**Youth Engagement on Natural Resources and the EITI Process in Guyana**

**Date of Session:** 30th July 2025
**Facilitator:** Mr. Renrick Ramgobin
**Session Time:** Commenced at 10:00 AM, completed at 12:00 pm
**Location:** GYEITI Secretariat Building
**Number of Participants:** 19
**GYEITI Staff**: Onica Dowridge, Rajdai Jagernauth, Anele Barton, Richard Budhu, Johann Earle

**Purpose of the Engagement**

The primary objective of this session was to raise awareness among youth participants about the EITI and its implementation in Guyana. The session focused on explaining the EITI framework, Guyana’s reporting process, the role of key stakeholders, and why transparency and accountability in the extractive sector are essential.

**Overview of Activities**

**Welcome and Introductions**
The session began with an introduction by the facilitator and the GYEITI Staff, followed by participants introducing themselves. This created an inclusive atmosphere and encouraged active participation from the onset.

**Presentation: “An Introduction to the GYEITI”**
Using a prepared slide deck, the facilitator presented key aspects of the EITI, including:

* The global EITI Standard and its objectives
* Guyana’s journey as an implementing country
* Roles of the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG), National Secretariat, and other stakeholders
* The reporting and validation process
* Guyana’s progress to date and future plans

**Interactive Q&A Session**
Participants asked insightful questions, demonstrating strong engagement and interest. Examples of questions included:

* “How are MSG members selected?”
* “Does the data from EITI reports influence any regulation?”

**Group Activity**
Participants were divided into small groups and tasked with selecting topics related to EITI and natural resource governance. Each group prepared and delivered a short presentation. This exercise fostered critical thinking, teamwork, and peer learning.

 **Feedback and Engagement**

* Interaction Level**:** Rated at 9/10 based on participation and enthusiasm observed.

**Key Observations:**

* Youth displayed strong interest in understanding transparency mechanisms within the extractive sector.
* Group presentations highlighted an emerging awareness of data use, stakeholder roles, and public accountability.
* The session format encouraged open dialogue and knowledge sharing among participants.

**Outcomes and Recommendations**

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* Enhanced awareness of EITI and GYEITI among young participants
* Improved understanding of reporting and validation processes
* Increased civic responsibility and interest in natural resource governance.

**Recommendations:**

* Expand youth outreach initiatives through school clubs, regional workshops, and interactive sessions.
* Develop simplified and engaging materials tailored for youth audiences.