. The seat of his alternate also remained vacant as of 31.12.20 as she was no longer employed in the office of the Prime Minister.

In November 2020, the National Secretariat received a resignation letter from Industry Sector for 'oil and gas' primary member Mr. Peter Dillon. This vacancy was filled by his alternate Mr. Ryan Ramjit, making him the primary member. The vacancy created as a consequence.

Two members of the Industry Sector representing the mining community did not participate on GYEITI MSG in 2020. The seats of their respective alternates also remained vacant throughout 2020.

##### MAIN DECISIONS OF MSG

For 2020 the GYEITI Multi Stakeholder Group (MSG) convened a total eight (8) statutory meetings. Several decisions were taken and executed/completed by the MSG and National Secretariat.

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At meetings where a quorum was not achieved, the representatives present were able to make recommendations to be put forward to the entire MSG. Where there were no objections to these, recommendations were also executed by the National Secretariat. A table of all decisions and recommendations made by the MSG for 2020 with their completion status is attached to this report. (See **Annex V**)

**MSG MEETINGS**

The MSG held eight (8) statutory meetings for 2020. Invitations and agendas were prepared and circulated in advance. The minutes of the previous meeting, a National Secretariat Report on progress of work plan execution and an estimated financial budget/expenditures report have been regular items on the agenda of MSG Meetings. Documents for approval and information were also placed on the agenda and sent in one package to the MSG at least seven days prior to meetings.

The MSG initially used a monthly rotation system for chairmanship of the MSG Meetings. The co-Chairs would alternate chairmanship on a monthly business. In 2020 the MSG made a decision to rotate membership every three months instead, thus having a seating chair for three consecutive months.

Some meetings did not attain a quorum due to some members/ alternates confirming their attendance prior to the meetings and then not being able to attend.

There was no representation from the Industry Sector for Large Scale mining and Small and Medium Scale Mining. Representatives from the mining sector.

Sector / Entity	Maximum Statutory Meetings	Actual Meetings held (Total)	Actual Attendance (Total)	Attendance (%)
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>				
Ministry of Natural Resources	12	8	7	88
Guyana Revenue Authority	12	8	6	75
National Data Management Authority	12	8	5	63
Ministry of Finance	12	8	0	0
Office of the Prime Minister	12	8	3	38
<b>INDUSTRY</b>				
Large Scale Mining	12	8	0	0
Small & Medium Scale Mining	12	8	0	0
Forestry	12	8	7	88
Oil & Gas	12	8	7	88
<b>CIVIL SOCIETY</b>				
Policy Forum	12	8	8	100
Indigenous People Rep.	12	8	3	38

A more detailed MSG Meeting Attendance Record can be viewed in **Annex IV** of this report.

#### MSG WORKING GROUPS

The MSG maintained the working groups formed in 2019 and added one additional working group, the MSG-PADF (Pan American Development Foundation)- Project Review working group.

#### MSG Working Groups, 2020

1. Materiality and Data Analysis – Hema Khan - Chair
2. Legal, Regulatory and Institutional Framework Review – Mr. Ryan Ramjit - Chair
3. Communications and Public Outreach – Gomin Camacho - Chair
4. Finance & Budget – Gillian Pollard - Chair
5. MSG-IA Liaison – Eulienne Watson – Chair
6. MSG- PADF (Pan American Development Foundation)- Project Review- Chair  
Eulienne Watson

Many of these working groups were inactive and did not hold meetings as getting representatives from each of the 3 MSG Sectors to form a quorum proved challenging.

The MSG IA Liaison working group held several meetings in regards to the preparation of Guyana's 2<sup>nd</sup> EITI report.

#### GYEITI NATIONAL SECRETARIAT IN 2020 – STAFF

There was no staff changes in 2020 at the GYEITI National Secretariat. At December 2020 the GYEITI National Secretariat comprised of a National Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator, Communications Officer and an Administrative Assistant.

The GYEITI National Secretariat convenes weekly staff meeting. Implementation of MSG decisions, execution of work plan activities, status update on assignments and general status of administrative work form regular agenda items. Minutes of staff meetings are prepared and, like agenda, is adopted and discussed.

There remains scope for more staff within the Secretariat.

#### GYEITI FUNDING

The Government of Guyana, Ministry of Natural Resources Programme I - Policy Planning and Administration budget is the principal source of funding for the GYEITI. Salaries and operational expenses for the GYEITI National Secretariat and the routine MSG expenditures are paid directly from this source through requests to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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The USAID Guyana Extractive Sector Transparency (GYEST) Project offered GYEITI assistance. USAID contracted the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) to execute the GYEST Project in amount USD 500,000. The GYEST Project was for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. USAID extended the GYEST Project for an additional year until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for an additional amount USD 500,000

In 2020 the MSG expressed serious concerns about the way in which the project was being executed by PADF. In this regard a special committee MSG-PADF Subcommittee was established and assigned the responsibility to oversee the project. As at December 2020 the project was stalled pending review by the GYEITI MSG.

#### GYEITI CAPACITY BUILDING

National Secretariat Benefited from several webinars hosted by the EITI International Secretariat in 2020 to build capacity within the Secretariat including, 'why transparency matters' and 'environmental reporting for EITI'. See **Annex VI**.

PADF donated four (4) laptop computers to the staff of the GYEITI National Secretariat. The specification of the laptops turned out to be less than desirable.

The Administrative Assistant also benefited from two telephone training sessions to build capacity with the Project Officer of the PADF. The first call was on 'qualities of a good administrative assistant' and the second call was on 'telephone usage in the workplace'.



