

**39<sup>th</sup> MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 10:10 HRS  
VIA ZOOM ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM  
ATTENDANCE: FULL AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS of the MSG and STAFF**

	<b>Name &amp; Sector</b>	<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Industry</b>						
<b>1</b>	<b>P. Harding</b>		<b>w-out/e</b>	<b>Vacant</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>P Dillon</b>	<b>Resigned</b>		<b>R Ramjit</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>D Ramsaroop</b>		<b>w-out/e</b>	<b>B Gittens</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>H Shields</b>		<b>w-out/e</b>	<b>Vacant</b>		
<b>Civil Society</b>						
<b>5</b>	<b>L Carryl</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>M McCormack</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>P Atkinson</b>		<b>w-out/e</b>	<b>L George</b>		<b>w-out/e</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>C Bernard</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>V Radzik</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>G Camacho</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>Vacant</b>		
<b>Government</b>						
<b>9</b>	<b>G Pollard</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>T Balgobin</b>		<b>w-out/e</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>E Watson</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>J McKenzie</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>G Statia</b>		<b>w/e</b>	<b>H Khan</b>		<b>w/e</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>W Ng-See-Quan</b>	<b>Resigned</b>		<b>T Khan</b>		<b>w-out/e</b>
<b>Secretariat Staff</b>						
<b>1</b>	<b>R Jadoopat</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>2</b>	<b>D Barker</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>3</b>	<b>N Earle</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>4</b>	<b>S Parkinson</b>		<b>w/e</b>			

1 **AGENDA ITEM No. 1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

2 The meeting was called to order at 10:24 hours by initial Chair Mrs Eulienne Watson

3 **AGENDA (Draft) [ 75 mins]**

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5	<b>1. Call to Order and Welcome</b>	1 mins
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7	<b>2. Excuses / Attendance Record</b>	2 mins
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9	<b>3. Adoption of Agenda</b>	2 mins
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11	<b>4. Minutes of 38th MSG Meeting</b>	5 mins
12	a) Corrections and/or omissions	
13	b) Adoption	
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15	<b>5. Notes of Meeting held 9th December, 2020</b>	5 mins
16	<b>6. Status Update on Preparation of 2nd Report</b>	15mins
17	<b>7. End of Tenure of current MSG and appointment of new MSG</b>	
18	<b>8. For Approval:</b>	10 mins
19	<b>-GYEITI Annual Progress Report FY 2019</b>	
20	<b>9. For Endorsement:</b>	10 mins
21	<b>-Approved by MSG via email - Addendum to Request for</b>	
22	<b>Extension of Report submission deadline</b>	
23	<b>- Approved by MSG via email - Inception Report Submitted by IA</b>	
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25	<b>10. Secretariat Report</b>	10 mins
26	a) <b>Discussion on Action List from Minutes of 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>	
27	- Reports on implementation of any action	
28	- Substantive non-agenda matters arising out of the Minutes	
29	b) <b>GYEITI Workplan 2021-2022 - for Review</b>	10 mins
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32 **11. Any other business**

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33 **Next MSG Meeting – 10th February 2021**

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36 **AGENDA ITEM No. 2: EXCUSES / ATTENDANCE RECORD**

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39 **AGENDA ITEM No. 3: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

40 Vanda Radzik moved the adoption of the agenda. Ryan Ramjit seconded it.

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42 **AGENDA ITEM No. 4: MINUTES OF LAST MSG STATUTORY MEETING**

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44 **a. CORRECTIONS AND/OR OMISSIONS**

45 No corrections or omissions offered. Ryan Ramjit adopted the Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> MSG  
46 meeting while Brian Gittens seconded.

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48 **AGENDA ITEM No. 5: NOTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH DECEMBER, 2020**

49 It was suggested that the Notes of the MSG Meeting (Inquorate) held on December  
50 9, 2020 be filed as evidence of a failed meeting.

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52 **AGENDA ITEM No. 6: STATUS UPDATE ON PREPARATION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> REPORT**

53 Mrs Watson said that the way the IA's work has been handled has not been professional at the  
54 level of the Secretariat.

55 Given her difference of opinion with the National Coordinator, Mrs Watson requested to step  
56 down from the Chairmanship of the meeting. The meeting agreed for Ryan Ramjit, Industry  
57 Member, to take the mantle as Chair for the rest of the meeting. Mrs Watson however remained  
58 in the meeting until its conclusion.

59 Ms Vanda Radzik requested from the Secretariat a definitive timeline by the IA for the steps  
60 leading up to the publication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EITI Report.

