

MINUTES
REGULAR LEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LEITI, OLD BUDGET BUREAU BUILDING
●REDEMPTION
ROAD, MONROVIA, LIBERIA ● WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER, 20, 2017

PRESENT

GOL

Stephen Dorbor
James N.Gilayeneh Jr.
E. Richmond Jallah

MLME
MFDP
NOCAL

CSO

Cecelia T. M. Danuweli
James Yarsiah

PWYP/WANEP
RRF

Private Sector

Laurentine H. Bass

ExxonMobil

Partners/Observers

Kofi Ireland
Christoph Buchberger
Collette M. Clark

UNMIL
GIZ
US Embassy

OTHERS

J. Kofa Torbor
Hedi Zaghouani
Richard Montgomery
Horatius K. Porte

PWYP
Moore Stephens/IA
Parker &Co LLC
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LEITI Secretariat

Konah D. Karmo
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Cedrick W. Kpadeh
Sarnyenneh Dickson

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Preliminaries – An emergency meeting of the LEITI Multi-stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in the LEITI Conference Room. Commencing at 12:30pm, the meeting was called to order by Hon. Stephen B. Dorbor/Proxy Chairperson of the MSG/Deputy Minister for Planning and Research/MLME after which the HoS welcomed MSG members citing the importance of the meeting which was for the purpose of reviewing the draft Scoping Study report to be presented by the Independent Administrator. According to the HoS the body needed to review the document to see if it was consistent with the Term of Reference as the Secretariat has already received feedbacks from the International Secretariat as well as GIZ.

Adoption of Agenda: A six item agenda was presented and subsequently approved through a motion by Madam Laurentine Bass and seconded by Madam Cecelia Danuweli.

Presentation of Draft Scoping Report: Hedi Zaghouani who spoke for Moore Stephens, the Independent Administrator during his presentation to the body admitted that 80 percent of documents needed were still outstanding. He said the remaining data would help the development of the document to be in full compliance with the EITI standard as well as the TOR

Discussion of the Draft Report: After the IA report, the presiding thanked him and later opened the document for discussion. The HoS reiterated his earlier comments that the document was far from being satisfactory as it did not meet the criteria set up in the TOR or Scope of Work. He disclosed that many things, including the validation recommendations were not materially addressed, adding that the document still needed more work.

Kofi Ireland of UNMIL suggested that the MSG based on the report of the IA that many of the Ministries and Agencies were nonresponsive to data requests, take seize of the matter to help the Secretariat and the IA. He requested that the IA provides a list of outstanding documents disaggregated by Ministries and agencies. After series of debate around this, it was agreed by the body:

- That the IA be given additional time to conclude the draft to meet with all the necessary criteria set forth in the TOR and other relevant documents.
- That the committee on Reporting be augmented to include, GIZ and Exxon Mobil to serve as liaison between the Secretariat and the IA to get all needed documentations by September 29, 2017.
- That the committee meets on September 29, 2017 to submit remaining documents to the IA.
- That the IA resends the final draft to the Secretariat by October 6, 2017
- That the next meeting takes place on 18th October 2017

AOB:

Under AOB, the presiding announced that based on the minutes from the past meeting in which the contract of the HoS was being reviewed, it was now cleared and considering all the due diligence, the HoS was now awarded a new three year contract as stipulated in the recommendations

Date and time of next MSG meeting: The next MSG meeting was scheduled for Wednesday October 18, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.