

**MINUTES OF THE 83rd MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER'S  
GROUP HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON  
NOVEMBER 12, 2025 AT 10:00HRS.**

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 hrs., welcomed all members and indicated his appreciation for the opportunity to meet in-person and looks forward to similar meeting format.

**Members in person:**

William Thompson (I) (Chairman)  
Joachim Vogt (I)  
Desmond Sears (CS)  
Cornelius (CS)

**Members that joined on-line were:**

Jenneifer Persaud (G)  
Sonya Roopnauth (G)  
Anil Persaud (G)  
Rafeek Khan (I)  
Michael Munroe (G)

**Secretariat Staff (in-person)**

Dr. Prem Misir –Head / National Coordinator  
Renrick Ramgobin  
Rajdai Jagarnauth  
Johann Earle  
Onica Dowridge

**Excuses were received from:**

Anand Gohil (I)  
Rafael Singh (G)  
Shahruk Hussein (G)

2. **Adoption of AGENDA:** A New Item was added at item **No. 5. Appointment of a Convenor: Publication in the Press on Stakeholders Engagement.**

Proposal for the adoption of the revised agenda was moved by Anil Persaud and seconded by Joachim Vogt, as amended.

3. **Consideration of the MINUTES of 82nd MSG held on October 15, 2025.**

An amendment in the Appendix on members attendance was made to reflect Anil Persaud not a representative from MOF but Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance.

The Minutes of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting was proposed for adoption, as amended, by Anil Persaud and seconded by Joachim Vogt.

#### **4. Reports from Committees:**

- Co-Chairs Committee:**

The Co-Chair reported on the following: -

- Co-Chair met at the GYEITI Secretariat and will continue to meet on a monthly basis with Secretariat being part of this Meeting.
- The extension request on Guyana's validation is still in progress.
- The timeline to complete the EITI report is Dec 15. The-IA contract will come to an end at this time as well. The IA-BDO was part of the discussion.
- Further discussions relating to the extension for Validation and the workplan will be done under the Committees' reports.

- Work-plan, Validation and TOR Committee reported on the completion of the review of the 2025 /26 Workplan and highlighted the following:**

- The Committee met on 3 occasions and examined all actions.
  - Overall, the WP is on track to meet the deadline. A few areas need follow-up action.
  - The Committees' decisions and discussions are incorporated into the Workplan document.
  - A few actions needed to be completed inclusive of the receipt of formal reports from the Consultant, identification of Training need for the secretariat staff and MSG.
  - The gap analysis document was shared with the MSG in the workplan review.

The MSG reached consensus on the Workplan for 2025/2026 having discussed the recommendations from the Workplan Committee. The MSG will now engage its constituencies for any feedback and inputs on implementation activities.

- Communication and Outreach Committee** reported on its review of and prioritizing the Communications work-plan 2024/2025/2026.
- Its meeting dates / schedule were agreed; work plan for the rest of 2025 were agreed which is inclusive of region 9 outreach. A number of stakeholders' engagements will be convened in 2026.

- The region 9 outreach activity is ready for execution and it is aimed at addressing concerns about the mining sector reporting weaknesses identified in the FY 22 EITI report.
- The stakeholders targeted are the mining associations-GGDMA, the women miners' association and the small miners' association of Guyana.
- The importance of understanding Guyana's submissions at the UN and the Inter American Committee on Human Rights as it relates to the concerns of the mining industry particularly those emanating from regions 9, 8, and 7. The MSG can be apprised on the developments in this regard by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance to allow for better understanding of the matters.
- This should not affect GYEITI independence, its procedures and application of the principles of transparency.
- MSG members participation in public engagements was emphasized.
- The next committee meeting will be by middle of new week of November 17, 2025.

