

**64th MEETING OF THE MULTI -STAKEHOLDER'S GROUP**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JUNE 14, 2023 AT 10:00 HRS**

**VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**1. Call to Order and Welcome.**

Chairman of the Multi-stakeholders' Group Mr. Michael Munroe welcomed all members and called the Meeting to order at 10:12 hrs.

**2. Announcements.**

Excuses were presented for: -

Ms Vanelda Harris

Ms. KerryAnn Kansinally

Mr. Andron Alphonso.

**3. Adoption of AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed and amended. It was proposed for adoption by Ms. Loretta Fiedtkou(C) and seconded by Mr. Matt Niewenhous (I).

**4. MINUTES OF THE 63<sup>rd</sup> MSG – consideration and Adoption.**

The Minutes was proposed by Mr. Michael Munroe for adoption. It was seconded by Mr. Matt Niewenhous.

**5. Implementation of decisions of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting.**

The Chair recalled the discussions and suggestion for the employment of an Assistant Administrator to primarily support the Administrator in the management of the EITI Website due to the lack of capacity at the GYEITI Secretariat. While the role is understood and training of the current Secretariat staff is an alternative approach, it was established that the appropriateness of the proposal, given that a retainer is currently actively engaged, has to be addressed.

## **6. IA Committee Report.**

Chairman of the IA Committee provided a status of the work that was undertaken for the review of the Draft Report at the Working Groups level, the joint Meetings of the Groups and the Special Meetings of the MSG. He reported on the key areas that were identified where the MSG needs to provide guidance and take decisions to guide the way forward for the timely completion of the FY 2020 Report and for the review of the Terms of Reference for the FY 2021 Report.

### **(a) TOR for the FY 2021 Report.**

The Meeting was informed that during the course of the examination of the draft FY 2020 report a number of areas were identified for inclusion in the FY 2021 TOR. These are:

- (i) **Carbon Credit system and Trading scheme.**  
**The Meeting discussed the Carbon Credit and the trading scheme and the importance of giving recognition of the matter from a positive perspective.** The critical aspect is the monitoring of payments.  
**Consensus was reached to have this incorporated into the FY 2021 report and by extension the TOR.**
- (ii) **The Term of Engagement of the Independent Administrator:** It was proposed that the contractual obligation for the IA should be a 3- year period as opposed to a one-year period.  
**This was agreed upon by all members.**

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(iii) **Gender and Environment.**

It was noted that while issues on Gender and Environment in keeping with the 2019 EITI Standard are in the TOR, the revised EITI 2023 Standard will guide the report.

(iv) **Method Companies used for the payment of**

**revenues to Government.** It was recognized that the modality used by the Companies, particularly in the Oil and gas sector, to pay revenues to government/GRA via a third party was not transparently reflected in the data collection templates for the FY 2020 report nor was it accordingly disaggregated at the GRA. This had affected the reconciliation of revenues and raise concerns of double counting. The recommendation for **the data templates to be used for the FY 2021 Report to be redesigned to ensure that companies payments are properly reflected so that there is transparency and accountability.**

**This received consensus from all sector/members.**

**(b) FY 2020 Report: Review of Draft.**

The main issues discussed in relation to the EITI FY 2020 report were:

(i) **The Foreword.**

The proposal by Civil Society for a shared foreword i.e., statement by the various sectors, were examined based on the elements

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involved on account of showing ownership at the level of the MSG.

After an in-depth and detailed exchanges, it was established that given the current circumstance of Guyana's temporary suspension such an approach would be counter-productive as three different perspectives will not augur well for a consensus report. The timeframe for the completion of the report was highlighted. While the approach put forward is deemed in appropriate at this time, it was clear that it can be considered for future reports.

It was also mentioned that the opportunity for persons/ sectors to express their views on the report will present itself after the report is published.

**Consensus was reached that the Foreword for FY 2020 Report will be under the pen of the EITI Champion-the Honourable Minister of Natural Resources.**

**(ii) The Treatment of Carbon Credit.**

Ms. Radzik presented details on the Carbon Credit Scheme under the LCDS and the Oil Company HESS' substantial contribution and how the funds were allocated to the indigenous communities and proposed that in the contextual section of the report the scheme should be referenced with the appropriate links.

