

MINUTES OF THE 77th MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER'S GROUP
JULY 10, 2024, VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING: 10:00 HRS.

Chairperson: Micheal Munroe (G)

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.

The Chair called the meeting to order and extended courtesies to all.

Announcements.

Excused were: -Avalon Jagnanand

- Andron Alphonso

-Joachim Vogt (I)

-Kerry Ann Cort Kansinally

2. **Adoption of AGENDA:** Proposed for adoption by William Thompson (I) and seconded by Loretta Fiedtkou (CS)
3. **MINUTES OF THE 76th MSG** – consideration and Adoption. The MINUTES was adopted as amended by William Thompson (I) and seconded by Hema Khan(G)
4. **Reports from MSG Committees.**

(i) **Co- Chairs:**

Co-Chairs reported that Touch point meeting was held with Sam Tokpah to advance the works he is currently undertaking.

(ii) **IA Committee: Status of preparation FY 2022 Report.**

Chair of IA Committee report highlighted: -

- Committee continues to meet every Tuesday
- Preliminary data collection continues.
- Delayed submissions from entities caused slippages which result in rescheduling of timelines for deliverables
- MARAD is a key entity that has not yet submitted any information.
- Delayed data submission by entities impacted on the IA's assessment of the materiality threshold.
- The IR will be further delayed.
- Contextual section: The secretariat requested information from the various reporting entities. Work is ongoing.

- Preliminary information on Secretariat findings on Anti - corruption policy for Guyana was presented. The government's Anti-corruption Framework was referenced and requests were made to Companies to submit/ publish their policies.
- Civil Society requested the MSG to address the allegations in the local press about the gold trade and the press statements by the GGDMA which it is believed can impact on the credibility of the MSG. The Press statements were shared with all members of the MSG.

The question was posed as to what end the MSG should treat with the allegations and whether the intention is to prompt an (another) investigation. It was not made clear what is the MSG's role in this matter noting that the allegations have not implied any wrong doing on the part of the agencies but to particular elements in the sector.

Following the robust discussions, the consensus was that at the appropriate time the MSG would further discuss how we approach this issue having recognized that there is alignment that there must be some *acknowledgement* in the upcoming EITI report.

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

(a) Update: Beneficial Ownership Consultancy

The draft report was presented to the CO-Chairs. The Meeting agreed that the document will be channeled to other members of the MSG for their review and feedback via the Validation, TOR and Workplan Committee.

(b) Approval of the Systematic Disclosure (Mainstreaming) Feasibility study. The Consultant's Report, which was finalized based on feedback from Members, was formally placed before the MSG for approval.

The MSG approved the Systematic Disclosure (Mainstreaming) Feasibility Study.

(Agenda item 5 was taken at this point)

© **Pre-Validation Templates:** The pre-validation templates were submitted by the Consultant Sam Tokpah. **The MSG agreed that the document, as is, to be shared with the wider MSG.** The Secretariat will review and channel its comments to the MSG in a separate document, via the Validation, TOR and Workplan Committee.

(iii) Communications Committee

The Meeting was updated on the various Communication Outreach activities.

Merundoi Radio Drama Series: At the procurement stage. The Secretariat engaged the Merundoi Team with preliminary information on the different areas for script preparation

Video Clips and Interview with Co -Chairs. Due to the unavailability of DPI and in keeping with the Communications Committee guidance to explore other options, Sagascity was engaged.

The next step is for the Secretariat to confirm with the Co-Chairs their availability to do the recordings.

Proposed questions and answers were prepared by the Secretariat only to provide guidance and are not meant to be scripted responses.

UG Public Engagement. Secretariat informed the Meeting that this event will be convened on July 16th at 13:00 hrs. The presentation is being finalised. UG's Education Lecture Theatre is the venue. All arrangements were finalized. The possibility for a hybrid session to be explored.

(iv) Legal and Regulatory Committee:

Chair of the Committee Reported on the Meeting held on June 28, 2024. The Secretariat document which compiled all areas with a legal underpinning provided guidance. The Committee adopted the position that it is beyond the remit of the MSG to amend or change any law. The procedure to be engaged by the Committee was presented. The document will be shared with the MSG.

5. **Pre-Validation Templates:** This matter was taken up under item 4 (iii).

6. Secretariat Report

The Secretariat report was presented.

7. **Any other Business:** Chair of IA Committee presented a proposal for the reduction in the number of pages of the Contextual section of FY 2022 EITI report. Specifically, the proposal allows for the report to reference the URL/link to the Companies' website where the requested information is posted rather than the elaboration of the same information in the report. This will support a green initiative and allow for direct access to information. **There was no objection to the proposal.**

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

The Chair thanked all for their participation and contributions to advance the work of the GYEITI. He encouraged members to be aligned in all fronts for the timely completion of the FY 2022 report and in addressing pre-validation matters.

The date for the next MSG will be August 14, 2024.

Summary recommendations and decisions.

Agenda Item	Issue Source	Decision/ action
4	(i) IA Committee	IA continues the preparation of the IR for FY 2022. The MSG is aligned for a reference in the FY 2022 report to treat with allegations with respect to the gold trade as elaborated in the press. This will be addressed appropriately by the IA Committee
4	(ii) Communications Committee	UG Outreach will be convened on July 16,2024 at 13:00hrs in the Education lecture Theatre.
4	(iii) Workplan, MSG - TOR and Validation Committee	Approval of Feasibility Study on Systematic Disclosure (Mainstreaming).

		The MSG agreed that the Pre validation template, as submitted by the Consultant to be sent to all members for review.
7.	AOB	MSG's consensus on FY 2022 EITI report to reference the URL/link to the Companies' website where the requested information is posted rather than the elaboration of the same information in the report.

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GYEITI Secretariat



Signed:

**Michael Munroe,
Chair, Multi Stakeholder Group**

Attachment 1.

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Announcements.

Excuses.

2. Adoption of AGENDA

3. MINUTES OF THE 75th MSG – consideration and Adoption.

4. Reports from MSG Committees

(i) Co- Chairs

(ii) IA Committee: (a) Status of Preparation: FY 2022 Report:

(a) Review of Timelines

(b) Update on current status of IA work (i) Scoping and inception report.

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(d) The treatment of Section 3. Contextual section of the report

(iii) Workplan, MSG -TOR and Validation Committee:

(a) Update: Beneficial Ownership Consultancy

(b) Systematic Disclosure (Mainstreaming) Feasibility study.

(iii) Communications Committee

Updates: Communication Outreach activities.

(iv) Legal and Regulatory Committee.

Report from Meeting of Committee

5. Pre- Validation Templates: Report by Sam Tokpah, World Ban Consultant

6. Secretariat Report.

7. Any other Business
8. Close and announcement of date for the next meeting.

Attachment 2.

Attendance

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

Secretariat

		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	
	Sam Tokpah, Consultant	M	X	

GYEITI Secretariat
July 11, 2024.