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<b>WP Item</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BY WHEN</b>	<b>Est. COST \$USD</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1.1	Prepare Terms of Reference	To fulfill EITI membership requirement of publishing annual EITI Reports to continue to promote transparency and accountability	2019 Q4	N/A	Completed
1.2	Procure and hire IA services (call for expression of interests and tendering process) for the 2nd EITI Report (FY 2018)	To satisfy the EITI relevant requirement - publishing annual EITI Reports to continue to promote transparency and accountability	2019 Q4	120,000	Completed Q3
1.3	To collect, compile and analyze government and industry data for 2nd Report (FY 2018)	To maximize transparency in the extractive sector as much as possible, building on from what were reported in the 1st GYEITI Report.	2020 Q1	NA	Completed Q4
1.4	Gap Analysis – using existing scoping study.	To identify scope for improvement in data and information systems used in	2020 Q1	NA	Completed Q4

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	three workshops with MSG and reporting entities to discuss, comment on the initial draft of the 2nd Report					
1.10	Release of revised draft GYEITI 2ND Report	Revised draft reviewed	2020 Q1	NA	Pending. Rescheduled for 2021 Q1	
1.11	IA submit revised draft to MSG	MSG review and approve revised draft with comment	2020 Q1	NA	Pending. Rescheduled for 2021 Q1	
1.12	IA prepare and submit final Report GYEITI 2nd Report	MSG approve final report	2020 Q2	NA	Pending. Rescheduled for 2021 Q1	
1.13	GYEITI 2nd Report is launched and published		2020 Q2	NA	Pending. Rescheduled for 2021 Q1	
2.1	Secretariat will write to the respective sector representative to inform that the tenure of current MSG will come to an end in February 2020 and the need for appointment of new MSG.	There will be the appointment and installation of new MSG members/alternates to serve GYEITI	2020 Q1		Completed in 2021 Q1	
2.2	Advertise in the daily newspapers the	Stakeholders from the three	2020 Q1	5000.00	Completed by MNR in 2021 Q1	

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	need for the nomination of MSG members/alternates from government, civil society and industry.	sectors will be aware of the nomination process for MSG members/alternates			
2.3	Conduct and facilitate one seminar with civil society, government and industry representatives on EITI and the nomination process for MSG members/alternates	Stakeholders from the three sectors will be sensitized on what is EITI and aware of the nomination process for MSG members/alternates	2020 Q1	5000.00	Not completed
2.4	Issue Letters of appointment to new MSG members/alternates	MSG members will be appointed to serve GYEITI	2020 Q2-Q2	NA	Reschedule for 2021 Q1
3.1	The Secretariat/PADF assistant project to conduct a 1st review of the TOR for the MSG approval.	The TOR for the MSG will be amended.	2020 Q1	NA	MSG TOR revised and approved by MSG without PADF input in 2020 Q3
4.1	Letter requesting extension of time to be sent to EITI International Secretariat	Extension for Validation graded	2020 Q 1-Q2	NA	Completed

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4.2	MSG to undertake self-assessment on the EITI progress in Guyana.		2020 Q1, Q2, Q3	NA	Not Completed
4.3	Initial data collection and stakeholder consultation (a) Desk Review (detailed review of available documentation relating to the country's compliance with EITI Standard (b) Country visit to conduct Stakeholder consultation to include meetings with MSG, IA, and other key stakeholders (c) Reporting on progress against requirements	The Validator will visit Guyana to commence the validation	2020 Q2	NA	EITI Board rescheduled Validation for July 2021. New Validation Model approved by EITI Board
4.4	Appoint Independent Validators	Independent validator for GYEITI Validation will be completed	2020 Q3	NA	EITI Board reschedule Validation for July 2021. New Validation Model in place. 2021 Q3

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4.5	Board Review Validator's assessment of GYEITI and feedback from GYEITI MSG		2020 Q3	NA	Rescheduled to 2021 Q3
4.6	Validator Review of GYEITI Commences			NA	Pending - 2021 Q3
4.7	Validator submit findings of EITI implementation processes in Guyana			NA	Pending - 2021 Q3
5.1	Conduct a study to identify what is necessary to facilitate mainstreaming	To procure consultant services	2020 Q1 – Q4	100,000	Not completed
5.2	Conduct meetings with each relevant government reporting entities to: (a) discuss the challenges that exist with the data systems and exchange views and obtain a common understanding of challenges and advantages of mainstreaming (b) the implementation of a cadastral system allows for greater interaction and coordination among GGMC, GGB, GRA, GFC, NIS, MoF, EPA .	GYEITI will be informed and aware of data system used at reporting entities	2020 Q1	NA	Completed. 2020 Q2-Q3 with assistance from PADF
5.3	Arrange workshop for capacity building to create greater	Stakeholders will be trained on	2020 Q1- Q4	Donors	Not completed

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	awareness among government officials on transparency and open data policy	transparency and open data policy			
5.4	Formulate a manual and implement procedures for government agencies to adhere to the principles of cost effectiveness, timeliness and quality of data systems	Reporting entities will be given a manual to use as a guide on the principles of cost effectiveness, timeliness and quality data systems	2020 Q1-Q4	Donors	Not completed
6.1	Engage as far as practicable reporting entities for government and companies to review and document existing government data collection systems to determine whether the system adequately disaggregate payment flows, production and export by projects and by license, including TIN numbers and beneficial ownership details.	The reporting system used by government agencies will be reviewed and documented.	2020 Q1-Q4 d	100,000	Not completed
6.2	To conduct a study and make recommendations to	Reporting entities will be given guidance and support to	2020 Q3-Q4 1	100,000	Not completed

