

**MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP 50th STATUTORY MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2022 AT 10:10 AM
VIA ZOOM**

ATTENDANCE: MSG and SECRETARIAT STAFF

	Name & Sector	Gender	Members Present	Members Absent	Alternate	Gender	Present	Absent
INDUSTRY								
1	J Bronchalo	M		w-out/e	A Gohil	M		w/e
2	R Ramjit	M	x		J Vogt	M		w/e
3	A Alphonso	M		w/e	A Jagnandan	M	x	
4	R Khan	M	x		N McLean	M		w/e
CIVIL SOCIETY								
5	L Carryl	M		w/e	M McCormack	M	x	
6	N Fredericks	M		w/e	L Fiedtkou	F	x	
7	V Radzik	F	x		K Cort-Kansinally	F		w-out/e
8	G Camacho	F	x		D Khan	F		Resigned. To be replaced
GOVERNMENT								
9	S Roopnauth	F		w/e	T Balgobin	M		w-out/e
10	H Khan	F	x		S Richmond	M		w-out/e
11	V Harris	F		w/e	S Hussain	M		w-out/e
12	M Munroe	M	x		M Pertab	M		w-out/e
Secretariat Staff								
1	P Misir	M	x					
2		F	x					
3	J Earle	M	x					
4	S Parkinson	F	x					
5	R. Budhu	M		w/e				

1 AGENDA ITEM 1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2 The meeting which was held via zoom was called to order at 10:10 am by co-chair Ms.
3 Vanda Radzik (Civil Society) who welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

4 **AGENDA**

5 **AGENDA [60 mins]**

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7	1. Call to Order and Welcome	1 min
8	2. Excuses / Attendance Record	2 mins
9	3. Adoption of Agenda	2 mins
10	4. National Secretariat's Report for March 2022	10 mins
11	5. Minutes of 49th MSG Statutory Meeting held 16.03.2022	10 mins
12	a) Corrections / Omissions / Adoption	
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14	6. Report From MSG Committees:	15 mins
15	a) MSG Co-Chairs	
16	b) Communications & Outreach	
17	c) Work Plan, MSG TOR and Validation	
18	d) MSG-IA	
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20	7. Update on Preparation of 3rd EITI Report FY 2019	15 mins
21	BDO will Join the meeting to provide an Update	
22	8. Any Other Business	5 mins
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24	9. Announcement of Next MSG Meeting – 11th May, 2022	
25	Close	

26 **AGENDA ITEM No 2 – Excuses/Attendance Record**

- 27 • Excuses tendered by the Secretariat for
- 28 • The Chair offered an excuse for Larry Carryl. Excuses also came in for Mr Andron
- 29 Alphonso, Ms Vanelda Harris, Mr Anand Gohil, Ms Sonya Roopnauth
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31 **AGENDA ITEM NO 3 – Adoption of Agenda**

32 The Agenda was adopted by Mr. Rafeek Khan and seconded by Ms. Hema Khan.

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34 **AGENDA ITEM NO 4 – National Secretariat's Report for March 2022**

35 **The Secretariat's Report was presented to the meeting.**

36 **AGENDA ITEM NO 5 – Minutes of 49th MSG Statutory Meeting held 16.03.2022**

37 There being no corrections the motion to adopt the minutes of the 49th MSG Meeting
38 was moved by Ms. Hema Khan and seconded by Mr. Rafeek Khan.

- 39 1. The MSG reaffirmed its approval the Inception Report, the Reconciliation Scope
40 for the Oil and Gas Sector and for the EITI Report to be prepared under the new
41 Flexible Reporting regime.
- 42 2. The IA will send out templates to oil and gas companies before the end of
43 Wednesday March 16, 2022.
- 44 3. The Secretariat will write the government reporting agencies on the outstanding
45 information to be provided to the IA.
- 46 4. The IA will hold workshops with oil and gas companies on the said templates on
47 Wednesday March 23, 2022.
- 48 5. It was decided that the interview process will commence in the week of March
49 21st 2022 when Mr Michael Monroe who is on the interview panel resumes
50 duties.
- 51 6. The Secretariat will follow up with the International Secretariat on the offer of
52 assistance in preparing work plans using the new approved work plan templates.
- 53 7. The Secretariat will follow up with EITI international on the status of Guyana's
54 EITI validation exercise.
- 55 8. The Secretariat will update the terms of reference for the beneficial ownership
56 and systematic disclosure consultancies so that the ministry of natural resources
57 can move the process forward.
- 58 9. The Secretariat will produce a newsletter on a bimonthly basis (every other
59 month)

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63 **AGENDA ITEM NO 6 – Report from MSG Committees:**

64 **MSG Co-Chairs**

65 The Co-Chairs at a meeting on April 1, 2022 discussed the matter of confidentiality with
66 regards to the release of information from the GRA and it was decided that the Co-
67 Chairs will send a letter to the EITI Champion Hon. Minister Bharrat on the need for
68 movement on addressing this recurring issue which has been flagged in a scoping study
69 since 2015. The meeting heard that the letter, signed by Ms Radzik, was sent to the
70 Minister on April 12, 2022.

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72 **MSG IA Committee Report:**

73 It was reported that the IA Committee met on April 1, 2022 along with the Co-Chairs
74 with the IA BDO LLP for an update on the report preparation process. The IA provided
75 the update which indicated that almost all of the oil and gas companies and government
76 agencies had submitted their templates. At the time of the meeting the GGMC was the
77 major entity outstanding. At the meeting the IA gave the assurance that the Report for
78 FY 2019 will be completed before the deadline of May 31, 2022.

