

**MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP 58h STATUTORY MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14th AT 10:00 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/e	A Gohil	M		w/e
2	R Ramjit	M	x		J Vogt	M	x	
3	A Alphonso	M		w/e	A Jagnandan	M		w/e
4	R Khan	M	x		N McLean	M		w-out/e
CIVIL SOCIETY								
5	M. McCormack	M	x					

6	I. Fiedtkou	F	x					
7	V Radzik	F	x		K Cort-Kansinally	F	x	
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	x	
11	V Harris	F	x		S Hussain	M	x	
12	M Munroe	M		w/e	M Pertab	M		w-out/e

Secretariat Staff								
1	J Earle	M	x					
2	R. Budhu	M	x					

AGENDA ITEM 1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting which was held via Zoom was called to order at 10:10 am by Chair Mr. Ryan Ramjit (Industry) who welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

AGENDA ITEM No 2 – Excuses/Attendance Record

Excuses tendered for Mr. Michael Munroe, Mr. Andron Alphonso, Mr. Avalon Jagandan and Mr. Jesus Bronchalo.

AGENDA ITEM NO 3 – Adoption of Agenda

Following a number of amendments, The Agenda was adopted by Mr. Rafeek Khan and seconded by Ms. Vanda Radzik.

AGENDA ITEM NO 4 - Minutes of 57th MSG Statutory Meeting held 14.12.2022

The Minutes were adopted by Ms. Hema Khan and seconded by Mr. Rafeek Khan.

AGENDA ITEM NO 5 - Decisions of the 57th Statutory Meeting – Status of Implementation

To proceed with the sole-sourcing of the IA for the preparation of the 2020 report – ongoing

The letter to the International Secretariat requesting an extension to the submission date to be circulated and sent to the MNR– completed

The Co-Chairs to convene a meeting to hear from the National Coordinator – This action deemed unnecessary since the PS reported to the Co-Chairs that the post had been made vacant.

The Minutes have been amended to reflect the decision of the last meeting that said when a member of the MSG resigns, the alternate is considered member until such time that the member is replaced through an election.

The National Secretariat to contact Mr. Esteban Manteca of EITI International regarding the review of the IA TOR. - The National Secretariat is awaiting the guidance of the MNR prior to carrying out this decision. At this point it was noted that the MNR should not be usurping the authority of the MSG in terms of giving directives to the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM NO 6 – Communication to Stakeholders on Status of GYEITI

The MSG agreed that the prepared draft statement be circulated to members of the MSG for their review and approval so that the statement could be disseminated before the end of the year. Civil Society expressed its concern that the Guyana EITI is not consistently making public statements about its work and the progress thereof. It was reiterated that the reins of public communication need to be taken firmly in hand by the MSG.

AGENDA ITEM NO 7 -Report from MSG Committees:

MSG IA Committee Report:

This committee did not meet as its meeting is contingent on the Secretariat's seeking advice on the review of the IA TOR.

The Co-Chairs Committee

The committee met with the PS and discussed a number of issues including the letter to the International Secretariat, the status of the National Coordinator and other related topics such as the IA TOR and the work plan. It was noted that for almost five months there was no National Coordinator driving the process of implementing the decisions of the MSG and coordinating the work of the Secretariat. The Co-Chairs expressed the need to meet with Mrs. Jagarnauth on the work plan and other related issues.

The Communications Committee

This committee did not meet over the past month. However, the Chair of that committee noted that the current crisis at the Secretariat has huge impacts on outreach and public engagement. He expressed that he was not happy with what has been achieved this year. He said that for one year the Communications Strategy was being reviewed and there has been no resulting outreaches. He stressed the need for there to be a functional secretariat to enable the execution of the strategy. He noted too that the MSG should have the wherewithal to make public statements independently and that there should be a budget available for public outreach and communications. He said that there is need for the committee to engage directly with the PS on these issues.

The Validation/TOR/Work Plan Committee

This committee has not met, and the Chair of that Committee has been unavailable despite attempts to make contact. The committee is still at an impasse on the MSG TOR. The PS had offered to assist in resolving the Impasse however this has not been done. The PS is reported to have said that he will be addressing the issue.

The committee noted that there has been little effort at implementing the existing work plan despite it being approved by the MSG.

The point was made that the matter of the TOR ought to be taken up by the whole MSG as the work should not be held up because of a committee not meeting. It was noted too that there is already an approved TOR which is the bedrock of the MSG's functioning. Civil Society reminded of a letter they had submitted to the MSG on a proposed way forward on the MSG TOR.

The Legal and Regulatory Review Committee

This committee has not met. Mr. Sean Richmond volunteered to serve on this committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – Any Other Business

The meeting with told that approaches have been made to potential funding sources to possibly support the work of EITI in Guyana. One of those entities is the Open Society Forum.

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Johann Earle (Mr.)
Communications Officer
GYEITI National Secretariat



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Ryan Ramjit
Chair (Industry)

DECISIONS AGREED AT 58th STATUTORY MEETING OF MSG HELD ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14th, 2022.

1. The MSG concluded that it was no longer necessary for the Co-Chairs to engage with the National Coordinator since the PS had reported at a Co-Chairs meeting that the post of National Coordinator had been vacated.
2. The Co-Chairs to convene a meeting with the PS to get updates on a number of issues.
3. Prepared statement giving update on GYEITI to be sent to all members of the MSG by email with the aim of having an approved document sent out before the end of the year.
4. Civil Society expressed its concern that as at the date of the meeting, the dispatch of the letter requesting an extension to the deadline for the preparation of the 2020 report which was a decision taken at the previous MSG meeting had not been effected.