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	support the efforts of reporting entities to establish and use a unified system for information and data collection at project level	improve existing information system that will allow for report at project level.			
6.3	Engage the government agencies to encourage them to conduct meeting with extractive entities and provide guidance and support to improve tax declaration processes and revenues in simplify forms to allow for mainstreaming	Extractive entities will be given expert guidance and support to improve existing information system.	2020 Q3-Q4	NA	Not completed
7.1	Conduct at least three meetings with relevant reporting entities to review and document existing system to determine: (a) whether provision is made for an automated data verification and control system that can ensure uniformity of export data reported to GGMIC and GGB by mining entities and execute simple analysis for data consistency purposes. (b) To determine	Extractive entities and government agencies will have an improved data and management system that will allow for accurate data export	2020 Q1-Q3	NA	Not completed

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	collection mechanisms and recommend a common industrywide computerized system which can eliminate avoidable data variations and that government agencies perform monthly data review and control to alleviate discrepancies in production and export volume and value				
8.1	Conduct At least three meetings with relevant stakeholders to determine and document current status of their hardware and software, data availability and format.	Engage and advocate parliamentarians, government officials to establish the register of all license's and made it public.	2020 Q1-Q3	15,000	Not completed
8.2	Identify options for appropriate hardware and software that can		2020 Q1, Q2,Q3	NA	Not completed

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	be used by reporting entities				
8.3	Review legislation to determine legal and institutional framework for public disclosure of information		2020 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	100,000	Not completed
8.4	Formulate conclusion and recommendation for Public Disclosure		2020 Q1-Q4	NA	Not completed
8.5	Conduct a workshop to Build capacity – Recruit and Train Staff on data collection, analysis and report compilation		2020 Q1-Q4	NA	Not completed
9.1	Conduct at least one meeting with government agencies to get their support for the disclosure of all mineral agreements Formulate conclusion and recommendation for disclosure of mineral agreements	Copies of all mineral agreements will be publicly disclosed.	2020 Q1-Q4	NA	Not completed
12.1	Continue to engage and encourage reform in Oil and gas sector. framework for the oil and gas sector	Legislative Reform will be made	2020 Q1-Q2	NA	Completed.

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13.1	GGMC has embarked on study on organizational Restructuring for greater accountability and transparency in the extractive sector	2020 Q1	Completed: Report on the restructuring will be requested from MINR
14.1	Identify possible sources for verification of accuracy of financial data provided for use in preparation of EITI Reports Conduct a seminar to Build capacity for all stakeholders to better understand best practices in data quality and assurance in EITI implementing countries to engage MSR for improvement and enhancement of data quality at all levels	2020 Q1-Q4	5000 Not completed
15.1	Formally and informally engage stakeholders operating in the extractive sector with a view to encourage participation in the EITI Process.	2020 Q1-Q3	6000 On-going Work-in-Progress
16.1	Conduct (1) workshop with reporting entities on the accuracy and	2020 Q1-Q3	5000 Completed 2021 Q1

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	comprehensiveness of data to be included in the reporting templates					
16.2	Distribute Reporting Templates and discuss importance of satisfying deadline. Establish a register of reporting entities and monitor submission timelines and any foreseeable deviations		2020 Q1-Q2	5000	Completed 2021 Q1	
17.1	Review existing revenue collection system and make recommendations to government to implement a unique identification numbering system for all government agencies.	All barriers to EITI implementation will be reduced.	2020 Q 1-Q4	NA	Not completed	
18.1	Conduct a review of all relevant existing Legislations and identify and document areas related to confidentiality issues Formulate and submit recommendations to remove any existing restrictions which	All barriers to EITI implementation will be reduced.	2020 Q1-Q3	NA	Not completed	

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19.1	hinders the full satisfaction of the EITI 2019 Standard. Organize 3 capacity building and training programs (focus meeting) for secretariat and MSG members. Also ensure that skills, knowledge and technical capacities of Secretariat Staff and MSG members on EITI Standard and requirements are enhanced for effective EITI implementation in Guyana.	National Secretariat will have fully functional officers and the MSG members will be equipped to perform its effective oversight function.	2020 Q1 – Q4	2,000,000.00	Not completed
19.2	GYEITI National Secretariat will continue to organize monthly MSG meetings, subcommittee meetings, conferences, workshops and events	To achieve satisfactory implementation of EITI activities and to undertake corrective actions as recommended by Independent Administrator in 1st Report.	2019 Q1 – Q4 – 2020 Q1 – Q4	TBD	Ongoing
19.3	GYEITI Secretariat and MSG to attend relevant international meetings, conferences,	To fulfil GYEITI membership obligation as a candidate country in attending to	2020 Q1 – Q4	2,000,000.00	Not completed.