61 Mrs Watson also requested to be removed as the Chair of the IA Sub-Committee. It was  
62 proposed that Gillian Pollard take over the Chairmanship of that Committee given her previous  
63 experience on it.

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65 **AGENDA ITEM No. 7: End of Tenure of current MSG and appointment of new**  
66 **MSG**

67 PS Joslyn McKenzie gave an overview of the plans of the government for the appointment of the  
68 new MDG. He said that the Minister has written to the various sectors and an advertisement is  
69 to be published alerting the public of the impending process of nominations. He said  
70 nominations should close by February 20<sup>th</sup>.

71 The PS spoke of the need for a small committee to guide the new MSG. the PS requested  
72 requirement guidance for prospective members of the MSG.

73 McCormack said that while the idea of the advisory group is a good one, that group may need to  
74 retain some decision making power with regards to the acceptance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report.

75 Proposed advertisement sent to Secretariat. It is meant to bring awareness to the public and not  
76 asking for nominations as yet. There needs to be information sharing and the MSG TOR needs  
77 to be part of this information sharing. There should be at least one month of information  
78 sharing. It was suggested that a brief question and answer on EITI to be produced for  
79 television and other media. It was suggested that the MSG have an input in the selection of the  
80 communications company or person to do the ad for TV and radio.

81 Each sector will submit to the Secretariat their position on three issues: the process of  
82 appointments for that sector, criteria for prospective members and the interim arrangement for  
83 the new MSG.

- 84 1. The meeting spoke of the continued non-participation of Hilbert Shields – MSG Member  
85 and Co-Chair of Industry – in the EITI meetings. The National Coordinator suggested that the  
86 meeting vote to expel Shields but this was advised against as it would contravene the MSG ToRs. In  
87 addition, Civil Society Co-Chair Curtis Bernard warned that such a move could further damage the  
88 fractured relationship between EITI and the gold mining sector and asked that any action being  
89 considered be done in accordance with the ToRs. Bernard said that it should be left to industry and  
90 the gold mining sector to decide who should lead their caucus. The Chair Ryan Ramjit committed  
91 to speaking with the GGDMA with regards to the participation of industry nomination process.

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94 **AGENDA ITEM No. 8: FOR APPROVAL:- GYEITI ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**  
95 **FY 2019**

96 Members raised concern regarding the language used in the report with regard to  
97 attendance records and it was agreed that this will be amended and brought to the next meeting  
98 for approval. In addition, the meeting agreed that the concern raised by Curtis Bernard  
99 regarding the computation of absenteeism which he said needed to be accurate and based on  
100 actual number of meetings held. The report will be tabled with amendments at the next MSG  
101 meeting for approval. Mike McCormack made the point that the MSG has been functioning  
102 without remuneration and noted too that it was a lot of work being a member of the MSG. it was  
103 noted too that the MSG in the initial stages declined the offer of remuneration.

104 The APR for 2019 should reflect the need for more engagement with the Work Plan.

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106 **AGENDA ITEM No. 9: FOR ENDORSEMENT**

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108 **-Approved by MSG via email - Addendum to Request for**  
109 **Extension of Report submission deadline**

110 **- Approved by MSG via email - Inception Report Submitted by IA**

111 The preceding two items were endorsed by the meeting.

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114 **AGENDA ITEM No. 10: SECRETARIAT REPORT**

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116 **a) Discussion on Action List from Minutes of 38th Meeting**

117 **- Reports on implementation of any action**

118 **- Substantive non-agenda matters arising out of the Minutes**

119 **AGENDA ITEM No:11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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121 **ADJOURNMENT:**

122 There being no other business, the meeting came to a close at 13:05 hrs.

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124 Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 10:00 hrs.

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127 Nikolai Earle (Mr.)  
128 Communications Officer, GYEITI

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127 Ryan Ramjit (Mr.)  
128 MSG Member (Industry)

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131 **DECISIONS MADE AT 39<sup>th</sup> MSG MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY**  
132 **JANUARY 13, 2021.**

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1. Secretariat to revise the 2019 Annual Progress Report by using more suitable language regarding members' attendance records and amend the table used to depict the attendance record to make it more reflective of actual meetings held.
2. The Secretariat is to provide an update on the step by step progress towards the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EITI Report.
3. Each sector is to caucus amongst itself and return to Secretariat with the process of appointments for that sector, criteria for prospective members and their recommendations for an interim arrangement for the new MSG.