# Minutes of the 89th MSG Meeting

**Date:** Friday May 22, 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 and welcomed all attendees.

## . Attendance and Announcements

- Attendance: All virtual attendees were recorded via the attached attendance sheet.
- Excuses: - Excuses were received from Mr. Anand Gohil.

## 3. Procedural Items

- Adoption of Agenda: Proposed by Mr. Joachim Vogt (Industry) and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Persaud-Boodhoo (Government).
- Minutes of the 88th MSG (April 24, 2026): Proposed for adoption by Mr. Anil Persaud(Government) and seconded by Mr. Balraj Budwah (Civil Society).

## 4. Committee Reports

### (a) Co-Chairs' Committee

The committee did not meet because of the fluidity of the situation regarding the appointment of co-chairs for industry and civil society . It was announced that Teijvarti Persaud of ExxonMobil has since been appointed Co-Chair of Industry and that Derrick John of the National Toshaos Council nominated the Co-Chair for Civil Society, following caucus sessions from both sectors. It was noted that the previous Co-Chair of Civil Society, Mr. Aslim Singh, resigned from the MSG due to a reassignment from his previous position at the Guyana Agricultural and General Workers' Union (GAWU). Co-Chair Michael Munroe (Government) said that a meeting of the Co-Chairs should be convened in short order now that the Co-Chairs fir Industry and Civil Society have been appointed.

### (b) Communications Committee

It was reported that there was no meeting of the Communications Committee, the Secretariat has moved several of the approved assignments forward. These include:

- The completion of nine school visits
- The printing of 100 copies of the FY 2023 IA Country Report (some of which were on display at the UG Job Fair and Open Day and the Guyana Festival at the National Stadium)
- The completion of a distribution list of public and private sector entities for the report's distribution

- A draft letter to the National Toshaos Council has been prepared and will be dispatched when finalized to request assistance in distributing EITI material through the Regional ICT Hubs
- Participation in the Guyana Festival as part of the 60th Independence Anniversary commemorations
- The hiring of a consultant to produce a plain language edition of the FY 2023 IA Country Report
- Engagement with a consultant to commence work on a updated Communications Strategy
- Established contact with the Women in Oil and Gas group, the WomenLawyers Association and the Guyana Bar Association.

(c) Workplan/Validation/TOR Committee

The Workplan and validation Committee met on May 20,2026 to review templates, particularly focusing on strengthening the outcomes template which previously received a failing score below 50 points.

The Meeting focussed on reviewing templates for stakeholders engagement and Outcomes and Impacts, noting a number of areas for modification based on MSG members feedback.

(d) IA Committee

The IA committee reported that BDO Guyana has been selected to receive the contract for preparing the FY 2024 report after cabinet endorsement of National Procurement and Tender Administration Board's (NPTAB) recommendation.

6. MSG approval of Templates: Draft templates were reviewed and resubmitted for

At the meeting, the MSG performed the following:

Template Review and Documentation Progress

- Reviewed EITI validation templates specifically covering Stakeholder Engagement and Outcomes and Impact.
- Prepared and examined documentation to make the templates ready for wider group review and executive sign-off.
- Presented a complete Stakeholder Engagement template focusing on governance and government engagement.
- Identified outstanding data gaps noting that the Civil Society and Industry templates still require significant direct input from those specific sectors.
- Cross-referenced policy engagements confirming that recent anti-corruption policy discussions with government ministries were included in the documentation and slated for an upcoming standalone report.

Process Analysis and Reporting

- Outlined the implementation process for transparency recommendations, detailing national progress in mining sector reforms, geospatial mapping, and unique identifier systems.
- Evaluated historical progress by providing feedback on cumulative improvements made in local program implementation since 2021.

- **Clarified the submission protocol** noting that the documentation process remains iterative, allowing for continuous updates and additional feedback over time.

Timeline and Action Planning

- **Deliberated on scheduling constraints** to account for upcoming mid-week public holidays.
- **Established a feedback deadline** requesting all members submit their final views and track-changes comments by the close of business on Monday, May 25th.
- **Scheduled an extraordinary review and approval session** for Thursday, May 28th, to finalize the templates ahead of the international validation team's arrival on June 6th.