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	workshops exchange visits and events	international obligations and to ensure GYEITI is represented at these events as an EITI implementing country to learn from and share global best practices and experiences with other EITI countries.			
20.1	Create a funding strategy	A mechanism has been established for funding of EITI process implementation	2020 Q1- Q4	Nil	Ongoing
20.2	Maintain GYEITI National Secretariat operational and administrative activities	Identify potential donors, prepare funding strategy, prepare and submit proposals to donors (WB, IDB, CDB, GIZ) etc.	2020 Q1 – Q4	TBD	Ongoing
21.1.1	Produce summary of the findings and recommendations from the GYEITI 1st Report and an overview of the issues to be focused in the 2nd Report	To highlight key policy issues from the 1st Report and Increase transparency in the extractive industry through a credible and comprehensive EITI Report that can be	2020 Q3	TBD	Not completed

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	available to all stakeholders for consideration in policy formulation, legislative reforms and streamlining government systems and processes				
22.1	Produce a strategic public relations ad, app, community radio programs and video for mass sensitization	To enhance public awareness and understanding on the management of the extractive industries in Guyana.	2020 Q1 – Q4	TBD	Not completed
22.2	Design and create GYEITI Banners, preparation of statements and press briefing on GYEITI activities, including workshops and roadshows with media groups on EITI implementation activities	Translators are expected to be present at key public outreach activities if/when audience so requires		TBD	Not completed
22.3	Design, publish and regularly update GYEITI website and production of GYEITI information materials			TBD	On-going

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22.4	Facilitate three workshops and training sessions to engage youth in GYEITI: Compose GYEITI jingle and song		2020 Q1 – q4	TBD	Work-in-progress
22.5	Publication of educational reference materials.	To enhance public awareness and understanding.	2020 Q1 – Q4	TBD	Not completed
22.6	Engage a local media content writer to do a content writing for media releases on EITI report, outcomes, launching newsletters and other media activities	To enhance public awareness and understanding on the management of extractive industries in Guyana	2020 Q1 – Q2	TBD	Not completed
23.1	Conduct workshops and training sessions for media workers on GYEITI implementation and other issues.		2020 Q1 – Q2	TBD	Not completed
24.1	Review legal and regulatory framework to identify potential obstacles to GYEITI implementation		2020 Q1	TBD	Completed
25.1	Draft recommendations for		2020 Q1	TBD	Not completed

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	new/amended policy, laws and regulations					
25.2	Conduct legal Scoping on beneficial ownership	2020 Q1	TBD		Not completed	
25.3	Propose approach to systemized and publish information on Beneficial ownership	2020 Q1	TBD		Not completed	
25.4	Document and discuss government's policy on disclosure of beneficial ownership	TBD	TBD		Completed	
25.6	Continue to implement BO Roadmap activities	TBD	TBD		Completed	
25.6	Capacity Building for GYEITI National Secretariat, and MSG Engage in partnerships and sharing experiences on beneficial ownership and related topics	TBD	TBD	Studies have been conducted to enhance the scope of work for the 2nd GYEITI Report relevant to beneficial ownership disclosure 2020-2021	Not Completed	
25.7	Request for companies to disclose BO information for inclusion in 2nd EITI Report	TBD	TBD		Completed	
25.8	Establish disclosure	TBD	TBD	Study on the characteristics of	Not Completed	

Completed by: Ms. Shanezia Parkinson, Admin. Assistant, GYEITI- January 2021

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	protocol to be used for BO disclosures (to implement as required by 01.01.2020 to 2021)	the artisanal and small scale mining sector and/or quarrying and if/how to include it in EITI report. Study on the characteristics of the forestry sector and if/how to include it in EITI reporting. Study on company expenditures related to social community projects and corporate social responsibility projects and if/how to include it in EITI reporting.			
26.1	Design and implement studies to formulate recommendations to enhance the scope of future GYEITI reports				Not Completed
27.1	Establish disclosure protocol to be used for contract disclosures.	All contracts will be published and made accessible to the general public.	2020 Q1 – Q2	TBD	Not Completed

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LIST OF MSG MEMBERS, DECEMBER 2020

NO.	NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT DETAILS (PHONE & EMAIL)
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>G1</b>	Eulienne Watson	GYEITI MSG Member, MSG Co-chair	Ministry of Natural Resources Government	<a href="mailto:ewatson@nre.gov.gy">ewatson@nre.gov.gy</a> 231-2509 (Office) Ext- 223 648-2747 (Cell)
<b>G2</b>	Godfrey Statia	GYEITI MSG Member, Commissioner General	Guyana Revenue Authority Government	<a href="mailto:commissioner@gra.gov.gy">commissioner@gra.gov.gy</a> 227-6060 (Office) Ext-2702 620-1076 (Cell)
<b>G3</b>	Gillian Pollard	GYEITI MSG Member, Deputy Director, Budget Office	National Data Management Authority Government	<a href="mailto:gillian.pollard@hotmail.com">gillian.pollard@hotmail.com</a> 672-2552 (Cell) 231-8825, ext 206 (Office)
<b>G4</b>	<b>RESIGNED</b>			
<b>CIVIL SOCIETY</b>				
<b>CS 1</b>	Curtis Bernard	GYEITI MSG Member MSG Co-chair	Policy Forum Guyana Civil Society	<a href="mailto:cbernard@conservation.org">cbernard@conservation.org</a> 624-6346 (Cell)
<b>CS2</b>	Gomin Camacho	GYEITI MSG Member	Policy Forum Guyana Civil Society	<a href="mailto:gomincamachocandy@gmail.com">gomincamachocandy@gmail.com</a> 671-1696 (Cell)
<b>CS3</b>	Larry Carryl	GYEITI MSG Member	Policy Forum Guyana Civil Society	<a href="mailto:lamoscarryl@gmail.com">lamoscarryl@gmail.com</a> 655-1221 (Cell)
<b>CS4</b>	Paul Atkinson	GYEITI MSG Member	Indigenous People Representative Civil Society	<a href="mailto:paul_moruka@yahoo.com">paul_moruka@yahoo.com</a> 672-2012 (Cell)

