

MINUTES OF THE 70th MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER'S GROUP, DECEMBER 8, 2023 VIRTUAL -ZOOM MEETING: 10:00 HRS

1. Call to Order and Welcome at 10:00 HRS

A quorum was established and the Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00hrs welcoming everyone inclusive of the new civil society representative in attendance - Ms. Denise De Souza.

2. Announcements: excuses /attendance

See Appendix ii.(Attached)

3. Adoption of AGENDA (Appendix i)

The Agenda was adopted by Ms. Vanda Radzik, seconded by Mr. William Thompson.

4. MINUTES OF THE 69th MSG – consideration and Adoption.

The Minutes was adopted by Mr. William Thompson (I) and seconded by Hema Khan (G).

5. Review of draft FY 2021 Report.

The IA Consultant submitted the draft FY 2021 Report on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.Th IA Consultant presented an overview of the Draft Report to the MSG. The draft report was accepted by the MSG. A schedule of engagements for the review was agreed to as follow:

- a. MSG Special Meeting: Monday December 11, 2023 at 10:00hrs**
- b. MSG Special Meeting: Tuesday December 12, 2023 at 10:am**
- c. MSG Special Meeting, Wednesday December 13,2023 at 10:00hrs for the finalization of review.**

The key findings and recommendations pointed to the challenges in the preparation of the report including the deficiencies at the State entities level where timely, organized and data at the disaggregated levels are not available. This pointed to the inherent deficiencies across most agencies.

The Audit Assurance is incorporated in section 5 of the Report.

Section 3- Contextual section was already reviewed by the MSG. The IA Consultant, in keeping with its remit is expected to finalized based on data collected. The GYEITI Secretariat will continue to support any future requests of the IA Consultant.

6. Reports from MSG Committees

(i) Co- Chairs met with World Bank Consultant Mr. Sam Tokpah and addressed a number of issues that he is working on inclusive of the beneficial Ownership and Systematic Disclosure (Mainstreaming) Terms of Reference.

(ii) **IA Committee:** As the lead Committee with oversight for the preparation of the FY 2021 Report, the Committee continues to meet on a weekly basis on more than one occasions and as necessary to track progress on the IA Consultant work and review of submissions received from the IA Consultant.

(iii) **Workplan, MSG -TOR and Validation Committee.**

The Committee met on December 7, 2023. Three TOR was examined and recommended for the MSG consideration. These are:

(a) **Workplan for FY 2024:** This was considered by the Validation and Workplan Committee and was recommended for MSG approval.

(b) **TOR on Extractives Beneficial Ownership Transparency in Guyana.** The validation and Workplan Committee recommended MSG approval subject to the adjustment of the timelines for the deliverables.

(c) **Terms of Reference for the Mainstreaming Feasibility Study:** Subject to the change in the title of the document and appropriate adjustments in the content to reflect the term used in the Standard, i.e., Systematic Disclosure - the Committee recommended the MSG approval.

(iv) **Communication and Outreach Committee:**

This Committee met on December 7,2023 and focused on the development of the new website.

- a) The website is far from completion.
- b) Website is currently being designed.
- c) A lot of comments placed on the table at a Meeting of the Communications Committee on December 7,2023 pointing to architecture, diversity of entries and topics which is difficult to complete in a short span of time.
- d) The website will be under construction during the time of the publication of the report.

7. **Matters for Round Robin.**

The Chair referenced the Meeting of the Workplan and Validation Committee and the need for the finalization of the undermentioned documents so that work can get off the ground in January 2024.

- a) Workplan and Budget for FY 2024:
- b) TOR on Extractives Beneficial Ownership Transparency in Guyana.
- (c) Terms of Reference for the Mainstreaming Feasibility Study

The above-mentioned documents will be sent by the Secretariat for approval via Round Robin.

8. **Any other Business**

The Meeting observed the moment of silence for the fallen heroes. Sentiments were expressed on the lives lost.

The Chair expressed his appreciation for the support and work of the IA Consultant and the MSG for the work completed so far. He underscored the continued work towards the finalization of the Report in keeping with the schedule.

9. Close and announcement of date for the next meeting.

Finalization of the review of the first Draft Report:

d. MSG Special Meeting: Monday December 11, 2023 at 10:00hrs

e. MSG Special Meeting: Tuesday December 12, 2023 at 10:am

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10:00hrs for the finalization of review.**


The next statutory meeting of the MSG is scheduled for January 10, 2024.

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Agenda Item	Issue	Decision/ action	Status
6.	<p>Reports from MSG Committees</p> <p>(iii) Workplan, MSG - TOR and Validation Committee.</p>	<p>(a) Workplan for FY 2024: Recommended for MSG approval subject to adjustment of new members participation costs in MSG meetings.</p> <p>(b) TOR on Extractives Beneficial Ownership Transparency in Guyana. Recommended MSG approval subject to the adjustment of the timelines for the deliverables.</p> <p>(c) Terms of Reference for the Mainstreaming Feasibility Study: MSG approval subject to the change in the title of the document and appropriate adjustments in the content to reflect the term used in the Standard, i.e., Systematic Disclosure.</p>	
7	<p>Matters for Round Robin.</p>	<p>Secretariat to Round Robin for approval:</p> <p>c) Workplan and Budget for FY 2024:</p> <p>d) TOR on Extractives Beneficial Ownership Transparency in Guyana.</p> <p>(c) Terms of Reference for the Mainstreaming Feasibility Study</p>	

9	<p>Finalization of First draft of EITI FY 2021 report.</p>	<p>Draft reported accepted and schedule for MSG review decided.</p> <p>Secretariat to facilitate the Meetings to be convened:</p> <p>(i) MSG Special Meeting: Monday December 11, 2023 at 10:00hrs</p> <p>(ii) MSG Special Meeting: Tuesday December 12, 2023 at 10:am</p> <p>(iii) MSG Special Meeting, Wednesday December 13,2023 at 10:00hrs for the finalization of review.</p>	

Prepared by: R. Jagarnauth
GYEITI Secretariat.
December 15, 2023

Signed.  **.....**
R. Ramjit.
Chairman: Industry Sector

Appendix 1.

70th MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER'S GROUP
DECEMBER 8, 2023

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DRAFT AGENDA

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Appendix ii. Attendance.

	Name/Sector	Gender	Present	Absent	Alternate		Present	Absent
Industry								
1	W. Thompson	M	X		A. Gohil	M		
2	R. Ramjit	M	X		J. Vogt	M	X	
3	A. Alphonso	M			A. Jagnandan	M		
4	R. Khan	M	X		N. McLean	M		
Civil Society								
5	D. De Souza	F	X		M. McCormack	M		X w/e
6	I. Fiedtkou	F	X		B. Clenkian	F		X w/e
7	V. Radzik	F	X		G. Singh	M		X w/e
8	K. Cort-Kansinally	F	X		M. Williams	M		X w/e
Government								
9	S. Roopnauth	F		X w/e	T. Balgobin	M		
10	H. Khan	F	X		S. Richmond	M		
11	V. Harris	F	X		S. Hussain	M		
12	M. Munroe	M	X		M. Pertab	M		

		Gender	Present	Absent
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	
Invited				
	Mr. Sam Tokpah (World bank Consultant)		X	
IA Consultant Team.				
	Mr David Quinn		X	
	Mr Rakesh Latchana		X	