Secretariat Report & Validation Update

The International Secretariat's validation team will visit Guyana from June 8-12, and the Secretariat is currently working on visa arrangements and coordinating meeting schedules with various entities and individuals. A Concept Note from the International Secretariat regarding agencies, entities and individuals that the team intends to meet was circulated to the MSG members.

6. MSG approval of Templates: Draft templates were reviewed and resubmitted for

MSG approval and sign off.

7. Any Other Business & Adjournment

Key decisions/Actions

| Areas | Decision/ Action | By whom |
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| Validation | members: Review the Stakeholder Engagement and Outcomes and Impact templates individually (or at constituency level) and submit track change comments/observations to the Secretariat by close of business on Monday, 29th May, 2026. | All MSG |
| Validation | : Consolidate received comments on the templates and prepare a consolidated | Secretariat |

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| | version for review at the next MSG meeting. | |
| Validation | : Attend the next MSG meeting on 28th May (after the holiday) to review consolidated templates and provide final no-objection or approval. | MSG |
| Validation | : Complete and circulate the two outstanding templates (Stakeholder Engagement from company perspective and Civil Society perspective) as soon as possible, allowing time for MSG review and sign-off before the validation team's arrival. | Secretariat |
| Documentation/Record-keeping | : Ensure all minutes for 2026 are signed by the respective chairs and uploaded to the website as soon as possible. | Secretariat |
| Validation | : Ensure the Transparency templates are ready for MSG sign-off at the next meeting. | Secretariat |
| Validation | Continue to update and finalize the two remaining templates (company and civil society Stakeholder Engagement) and circulate to MSG for review and sign-off. | Secretariat |
| Validation | Share the list of additional stakeholders recommended for the validation team to | Secretariat |

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| | meet with, and collect MSG feedback on this list. | |
| Validation | : Coordinate with relevant entities and individuals to confirm availability for meetings with the EITI validation team during their visit (8-12 June), and adjust the schedule as necessary. | Secretariat |
| Validation | Secretariat: Circulate the EITI International Secretariat's call for views to all MSG members and encourage responses. | |
| MSG Committee vacancy | Nominate a replacement for the vacant Civil Society seat on the Independent Administrator(IA) and Legal committees as soon as possible. | Civil Society Constituency |
| Validation | Consider and propose additional stakeholders (including previous MSG members and relevant Civil Society) for the validation team to meet, as requested by the International Secretariat. | All Constituencies |
| Validation | Share the completed internal report on the recent workshop with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance once finalized, and ensure it is referenced in the relevant template. | Secretariat |

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| Documentation/Record-keeping | : Publish the 2026 minutes on the website once signed by the respective chairs. | Secretariat |

Prepared by: J. Earle

GYEITI Secretariat

Signed ……

Michael Munroe

Chairman, MSG (G)

Attachment:

89 th MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER GROUP
MAY 22, 2026
VIRTUAL MEETING: 10:00 – 12:00 hrs.
AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.
2. Announcements
Excuses.
3. Adoption of AGENDA
4. Consideration of the MINUTES of 88 th MSG held on April 14, 2026.
5. Reports from Committees:
(a) Co-Chairs Committee.
(b) Work-Plan, Validation and TOR Committee.
(c) Communication and Outreach Committee
(d) IA Committee:
Status of the procurement of IA Consultant for FY 24 and FY 25 EITI reports
6. MSG approval and sign off.
7. The EITI advised that Stakeholders Engagement and Outcomes and Impacts were the two templates that should be prioritized for reviewed.
8. Secretariat Report.
10.Close and announcement of date for the next meeting. (Proposed June 10, 2026)

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| Meeting attendance sheet<br>89th MSG: may,2026. | | | | Present | Absent | |
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| Constituency | Organization | Role | Gender | | With excuse | w/out excuse |
| INDUSTRY SECTOR | | | | | | |
| 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 |
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| CIVIL SOCIETY | | | | | | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 | | |
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| GYEITI Staff | | | | | | |
| 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 | | |