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<b>INDUSTRY</b>				
<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>CONTACT DETAILS (PHONE &amp; EMAIL)</b>
<b>I 1</b>	Hilbert Shields	GYEITI MSG Member MSG Co-chair	Large Scale mining, Guyana Gold & Diamond Manufacturers Association Industry	<a href="mailto:hilbertshields@gmail.com">hilbertshields@gmail.com</a>  600-6161 (Cell)
<b>I 2</b>	Patrick Harding	GYEITI MSG Member	Small & Medium scale mining. Guyana Gold & Diamond Manufacturers Association Industry	<a href="mailto:west.kaburi@yahoo.com">west.kaburi@yahoo.com</a>  626-0297 (Cell)
<b>I 3</b>	Deonarine Ramsaroop	GYEITI MSG Member	Forestry Guyana Forestry Products Manufacturers Association Industry	<a href="mailto:woodtechindustry@hotmail.com">woodtechindustry@hotmail.com</a>  619-4712 (Cell)
<b>I 4</b>	<b>RESIGNED</b>			

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**LIST OF MSG ALTERNATES, DECEMBER 2020**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>CONTACT DETAILS (PHONE &amp; EMAIL)</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>G1A</b>	Joslyn Mckenzie	GYEITI MSG Alternate,  Permanent Secretary Ministry of Natural Resources	GYEITI MSG Member,  Permanent Secretary Ministry of Natural Resources	<a href="mailto:jmckenzie@nrc.gov.gy">jmckenzie@nrc.gov.gy</a>  231-2519 (Office) Ext-213
<b>G2A</b>	Hema Khan	GYEITI MSG Alternate,  Deputy Commissioner General	Guyana Revenue Authority  Government	<a href="mailto:hkhan@gra.gov.gy">hkhan@gra.gov.gy</a>  227-6060 (Office) Ext-3701
<b>G3A</b>	Tarachand Balgobin	GYEITI MSG Alternate,	Ministry of Finance,  Government	<a href="mailto:tbalgobin@finance.gov.gy">tbalgobin@finance.gov.gy</a>  623-0102 (Cell)
<b>G4A</b>	Tamara Khan	GYEITI MSG Alternate	Office of the Prime Minister  Government	<a href="mailto:tkhan.opm@gmail.com">tkhan.opm@gmail.com</a>  698-2088 (Cell) 227-3101 (Office)
<b>CIVIL SOCIETY</b>				
<b>CS1A</b>	Vanda Radzik	GYEITI MSG Alternate	Policy Forum Guyana  Civil Society	<a href="mailto:vandaradzik@yahoo.com">vandaradzik@yahoo.com</a>  648-8843 (Cell)
<b>CS2A</b>	<b>VACANT</b>			
<b>CS3A</b>	Mike McCormack	GYEITI MSG Alternate	Policy Forum Guyana  Civil Society	<a href="mailto:mikemcc41@gmail.com">mikemcc41@gmail.com</a>  686-9513 (Cell) 227-4911 (Office)
<b>CS4A</b>	Laura George	GYEITI MSG Alternate	Indigenous People Representative  Civil Society	<a href="mailto:kukuigok@yahoo.com">kukuigok@yahoo.com</a>  697-3093 (Cell)

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**LIST OF MSG ALTERNATES, DECEMBER 2020**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>CONTACT DETAILS (PHONE &amp; EMAIL)</b>
<b>I1A</b>	<b>INDUSTRY</b>			
	<b>VACANT</b>			
<b>I2A</b>	<b>VACANT</b>			
<b>I3A</b>	Brian Gittens	GYEITI MSG Alternate	Forestry Guyana Forestry Products Manufacturers Association	<a href="mailto:abagittens@gmail.com">abagittens@gmail.com</a>  619-4465 (Cell)
<b>I4A</b>	Ryan Ramjit	GYEITI MSG Alternate	Industry  Oil & Gas Repsol	<a href="mailto:rramjit@repsol.com">rramjit@repsol.com</a>  600-4286 (Cell)
			Industry	

GYEITI MSG MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES – MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD, 2020-		Annex IV												TOTAL	2020
NAMES	CLASS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	OF 8 Meetings Held	%
		8th	26th	11th	8th	13th	10th	22nd	12th	9th	14th	11th	19th		
01	PRI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	7	88%
02	ALT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	13%
03	PRI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
04	ALT	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6	75%
05	PRI	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	5	63%
06	ALT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
07	PRI	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	38%
08	ALT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDUSTRY SECTOR															
01	PRI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
02	ALT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
03	PRI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
04	ALT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
05	PRI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	25%
06	ALT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	75%
07	PRI	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	75%

		08	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	10	11	10	10	7	GRAND TOTAL		
08	Ryan Ramjit	ALT	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	63%	
01	Curtis Bernard	PRI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	7	88%	
02	Vanda Radzik	ALT	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	88%	
03	Gomin Camacho	PRI	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	63%	
04	VACANT	ALT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
05	Larry Carryl	PRI	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	50%	
06	Mike McCormack	ALT	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	88%	
07	Paul Atkinson	PRI	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	25%	
08	Laura George	ALT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	25%	

<sup>1</sup> Meeting cancelled due to Covid-19 protocols

<sup>2</sup> Meeting not held due to Covid-19 protocols

<sup>3</sup> Meeting not held due to Covid-19 protocols

<sup>4</sup> Meeting not held due to lack of quorum

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Wallace Ng-See-Quan submitted his resignation in August 2020