79 **Communications and Outreach Committee's Report:**

80 The Communications Committee did not meet during March 2022.

81 **MSG Work plan/TOR/Validation Committee Report:**

82 The Committee is to commence deliberation for the preparation of the GYEITI Work
83 Plan. It was reported that the PS is supposed to meet with Civil Society to iron out the
84 matter of Alternates having no voice. The Chair of the Work Plan/TOR/ Validation
85 Committee will discuss the matter further with the PS.

86 **AGENDA ITEM NO 7 – Update on 3rd Report preparation**

87 BDO LLP reported that as at Wednesday April 13, 2022 they had receive most of the
88 information requested from Oil and gas companies as well as government entities.
89 However, they , however they noted that while some gaps exist, they will be able to
90 produce the final draft of the report for 2019 by the first week of May. They confirmed
91 that some of the reconciliation work had already commenced and they are interacting
92 with the government agencies in this regard.

93 Reporting templates received from all oil and gas companies except Nabi Oil and Gas,
94 the explanation is that this company's license was inactive in 2019.

95 While the IA has received information from GRA, there are gaps related to a single
96 payment stream and a single company which is still unresolved. The IA has sought
97 feedback from this entity but is advising that they move forward if that feedback is not
98 forthcoming.

99 The IA received oil and gas information from GGMC on April 13 and the lack of this
100 information was proving to be a bottleneck in the report preparation process. The IA
101 said that it could not issue a report without the information from the GGMC.

102 The IA received information from the Ministry of Finance, another critical agency in the
103 reporting process. The IA confirmed receiving information from the GGB, NIS and EPA.
104 While the information received from NIS was partial, it is said to be the major part of

105 the data requested. The IA received some information from GFC even though there are
106 some gaps with what was received.

107 The government agencies which did not respond to the IA were PTCCB and NICIL. The
108 IA noted that the Inception Report indicated that the receipts by the PTCCB were not
109 significant. However, since the MSG had agreed to the reconciliation scope which
110 included PTCCB and NICIL, it would be apposite to include both in the reconciliation
111 exercise. This would show commitment on the part of the government to the EITI
112 process.

113 The meeting heard that Guyana's EITI Report for 2020 will be due at end of 2022. The
114 extension given for the 2019 report (May 31) does not affect the deadline for the new
115 report (December 31). The Meeting noted the need to be mindful of the looming 2020
116 Report and the process which needs to commence as soon as possible.

117 The IA said that they have the major part for the completion of the 2019 report and that
118 while there are some gaps, these are not major.

119 The IA said that the companies and government agencies will need to send in the copies
120 of the templates certified by external auditors. There are still some gaps in terms of
121 contextual information from the Guyana Forestry Commission.

122 The issue of confidentiality is still a constraint and though it might be somewhat
123 mitigated in this report because of flexible reporting, the matter must be fully addressed
124 for upcoming reports when flexible reporting may no longer be an option.

125 The meeting recognized the efforts of all those who were instrumental in getting the
126 agencies to provide the necessary information.

127 The IA said that the process is on track for publishing the 3rd Report on May 31, 2022.
128 The draft report will be made available in the first week in May for review by the MSG.

129 The meeting was notified that Civil Society wrote a letter to the Champion seeking his
130 intervention on the confidentiality constraint in order to show progress and action taken
131 on this matter which had been flagged in previous reports. The meeting recognized the
132 fact that there has been no progress shown on the confidentiality issue which was
133 flagged since 2015.

134 The meeting noted that Industry and Government Co-Chairs did not support the letter
135 by Civil Society.

136 **AGENDA ITEM NO 8 – Update on GYEITI Validation**

137 The International Secretariat has indicated to the Secretariat that Guyana's Validation
138 will be discussed at a meeting to take place before the end of April 2022 following which
139 they will make an announcement on Guyana's Validation outcome.

140 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – Any Other Business:**

141 The meeting was notified that Civil Society member and Chair of the IA Committee
142 Larry Carryl had tendered his resignation from the MSG due to the difficulties he had in
143 getting time to attend meetings because of his job at the Ministry of Agriculture. The
144 meeting was also notified that Civil Society member Nicholas Fredericks intends to
145 tender his resignation from the MSG due to difficulties in terms of lack of connectivity to
146 Internet or telephone in his location of Shulinab, Rupununi which was severely
147 restricting his ability to attend MGS meetings and participate in the work of the MSG.

148 The next MSG meeting was set for Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 10:00 hrs., virtually.

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150 Johann Earle (Mr.)
151 Communications Officer
152 GYEITI National Secretariat
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Vanda Radzik
Chair (Civil Society)

154 **DECISIONS AGREED AT 50th STATUTORY MEETING OF MSG HELD ON**
155 **WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2022.**

- 156 1. It was recommended that the MSG establish a small working group to deliberate
157 on the issue of confidentiality.
- 158 2. The MSG expects the IA to submit the final report for FY 2019 by the first week of
159 May 2022.
- 160 3. It was suggested that the outstanding recommendations in the EITI Reports be
161 tracked for progress made.
- 162 4. It was suggested that other legislation be examined for their relevance in
163 improving capacity to mandate disclosure of information such as the Anti- Money
164 Laundering law and the Natural Resources Fund Act.
- 165 5. The Meeting made a decision that all MSG Meeting Minutes be signed by the
166 sitting Chair and the person preparing them.