- **IA Committee Reported on the following:-**
- Reviewed the timelines for the delivery of the FY 23 report, emphasizing the tight timelines for the MSG review.
- The Initial reconciliation Report was received by the MSG.
- The IA Consultant commits to submit a first draft of the contextual section by Monday November 17.
- There was no objection by the MSG to the tight schedule and deliverables to ensure that completion of the Report by December 15 noting that the contractual engagement with the IA Consultant comes to an end by December 15, 2025.
- The critical importance for the MSG is to examine the IA consultant recommendations, some of which are repeated over the years. These can influence the future priorities of MSG.
- WB Consultant advised of the need to ensure that areas in the Gap analysis of the FY 22 report are addressed in the review given that FY 23 report, which will be the last report on which Guyana's second validation will be based upon

## 5. Appointment of a Convenor: Publication in the Press

Members expressed an interest in understanding the status of the MSG vis-à-vis the appointment of a Convenor and the consultations as advertised in the Press with CSOs.

The Meeting was advised, based on the understanding of the Chair, that the status quo of the MSG remains the same.

As advertised in the press the Convenor will engage CSOs on a two-day session on November 20-21, 2025, where the modalities for the selection of Civil Society representatives on the MSG are expected to be established.

Concerns were expressed on the impact of any likely change of the composition of the CS members and the timely delivery of the FY 23 EITI report.

## **6. Consideration of key documents.**

### **(a) Work Plan 2025/2026.**

The notes from the Workplan Committee discussions will be shared with members of the MSG for their guidance in their constituency consultations.

### **(b) Annual Progress Report 2024.**

The review of the APR for 2024 will be undertaken at the same time as that of the Workplan.

## **7. Guyana's 2<sup>nd</sup> Validation: (WB Consultant Sam Tokpah)**

### **The WB Consultant informed the Meeting of the following: -**

- Guyana's Validation will commence on January 1, 2026.
- The Validation Templates are currently with the EITI country Team for their perusal.
- The Validation Templates, particularly the Transparency templates will have to be reviewed given that the FY 23 report will be the report on which validation assessment is done. (N.B: the templates were completed based on the FY 22 report)
- MSG's access is currently denied to the online files. Access will be reopened to MSG when the revised files are uploaded.
- The FY 23 EITI report should be examined to establish whether the gaps in the FY 22 Report i.e., the gap analysis done for the FY 22 EITI report are addressed. Reference was made to publishing technical criteria for the award of all licenses and if not available the need to indicate a methodology and commitment to have it done.
- The revised / completed templates are to be submitted to the EITI validation team by January 1, 2026.

With regard to the extension of the date for Validation for Guyana, the Chairman of the MSG noted that while a response from the EITI may have been sent to the EITI Champion, he has not received any (formal) communication on the matter.

**8. Any other Business.**

The Chair of the Workplan, TOR and Validation Committee to be apprised of the timelines for validation

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

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and announced that the next statutory Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2025.

**Key decisions/Actions**

Areas	Required	By whom
Work Plan 2025/2026	Workplan to be circulated to all MSG members with a November 30 <sup>th</sup> deadline for feedback  Identification of Training needs for MSG and Secretariat staff	Secretariat/ Consultant
COMS Committee	Region 9 outreach activity <b>mining associations-GGDMA, the women miners' association and the small miners' association of Guyana.</b>	
FY 23 EITI Report	The IA Consultant commits to submit a first draft of the contextual section by Monday November 17.  Agreed to timelines for the MSG delivery of the FY 23 report is December 15, 2025.  MSG agreed to the Schedule for Review.  The Initial reconciliation Report was received by the MSG on	

	<p>Contractual engagement with the IA Consultant comes to an end by December 15, 2025.</p> <p>MSG is to examine the IA consultant recommendations, some of which are repeated over the years. These can influence the future priorities of MSG.</p> <p>MSG in its review is to ensure that areas in the Gap analysis of the FY 22 report are addressed. Gap analysis FY 22 Report to be sent to members to facilitate FY 2023 Report review.</p> <p>The impact of any likely change of the composition of the CS members on the timely delivery of the FY 23 EITI report.</p>	
(c) Validation Templates	<p>Consultant's advice that Guyana's Validation commences on January 1, 2026.</p> <p>No formal notice received by Chair of the MSG.</p> <p>The Validation Templates are currently with the EITI country Team for their perusal.</p> <p>The Transparency templates will have to be reviewed given that the FY 23 report will be the report on which validation assessment is done. (N.B: the templates were completed based on the FY 22 report)</p>	Secretariat

Prepared by: R. Jagarnauth

GYEITI Secretariat

Signed: 

Willaim Thompson

Chairman-MSG (Industry)

**83rd MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER'S GROUP**  
**November 12, 2025**

**VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING: 10:00 HRS**

**AGENDA (as amended)**

**10. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.**

Announcements.