NO.	MSG DECISIONS, TASKS, ASSIGNMENTS, 1 JAN – 31 DEC 2020	STATUS
001	Jan/1. The Secretariat will make contact by telephone to advise USAID/PADF that the GYEITI will not move forward with the project unless there is clarity with regards to the budget. If there is no response then the Secretariat will follow up with a letter.	Completed
002	Jan/ 2. The MSG is tasked with reviewing the APR for 2018 and submitting comments by January 15.	Completed
003	Jan/ 3. The GYEITI will seek clarity on the position on spending for the MNR regarding GYEITI financial needs.	Completed
004	Feb/ 1. The meeting recommended that a subcommittee be formed to assist with the preparation of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Report. Some members from the MSG which were selected to form the group were Mr. Larry Carryl, Mr. Brian Gittens, Mr. Mike McCormack, and Ms. Euliene Watson being chair for the subcommittee.  The Secretariat will send out an email informing the MSG of the Recommendation and request volunteers for the committee.	Completed
005	Feb/ 2. MSG Members will be selected to form part of the Oversight and Accountability subcommittee for the Natural Resource Fund Act.  Secretariat to send out email to MSG to nominate members for the Oversight and Accountability subcommittee for the Natural Resource Fund Act.	Completed
006	Feb/3. The MSG recommended that a subcommittee be formed to revise the MSG Terms of Reference  The Secretariat will send out an email to the MSG for volunteers to form a subcommittee for the revision of the MSG Terms of Reference.	Completed

<b>MSG MEETING FOR MARCH 2020 WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS</b>		
<b>MSG MEETING FOR APRIL 2020 WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS</b>		
<b>MSG MEETING FOR MAY 2020 WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS</b>		
007	June/1 . Subcommittee to be formed to review the TORs of the MSG and will be adopted at the next MSG meeting	Completed
008	June/2. A Brief highlighting where GYEITI is, the status of the gold mining sector, nomination of members, and other related issues is to be prepared by the Secretariat as soon as possible and circulated to the MSG Co-Chairs for comments. Once finalized it will be shared with the entire MSG before being sent to the incoming Minister of Natural Resources.	Completed
009	June/3. PADF should be asked to provide an update in the form of an interim report on the project's various components.	Completed
010	July/1. The meeting decided that due to the prevailing conditions as a result of COVID-19 and the non-conclusion of the electoral process, it would not be feasible to continue with the process for a new MSG.	Accepted
011	JULY/2. The meeting approved a motion to extend the life of the MSG for six months for the completion of the 2nd Report. Voting for the approval of the motion were Peter Dillon, Ricky Ramsaroop, Brian Gittens, Gomin Camacho, Curtis Bernard, Vanda Radzik, Laura George, Euliene Watson, Wallace Ng-See-Quan, Hema Khan. Voting against the motion was Mike McCormack.	Completed
<b>MSG MEETING FOR AUGUST 2020 WAS CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM</b>		
012	Sept/1.	Not Stated

	The MSG recorded its appreciation to Wallace Ng-See-Quan for his tenure on the MSG and undertook to represent this in a letter.	
013	Sept/2. The meeting by consensus adopted the revised TOR for the MSG with a number of amendments as recommended by Civil Society and with adjustments agreed upon during the meeting.	Completed
014	Sept/3. The meeting decided that the duration of the chairmanship of the MSG will be three months.	Instituted
015	Sept/4. The co-chairs will comprise a committee to look at oil sales reporting – Peter Dillion to volunteer to the committee once it will not be a conflict of interest.	Not Completed
016	Sept/5. A working group to be established to take the PADF project forward within the context of the objectives of GYEITI and the areas identified as being of priority. Committee to include Eulienne Watson, Vanda Radzik, Peter Dillon, Gillian Pollard.	Completed
017	Oct/1. The Secretariat shall provide the Word format of the Annual Progress Report 2019.	Completed
018	Oct/2. The Secretariat shall request of the IA the Inception Report	Completed
019	Oct/3. The PADF Sub-Committee shall prepare a statement on its review of the PADF work plan and make recommendations for the continuation of the engagement with PADF.	Completed
020	Oct/4. The PADF Sub-Committee shall serve as the interface between the PADF/USAID and the GYEITI.	Instituted

021	Oct/5. The Secretariat shall review all MSG Meeting Minutes and publish on GYEITI website.	Instituted
022	Oct/6. The Secretariat shall write the International Secretariat formally seeking an extension of the commencement of Validation due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.	Completed
023	Nov/1. Meeting to be convened with Hema Khan to identify the options for getting around the GRA's restriction on disclosure of information	Completed
024	Nov/2. The Secretariat to write EITI International requesting an extension to the deadline for the submission of the 2nd Report. The extension should be requested for up to the end of February 2021.	Completed
025	Nov/3. The letter seeking an extension to the deadline will be sent by the Secretariat to the MSG with a note that comments should be sent back within a week prior to the application being sent to the EITI International Secretariat.	Completed
026	Dec1. The IA Sub-Committee to meet on the morning of Tuesday December 15, 2020 to review the amended Inception Report at 9 am.	Completed
027	Dec2. The sub-committee will look at the Inception Report against the spreadsheet that the Secretariat had prepared as per the IA Sub-Committee's instructions.	Not Stated
029	Dec3. The Secretariat will continue to submit Annual Progress Reports and will subscribe to the deadline of July 1, 2021 for the year 2020 even though it is not a requirement per the EITI Standards.	Not Stated