**There was no objection from the meeting to this suggestion except for Mr. Mc Cormack who stated that he is of the view that the rightful place for the matter is the financial section.**

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**7. Any other Business**

- (i) The Chair alluded to the Work Plan that was round robin earlier and requested members to examine same so that it can be signed off as early as possible.
- (ii) The revised details for the TOR FY 2021 Report incorporate the decisions taken and recirculated for consideration.
- (iii) Ms. Radzik informed the Meeting that the matter regarding the process for the evaluation of the National Coordinator is not yet finally concluded. At the earliest opportunity the recommendations from the Co-Chairs will be submitted to the MSG for consideration.
- (iv) It was agreed that the MSG will meet as follow to examine the 2nd draft Report submitted by the BDO-LLP:
  - Thursday, June 15, 2023, from 14:00 -16:00 hrs. focusing on Sections 1 and 2 of the report.
  - Friday, June 16th, 2023, from 10:00 hrs. to 12:00 hrs. focusing on sections 3-4.

The Secretariat to notify the MSG accordingly.

**8. Close and announcement of date for the next meeting.**

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and contribution.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:15 hrs.

***The MSG is asked to note that next statutory MSG is scheduled for July 12, 2023.***

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**9. Action Points.**

Agenda Item	Issue	Action	Status
5	<b>Employment of an Assistant Administrator -Website management</b>	To further discuss in light of the current Retainer.	
6 (a)	<b>IA Committee Report.</b> (a) TOR for FY 2021 EITI Report	To ensure that the following are incorporated in the revised TOR. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon Credit system and Payment scheme</li> <li>• The Terms of engagement of the IA be 3yrs instead on 1 yr.</li> <li>• Review of data templates to capture payments made by Companies via third party to GRA are reflected.</li> <li>• Revised TOR to be recirculated to members.</li> </ul>	
6 (b)	Review of FY 2020 Report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foreword will be from the GYEITI Champion-Hon Minister of Natural Resources.</li> <li>• The treatment of Carbon Credit:the payment scheme to be reflected in contextual section with appropriate link.</li> </ul>	

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7	Examination of 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft of FY 2020 Report	Scheduling of Special meetings of MSG to examine 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft report. June 15, 2023, 14-16:00 hrs. June 16, 2023, 14-16:00hrs.	
	Approval of Work Plan	Members to examine Workplan that was Round Robin to members for approval.	
	Evaluation of the National Coordinator.	Co-Chairs to conclude and inform the MSG for consideration.	

MINUTES prepared by:  
Rajdai Jagarnauth

Meeting Chaired by:  
Michael Munroe



Date Prepared: June 19,2023  
**GYEITI Secretariat**

Date Signed 05/10/2023  
**Multi Stakeholder Group**

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### Appendix A: Attendance Record and Excuses

	Name & Sector	Gender	Members Present	Members Absent	Alternate	Gender	Present	Absent
<b>INDUSTRY</b>								
<b>1</b>	Matt Niewenhous	<b>M</b>	X	w/e	<b>A Gohil</b>	<b>M</b>		
<b>2</b>	R Ramjit	<b>M</b>	X		<b>J Vogt</b>	<b>M</b>	X	
<b>3</b>	A Alphonso	<b>M</b>		w/e	<b>A Jagnandan</b>	<b>M</b>	X	
<b>4</b>	R Khan	<b>M</b>	X		<b>N McLean</b>	<b>M</b>		
<b>CIVIL SOCIETY</b>								
<b>i</b>	M. McCormack	<b>M</b>	X					
<b>2</b>	L. Fiedtkou	<b>F</b>	x					
<b>3</b>	V Radzik	<b>F</b>	x					
<del>4</del>	<del>K A .Cort-Kansinally</del>	<del>F</del>	<del>X</del>					
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>								
<b>9</b>	S Roopnauth	<b>F</b>		w/e	<b>T Balgobin</b>	<b>M</b>		w-out/e
<b>10</b>	H Khan	<b>F</b>	x		<b>S Richmond</b>	<b>M</b>		
<b>11</b>	V Harris	<b>F</b>	x		<b>S Hussain</b>	<b>M</b>		
<b>12</b>	M Munroe	<b>M</b>	X	w/e	<b>M Pertab</b>	<b>M</b>		w-out/e



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Secretariat Staff								
1	P. Misir	M	X					
2	Renrick Ramgobin	M	X					
3	Johann Earl	M	X					
4	Richard Budhu	M	X					
5	R. Jagarnauth	F	X					

APPENDIX B. Agenda

**64th MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER’S MEETING**

**June 14, 2023**

**ZOOM MEETING: 10:00 HRS**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome

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2. Announcements: excuses /attendance
3. Adoption of AGENDA
4. MINUTES OF THE 63<sup>rd</sup> MSG – consideration and Adoption.
5. Decisions of the 63<sup>rd</sup> MSG-status of implementation
6. Reports from MSG Committees
  - (i) IA Committee:
    - (a) TOR for FY 2021
    - (b) FY 2020 Report: Review of Draft
  - (iii) Workplan, MSG -TOR and Validation Committee
7. Any other Business
8. Close and announcement of date for the next meeting.

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