

## Minutes of the 88th MSG Meeting

**Date:** April 24, 2026, at 10:00 am. **Time Adjourned:** 12:05 p.m. **Location:** Virtual:  
Zoom

### 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

The Chairman officially called the meeting to order. He welcomed all attendees and extended a special welcome to **Ms. Taijvartie Persaud**, the newly appointed MSG member representing the Industry sector.

### 2. Attendance and Announcements

- **Attendance:** All virtual attendees were recorded via the attached attendance sheet.
- **Appointments:** The Secretariat confirmed that the appointment of Ms. Persaud (Industry) is finalized.
- **Excuses:** Formal excuses were made for Ms. Jennifer Persaud and Mr. Anand Gohil. Mr. Rafeek Khan submitted an excuse but was able to join the meeting in progress.

### 3. Procedural Items

- **Adoption of Agenda:** Proposed by Rafael Singh and seconded by Joachim Vogt.
- **Minutes of the 87th MSG (March 11, 2026):** Proposed for adoption by Anil Persaud and seconded by Joachim Vogt.

### 4. Committee Reports

#### (a) Co-Chairs' Committee

The committee did not meet.

Following the resignation of Mr. Bill Thompson, the **Industry Co-Chair** position remains vacant. A similar vacancy exists for **Civil Society**. The Chair urged both sectors to caucus independently to elect new leadership.

#### (b) Communications Committee

The Secretariat provided updates on ongoing projects:

- **Publications:** Printing 100 copies of the FY2023 EITI Reports is underway; a "Plain Language" version is also being developed.
- **Distribution:** Hard copies of reports will be shared with the GRA, NIS, GGMC, and other public agencies.
- **Outreach:** Recent participation in the Energy Conference (February 17-20, 2026) and UG Job Fair (April 17-18, 2026) . Upcoming engagements in May include the Guyana Bar and Women Lawyers Associations, and school outreach programs.

### **(c) Workplan, Validation, and TOR Committee**

Ms. Sonya Roopnauth presented updates from the April 20 and 22 sessions regarding the **FY2023 Gap Analysis**:

- **Outstanding ("Red") Issues:** Key gaps identified in contract disclosure, beneficial ownership, social/environmental expenditure, and employment data disaggregation.
- **Actions:** The Secretariat is tasked with creating a recommendation paper on materiality thresholds. The MSG will conduct a line-by-line review of the FY 2022 Gap Analysis.

### **(d) IA Committee**

- The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Independent Administrator were submitted to NPTAB.
- The procurement evaluation is complete, with an outcome expected in **early May 2026**.

## **5. FY2023 Gap Analysis Presentation (Consultant: Sam Tokpah)**

A comprehensive assessment of compliance with EITI Standards was presented. Significant findings included:

- **Licensing & Contracts:** Need for documented weighting systems and technical evaluation methods for bidder selection.
- **Beneficial Ownership (BO):** A recommendation was made to harmonize the EITI (10%) and FIU (25%) thresholds and develop unified reporting forms across the FIU, GRA, and Local Content Secretariat.
- **Mining & Petroleum Data:** Identified missing license coordinates and the need for better integration between artisanal/small-scale (ASM) and large-scale mining data.
- **State Participation:** Clarification required on the financial reporting and relationships of NIS and NICIL.
- **Revenue Quality:** Noted an unresolved ~\$450M gap in subnational transfers (GGMC to EMF). Audit alignment is targeted for July 2026.

**Decision:** The MSG approved the referral of the Gap Analysis to the Work Plan & Validation Committee for the creation of an actionable roadmap.

## **6. Secretariat Report & Validation Update**

- **Annual Progress Report (APR):** The FY2025 APR has been approved and was posted on the GYEITI website.
- **Validation:** EITI (international) Board in March 2026 referred Guyana to the Validation Committee to propose a way forward.
- **Upcoming Events:** The Secretariat confirmed participation in the **Guyana Building Expo** (June 2026).

- **Secretariat was added as part of the MNR team at job fairs.**

**7. Any Other Business & Adjournment**

- The **Constituency Consultation Framework** was deferred until new Co-Chairs are appointed.
- The Chair commended the progress made by the committees and emphasized the importance of addressing data gaps for the upcoming validation.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.**

**Key decisions/Actions**

Areas	Decision/ Action	By whom
Gap Analyses on FY 2022 and 2023 IA Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed review</li> <li>• Development of actionable recommendations and timelines</li> </ul>	Co-Chair Work Plan & Validation Committee / Secretariat

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

**88<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER GROUP**  
**April 24, 2026**  
**(RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL 15,2026)**

**VIRTUAL MEETING: 10:00 – 12:00 hrs.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.**
- 2. Announcements.**
3. Excuses.
- 4. Adoption of AGENDA**
- 5. Consideration of the MINUTES of 87<sup>th</sup> MSG held on March 11, 2026.**
- 6. Reports from Committees:**
  - (a) Co-Chairs Committee:
  - (b) Work-Plan, Validation and TOR Committee:
    - a. Communication and Outreach Committee
  - (c) IA Committee:
  - (d) Status of the procurement of IA Consultant for FY 24 and FY 25 EITI reports
- 7. Presentation: report by Sam Tokpah, Consultant on Gaps identified in the FY 23 EITI report.**
- 8. Discussion/Feedback on the Draft Constituency Consultations and Engagement:**

The Secretariat prepared and submitted for the MSG consideration a draft Framework which constituencies can adjust and adopt, based on its circumstance, to guide its consultations on various issues. At the 87<sup>th</sup> Meeting members were requested to examine the document and submit their feedback to the MSG.
- 9. Secretariat Report.**
- 10. Close and announcement of date for the next meeting (May 13,2026)**

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Meeting attendance sheet 88th MSG: April 24,2026.				Present	Absent	
Constituency	Organization	Role	Gender		With excuse	w/out excuse
<b>INDUSTRY SECTOR</b>						
Teijvarti Persaud	ExxonMobil	Member	F	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		
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>						
Rajdai Jagarnauth National Coordinator (a.g)	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	F	x		
Renrick Ramgobin	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	x		
Johann Earle	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	x		
Richard . Budhu	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	M	x		
Onica Dowridge	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	F	x		
Ashanti Williams	GYEITI Secretariat	Observer	F	x		
Sam Tokpah	Consultant	Observer	M	x		