**GYEITI PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS OUTREACH & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT  
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No.	Date	Brief Description	Location	Impact/Reach	Comments
01	January 28th, 2020	Joint Communique with Department of Energy, Ministry of Energy, Brickdam and United Nations Place, Georgetown. Important EITI In Oil' Transparency - Energy on 'First Trades Disclosure Requirement.	Georgetown	The Department of Energy, Ministry of Energy, Brickdam and United Nations Place, Georgetown with regards to trading in oil. In addition, the department of energy committed to working with the GYEITI secretariat with regards to the provision of necessary information to allow for GYEITI to efficiently report on Trading in oil as required by the EITI 2019 standard.	
02	February 6, 2020	Engagement Meeting with Georgetown Chambers of Commerce	Georgetown Chambers of Commerce Boardroom 156 Waterloo Street, Georgetown	GYEITI was invited to a meeting by the GCCI to introduce and speak on the work of the	This was an introductory meeting the Secretariat gave a background of EITI and progress

<p>made by GYEITI in implementing EITI.</p>	<p>National Secretariat. Staff of the Secretariat and some MSG Representatives were in attendance.</p>				
<p>There were no Outreach and Engagement activities for the month of March</p>				<p>March, 2020</p>	<p>03</p>
<p>There were no Outreach and Engagement activities for the month of April due to Covid 19 Restrictions and Political Uncertainty in Guyana at the time</p>				<p>April, 2020</p>	<p>04</p>
	<p>The Webinar was planned and hosted by the EITI International Secretariat to share information and build capacity within the National Secretariat and</p>	<p>Held via Zoom online platform</p>	<p>- Webinar Environmental Reporting</p>	<p>May 11, 2020</p>	<p>05</p>

	Multi Stakeholder Group(MSG)				
06	June 29, 2020	Webinar - Why transparency matters for countries caught in a triple crisis	Held via Zoom online platform	The Webinar was planned and hosted by the EITI International Secretariat to share information and build capacity within the National Secretariat and Multi Stakeholder Group(MSG)	
07	July 3, 2020	Webinar - Flexible Reporting	Held via Zoom online platform	The Webinar was planned and hosted by the EITI International Secretariat to share information and build capacity within the National Secretariat and Multi Stakeholder Group(MSG)	
08	July 8, 2020	Webinar - Revised Validation Model	Held via Zoom online platform	The Webinar was planned and hosted by the EITI International Secretariat to share information and build capacity within the National Secretariat and Multi Stakeholder Group(MSG)	

	Multi Stakeholder Group(MSG)				
09	July 15, 2020	Webinar - Guyana's oil sector to date	Held via Zoom online platform	The Webinar was planned and hosted by the EITI International Secretariat to share information and build capacity within the National Secretariat and Multi Stakeholder Group(MSG)	
10	July 21, 2020	Meeting with Guyana Gold Board and PADF for update on implementation of 1st recommendations of Report and preparations for the 2nd Report.	Held via Zoom online platform	The Secretariat held meetings with reporting entities(GRA, GGB, NIS, EPA, Mof, GGMC) which were organized by PADF, to get feedback on progress of implementation of recommendations from first report.	
11	July 24, 2020	Redesign of GYEITI website – Kerry Peters of Yellow House Media, TT	Held via Zoom online platform	Meeting provided clarity on the way forward with regards to the content needed for the new website	



		and how it was to be transferred to YHM			
	12	July 28, 2020	Meeting with Ministry of Finance and PADF for update on implementation of recommendations of 1st Report and preparations for the 2nd Report.	Held via Zoom online platform	The Secretariat held meetings with reporting entities (GRA, GGB, NIS, EPA, MOF, GGMC) which were organized by PADF, to get feedback on progress of implementation of recommendations from first report.
	13	July 28, 2020	Meeting between the GRA and PADF for update on implementation of recommendations of 1st Report and preparations for the 2nd Report.	Held via Zoom online platform	The Secretariat held meetings with reporting entities (GRA, GGB, NIS, EPA, MOF, GGMC) which were organized by PADF, to get feedback on progress of implementation of recommendations from first report.
	14	July 29, 2020	Webinar - Commodities Trading	Held via Zoom online platform	The webinar provided valuable

	information on the requirements to meet as an oil trading nation				
	The Webinar was planned and hosted by the EITI International Secretariat to share information and build capacity within the National Secretariat and Multi Stakeholder Group(MSG)	Via Zoom online platform	GYEITI and MSG were invited and participated part in a webinar hosted by EITI International Secretariat on Beneficial Ownership, Project Level Reporting, Contract and Transparency. The recording and presentation are to be made available.	July 29, 2020	15
	To advance the process of the IA's procurement	Held via Zoom online platform	Meeting to discuss the contract of the IA	July 30, 2020	16
	Meeting provided clarity on the way forward with regards to the content needed for the new website and how it was to be transferred to YHM	Held via Zoom online platform	Meeting with Kerry Peters of Yellow House Media TT on the redesign of the GYEITI website	August 3, 2020	17

18	August 4, 2020	Meeting to discuss discrepancies with the IA contract	Held via Zoom online platform	To advance the process of the IA's procurement
19	August 5, 2020	Meeting between GMC and PADP for update on implementation of recommendations of 1st Report and preparations for the 2nd Report.	Held via Zoom online platform	The Secretariat held meetings with reporting entities (GRA, GGB, NIS, EPA, MoF, GMC) which were organized by PADP, to get feedback on progress of implementation of recommendations from first report.
20	August 12, 2020	Meeting with National Insurance Scheme and PADP for update on implementation of recommendations of 1st Report and preparations for the 2nd Report.	Held via Zoom online platform	The Secretariat held meetings with reporting entities (GRA, GGB, NIS, EPA, MoF, GMC) which were organized by PADP, to get feedback on progress of implementation of recommendations from first report.