Excuses.

**11. Adoption of AGENDA**

**12. Consideration of the MINUTES of 82nd MSG held on October 15, 2025**

**13. Reports from Committees:**

- Co-Chairs Committee
- Work-Plan Validation and TOR Committee.
- Communication and Outreach Committee
- IA Committee (i) Initial Reconciliation Report  
(ii) Review Methodology

**14. Appointment of a Convenor: Publication in the Press on Stakeholders Engagement. (new item added)**

**15. Consideration of key documents.**

**(c) Work Plan 2025/2026.**

*Following the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the MSG the Workplan, Validation and TOR Committee reviewed the Workplan.*

*Members may wish to report on their engagement at the constituency level and to submit a formal report for the records.*

**(d) Annual Progress Report 2024.**

*The Annual Progress Report was presented to the MSG at its 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting. Members were requested to review the report at the 82<sup>nd</sup> MSG.*

*The MSG is required to approve the Annual Progress Report. This will allow for the posting on the GYEITI Website.*

**16. Guyana's 2<sup>nd</sup> Validation: (WB Consultant Sam Tokpah)**

**(a) Status of submission of Validation Templates**

*Consultant Mr. Sam Tokpah has completed his engagement with MSG members on the review of the Validation Templates. A status report and next steps will be presented by the Consultant.*

**(b) Update on the request by Guyana for an extension of time to commence the 2<sup>nd</sup> Validation.**

**17. Any other Business**

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

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Meeting attendance sheet 83rd MSG 12 <sup>th</sup> November, 2025				Present	Absent	
Constituency	Organization	Role	Gender		With excuse	w/out excuse
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
William. Thompson	ExxonMobil	Member/ Co Chair	M	x		
Anand Gohil	CNOOC	Alternate	M		x	
Joachim Vogt	ECO Atlantic	Member	M	x		
Abbigale Loncke- Watson	SISPRO	Alternate	F			x
Viahanti Balgobin	Guyana Gold & Diamond Assoc.	Member	F			x
Avalon Jagnandan	Guyana Gold & Diamond Assoc.	Alternate	M			x
Rafeek Khan	Guyana Manu. Servc. Assoc.	Member	M	x		
Norman McLean	Private Sector Commission	Alternate	M			x
CIVIL SOCIETY						
Ramesh Peraud	Individual	Member/ Co Chair	M			x
Kathy Smith	Individual	Alternate	F			x
Aslim Singh	Individual	Member	M		x	
Madhavi Indarjeet	Individual	Alternate	F	x		
Desmond Sears	Individual	Member	M	x		
Samantha Reid	Individual	Alternate	F			x
Derrick John	Individual	Member	M			x
Shane Cornelius	Individual	Alternate	M	x		
GOVERNMENT						
Micheal Munroe	Ministry of Natural Resources	Member/ Co Chair	M	x		
Martin Pertab	Ministry of Natural Resources	Alternate	M			x
Sonya Roopnauth	Ministry of Finance	Member	F	x		
Anil Persaud	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs	Alternate	M	x		
Rafael Singh	Guyana Revenue Authority	Member	M		x	
Sean Richmond	Guyana Revenue Authority	Alternate	M			x
Jennifer Persaud- Boodhoo	Prime Minister Office	Member	F	x		
Sharukh Hussain	Prime Minister Office	Alternate	M		x	

GYEITI Staff						
Prem Misir-Head / National Coordinator	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	X		
Renrick Ramgobin	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	X		
Johann Earle	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	X		
Richard . Budhu	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	<b>vacation</b>		
Rajdai. Jagarnauth	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	F	X		
Sam Tokpah	Consultant	Observer	F	X		
Anele Barton	GYEITI Staff	Observer	F	X		
Onica Dowridge	GYEITI Staff	Observer	F	X		