

**MINUTES OF THE 86<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER  
GROUP HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.  
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING  
CHAIRMAN: MICHAEL MUNROE(G)**

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

A quorum was established at 10:15 hrs. Chairman Micheal Munroe, called the Meeting to order, welcomed all and expressed his appreciation for their participation.

**2. Excuses and Announcements.** There was no announcement nor any excuse from members.  
**Annex 1.** Lists members in attendance.

**3. Adoption of AGENDA :** The Agenda was amended to include: At agenda item (7) GYEITI participation at Guyana Energy Conference and Supply Chain Expo, February 17-20, 2026 and at number (8) Civil Society Constituency: Appointment of members to fill vacant membership positions. The amended Agenda, was proposed for adoption by Joachim Vogt and seconded by Aslim Singh.

**4. Consideration of the MINUTES of the 85<sup>th</sup> MSG held on January 28, 2026:**

The Minutes was proposed for adoption unamended by Anil Persaud(G) and seconded by Willaim Thompson (I).

**5. Committees Reports.**

**(a) Co-Chairs Meeting.**

Co-Chairs reported on matters discussed at the January 30, 2026 Meeting. The presentation highlighted its discussions relating to: -

(i) The exclusion of Fisheries from EITI reporting and the IA to conduct an assessment in the scoping exercise of the FY 24/25 EITI Report; The findings and recommendations will be independent, unbiased and objective and will guide the MSG in its decision, whether or not to include fisheries in EITI report. The MSG decision will also be informed by Sam Tokpah's guidance based on his expertise and experience in EITI matters and the Secretariat position paper.

(ii) The EITI International Mission to Guyana; some of the interactions with Policy Forum Guyana and its indication that it will not participate in the current iteration of the Guyana EITI.

(iii) The implementation of the workplan; the prioritization of activities; the need for accountability and the identification of point persons for the different aspects of the workplan were also discussed.

(iv) Contracting the IA Consultant and the timely approval of the TOR

(v) Civil Society nominee on the Legal and Regulatory Committee.

Mr. Aslim Singh, informed the meeting that he will serve as the civil society's representative on the Committee until the other members are appointed. This is to facilitate the convening and work of the committee

**(b) Work-Plan, Validation and TOR Committee.**

The report highlighted the matters discussed at the Committee Meeting on February 10, 2026. The focus was (i) to review and prioritize the gaps, as set out in Sam Tokpah's assessment; align same with the workplan; identify specific actions that were undertaken and those that are required. (ii) to ensure that the specific communication activities are being properly placed and implemented in February/March given that communication is one of the weaker areas as identified in the report. The discussions covered:

- Gender representation on the various constituencies. It was noted that there is gender imbalance on the current MSG i.e., less female representation on the MSG than in previous MSG. The Committee recommends that Co -Chairs, at the constituency level address this concern.
  
- The gap analysis document should be updated to reflect actions that were already undertaken. It was suggested that the implementation actions should be continuously tracked.
- Outreach to women-led organizations and women-owned businesses in the extractive sector to be carefully planned, executed and reported.
- The approach to the schools' engagements to be reviewed. The Secretariat to secure a blanket approval (rather than schools' individual approval) for the schools' outreach activities. The target group should be third and fourth form students. The schools' clubs are to be streamlined.

These outreach sessions will be instrumental for females in guiding their decisions on career- paths in the extractive sector.

**(c) Communications Committee**

The MSG was presented with the proposed programme and activities for the next 6 months and informed of the 2 specific activities to be completed by the end of March 2026.

- The short-listing of topics for the legal fraternity engagement is to be undertaken.
- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs support with the awareness on anti-corruption was noted.
  
- The engagements with schools and the schools' clubs are to be relaunched to make the engagements more effective and impactful. A more structured approach will be adopted and tailored materials for a younger audience to be developed.
  - The proposed blanket approval from the Ministry of Education will be sought.
  
- The Guyana Energy Conference and Supply Chain Exposition : GYEITI participation.

In relation to the GYEITI participation at the Conference and Exposition from February 16-20<sup>th</sup>,2026. The Secretariat confirmed that it will participate jointly with the MNR and its agencies.

All entities will be housed in one booth.

The MSG requested that the possibility for a presentation at the Conference be explored.

**(d) IA Committee**

The focus was on the approval of the TOR for the IA Consultant to allow for the timely contracting of the Consultant. The Government constituency is outstanding in its response to the Secretariat stemming from conflicting requirements with GRA's policies.

The Government constituency members indicated that they will caucus on this matter by the close of business on February 11, 2026.

**6. Treatment of Fisheries (Secretariat paper)**

The IA Committee discussions and recommendations to exclude fisheries from EITI report were fully ventilated by the MSG. The Secretariat outlined a recalibrated approach for the exclusion of fisheries from EITI reporting. A recommendation was made for fisheries to be governed by the FITI that has a similar governance structure as the EITI, for the extractive resources.