21	August 13, 2020	Implementing Renewable Energy in the Mining Sector and Energy Transition	Held via Zoom online platform	Capacity building for Secretariat staff and MSG members	
22	November 18, 2020	EITI Oil Sales Transparency webinar	Held via Zoom online platform	Capacity building	
23	December 3, 2020	EITI webinar on work plans	Held via Zoom online platform	Capacity building	
24	December 10, 2020	Webinar -Best Practices and Future Steps on Contract Transparency	Held via Zoom online platform	Capacity building	

Prepared by: N. Earle, Communications Officer, GYEITI.  
Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**SPECIAL MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING(MSG)  
29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

**RESOLUTION OF GUYANA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY  
INITIATIVE(GYEITI) MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP(MSG)**

**EXTENSION OF TERM LIMIT OF MULTISTAKEHOLDER GROUP (MSG)  
FROM 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 TO 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

Whereas each of the twelve (12) Primary Members and twelve (12) Alternate Members of the Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative [GYEITI] Multi-Stakeholder Group [MSG], per its Terms of Reference [TOR] under Section 6.o(6.1) has an initial duration of service for a period of three (3) years.

And whereas the tenure of service of nine (9) Primary Members and nine (9) Alternate Members would conclude on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

And whereas per section 5.o(5.4) of the Terms of Reference the appointment of Primary Members and Alternate Members of the MSG shall be made in writing by the Minister with responsibility for the management of natural resources.

And given that the National Assembly and Local Authorities have been dissolved, and General and Regional Elections have been scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, there is presently no Minister to appoint members to the MSG

And noting that decisions critical to the execution of the mandate of GYEITI are required during the period in which no appointment of members can be made.

Be it resolved that the GYEITI MSG, notwithstanding any clause or word in the MSG TOR to the contrary, hereby agree to extend the term of service of the members listed in Attachment 1 for an additional period of six (6) months after the date of expiration of their current tenure.

**Agreed at Special MSG Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2020- National Secretariat  
boardroom, 55 Main Street Georgetown.**

**35<sup>TH</sup> MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP STATUTORY MEETING  
22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2020**

**RESOLUTION OF GUYANA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY  
INITIATIVE (GYEITI) MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP(MSG)**

**EXTENSION OF TERM LIMIT FROM 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020 TO 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

Whereas each of the twelve (12) Primary Members and twelve (12) Alternate Members of the Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (GYEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG), per its Terms of Reference (TOR) under Section 6.o(6.1) has an initial duration of service for a period of three (3) years.

And whereas the tenure of service of several Primary Members and several Alternate Members would conclude on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

And whereas per section 5.o(5.4) of the Terms of Reference the appointment of Primary Members and Alternate Members of the MSG shall be made in writing by the Minister with responsibility for the management of natural resources.

And given that the results of National and Regional Elections held on March 2, 2020 have not yet been fully declared allowing for the appointment of a Minister to appoint members to the MSG.

And given that the onset of a global pandemic and the measures being implementing to reduce its spread and impact in Guyana has resulted in impaired ability to properly identify and appoint members to the MSG.

And noting that decisions critical to the execution of the mandate of GYEITI are required during the period in which no appointment of members can be made.

Be it resolved that the GYEITI MSG, notwithstanding any clause or word in the MSG TOR to the contrary, hereby agree to extend the term of service of all Primary Members and Alternate Members for six (6) months beginning August 16, 2020.

**Agreed at the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MSG held on Wednesday July 22, 2020.**

**40<sup>TH</sup> MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP MSG MEETING  
10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

**RESOLUTION OF GUYANA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY  
INITIATIVE(GYEITI) MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP(MSG)**

**EXTENSION OF TERM LIMIT OF MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP(MSG)**

**FROM 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 TO NO LATER THAN 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

Whereas each of the twelve (12) Primary Members and twelve (12) Alternate Members of the Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative [GYEITI] Multi-Stakeholder Group [MSG], per its Terms of Reference [TOR] under Section 6.o(6.1) has a duration of service for a period of three (3) years.

And whereas the tenure of service of the Primary Members and Alternates will conclude on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

And whereas Article 15.1 of the GYEITI MSG TOR states that “These terms of reference may be reviewed and/or amended by the MSG at a duly constituted meeting of the MSG”

And whereas the EITI Reporting process for the GYEITI 2<sup>nd</sup> Report which will be completed on March 31, 2021 requires the MSG to review, approve and publish the 2<sup>nd</sup> GYEITI.

And whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources is in the process of appointing new members to the GYEITI MSG.

And noting that decisions critical to the approval of the GYEITI 2<sup>nd</sup> Report are required during the period in which appointment of new members will be made.

Be it resolved that that this duly constituted MSG meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 notwithstanding any clause or word in the MSG TOR to the contrary, hereby agree to extend the term of service of the current composition of the GYEITI MSG until the 2<sup>nd</sup> EITI Report is approved and published no later than April 30, 2021.

Be it further resolved that this duly constituted MSG meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 hereby and herewith agree that the existing GYEITI MSG TOR stands amended to allow for any newly appointed MSG to commence functioning fully only after Guyana’s 2<sup>nd</sup> EITI Report is published.

**Agreed at 40<sup>th</sup> MSG Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, via zoom.**