The elements that the FITI covered were presented. The paper concluded that fisheries could remain under the ambit of the EITI until a determination of another mechanism (FITI or otherwise) is made on the best reporting structure for Guyana.

The MSG agreed that the assessment by the IA, the position paper prepared by the Secretariat and the Consultants' advice will guide the MSG decision on the way forward.

**7. Update: Constituencies Consultations on Workplan and Annual Progress report for 2024.**

The industry constituency reported that its constituents feedback is being awaited . The Chair urges the other constituencies to undertake consultations and submit a report to the secretariat.

**8. Civil Society participation on MSG: addressing outstanding appointments of members.**

The matter was raised in the context of the impact of the outstanding appointments on the effective functioning of the Committees. The discussions centered on the filling of the three vacant seats on the MSG of which two(2) were assigned to Policy Forum Guyana. The meeting noted that clarity will be sought on the matter of Policy Forum Guyana taking up the vacant seats and the need for the MSG to have a formal response.

**9. Secretariat Report**

The Secretariat report was presented and noted by the MSG.

**10. Any other business:** There was none

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

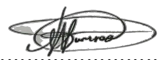
There being no other business, the Chair thanked members for the constructive discussions in resolving some of the outstanding issues and adjourned the Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026.

**Key decisions/Actions**

Areas	Required	By whom
IA Consultant TOR	<p>The amended TOR was circulated via Round Robin for approval.</p> <p>The TOR incorporates: IA to undertake a comprehensive assessment on fisheries in its scoping for FY 24/25 EITI report. The Consultant's submission on the matter and the Secretariat paper should also guide the MSG decision whether or not to include fisheries in EITI reporting.</p> <p>The Government constituency to address outstanding matter and approve the TOR.</p> <p>Once approved, the Secretariat to advance TOR to the procurement stage.</p>	Secretariat/ Chairman
COMS Committee Workplan for 1 <sup>st</sup> 6 months in 2026	Schools' engagements and schools' Clubs approach to be recalibrated and relaunched for greater effectiveness. The workplan committee will provide further guidance.	Secretariat
Civil Society constituency: filling of vacant seats	Follow-up and feedback on Policy Forum position and the next steps.	MSG Co- Chair
Guyana Energy Conference	Secretariat will participate and to seek the possibility for an opportunity for a GYEITI presentation at the Conference.	Secretariat / NR

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Signed  .....  
Michael Munroe  
Chairman, MSG (G)



**Annex 1: Attendance record.**

Meeting attendance sheet 86th MSG 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026				Present	Absent	
Constituency	Organization	Role	Gender		With excuse	w/out excuse
<b>INDUSTRY SECTOR</b>						
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
Vishanti Balgobin	Guyana Gold & Diamond Assoc.	Member	F			x
Avalon Jagnandan	Guyana Gold & Diamond Assoc.	Alternate	M	x		
Rafeek Khan	Guyana Manu. Service Assoc.	Member	M	x		
Norman McLean	Private Sector Commission	Alternate	M			x
<b>CIVIL SOCIETY</b>						
Aslim Singh	Individual	Member	M	x		
Madhavi Indarjeet	Individual	Alternate	F	x		
Derrick John	Individual	Member	M	x		x
Shane Cornelius	Individual	Alternate	M		x	
Balraj Budwah	Individual	Alternate	M	x		
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>						
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	
<b>GYEITI Staff</b>						
Prem Misir-Head / National Coordinator	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	Vacation		
Renrick Ramgobin	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	x		
Johann Earle	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	x		
Richard . Budhu	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	x		
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		

**Annex 2. Agenda**

**86th MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER GROUP**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

**VIRTUAL(ZOOM) / MEETING: 10:00 HRS**

**AGENDA (as amended)**

- 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.**
- 2. Announcements.**
  - (i) Excuses.
- 3. Adoption of AGENDA**
- 4. Consideration of the MINUTES of 85<sup>TH</sup> MSG held on January 28, 2026.**
- 5. Reports from Committees:**
  - Co-Chairs Committee
  - Work-Plan, Validation and TOR Committee.
  - Communication and Outreach Committee
  - IA Committee:
- 6. Discussion: Position Paper on Fisheries (Secretariat)**
- 7. Update: Constituency Consultations. Workplan and Annual Progress Report 2024.**
- 8. EITI Participation at the Guyana Energy Conference and Supply Chain Expo, February 17-20,2026, Guyana Marriott Hotel.**
- 9. Civil Society Constituency: Appointment of members to fill vacant positions.**
- 10. Secretariat Report.**
- 11. Any other Business**
- 12. Close and announcement of date for the next meeting.**

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