

**Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI)
Old Budget Bureau Building, Redemption Road, Monrovia, Liberia.**

2nd Quarter Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9th, 2026

Time: 12:00 am-2:30 pm

Venue: LEITI Secretariat

Meeting Type: LEITI Regular MSG Meeting

Present in Attendance were:

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Eudora Blay-Pritchard	MME
J. Alben Greaves	MOJ
Robert Sonkarlay	LPRA
Gesler Z. Murray Jr.	LPRA
Emmanuel Abengo	NOCAL
Rudolph J. Merab Sr.	FDA
Emmanuel E.A. Witherspoon	LRA

CSO

Sayor E. Wahtoson	RJN/PWYP
Amb. George Kingsley	NCSCl
Winston Wreh	LLC
Abraham B. Gappie	MICSOL

Private Sector

Elvis G. Morris	GVL
Eliza D.J Krontaneh	LIBTA
James M. Strother	LIBA
Samuel Na-Kronda	LIBA
Michael V. Suah	LCM

Observers

Djomba Mara	GIZ
Chris Hofmann	US Embassy

Preliminaries:

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 pm by the Proxy of the Chairperson, Deputy Minister Eudora Blay-Pritchard. An opening statement was delivered, welcoming everyone and thanking Members of the MSG for honoring the Invitation. Minister Blay-Pritchard also gave reasons why the Chairperson, the Minister of Mines & Energy, was not in attendance, stating that he was attending a cabinet meeting.

Silent Opening Prayer:

A silent prayer was offered for religious tolerance.

Adoption of the Agenda:

After reviewing the agenda, the Body unanimously agreed to adopt it and the working instrument for the meeting.

Self-Introduction:

All members present observed the self-introduction.

Reading and Adoption of Last Meeting Minutes:

Given that the meeting minutes, secretariat updates, and agenda are sent a week before the meeting, members of the MSG are required, as a matter of practice, to review the last meeting minutes, secretariat updates, and agenda for final correction. During the review, Amb. Kingsley corrected his organization's name, while Mr. Abraham B. Gappie noticed an omission of his middle name in the Attendance. Following those corrections, Madame Eliza D.J. Kronyaneh moved the motion for the adoption of the last Meeting Minutes, seconded by Minister Blay-Pritchard.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the last MSG meeting were presented for consideration. Members reviewed the document thoroughly, and after minor clarifications, the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Presentation of Secretariat Update:

In his presentation, HOS Jeffrey N. Yates said the LEITI Secretariat has begun data imputation for the 16th EITI Report and has uploaded the imputed data to the Data Portal. This initiative aims to ensure the public has timely, accessible information on Liberia's extractive sector. MSG members deliberated on the figures presented on the data portal by the HOS and advised the Secretariat to categorize the revenues collected by year of collection. Several other issues were discussed, such as non-compliant companies and penalties, an update on the Compliance report, the nomination of the HOS to the EITI board for Anglophone and Lusophone Africa, and the draft Validation report.

Additionally, the Secretariat presented its summary report detailing activities for the period February to March 2026, including progress and activities undertaken by the Secretariat since the last meeting. Some of these activities include capacity building for Journalists in the western region: Gbarpolu, Bomi, and Grand Cape Mount Counties. Submission of all AAID targets to the Office of the President and the inclusion of the LEITI Secretariat on the technical team for the development of the MCC Concept note.

Following the presentation, the MSG commended the Secretariat for its inclusive approach in reinforcing and maintaining transparency and accountability in Liberia's extractive sector. The report was formally approved, with recommendations to strengthen stakeholder engagement further. The motion for adoption was moved by Cllr. Suah and was seconded by Abraham B. Gappie.

Review and Approval of the LEITI 2026 Work Plan:

HOS Jeffrey Yates presented the Secretariat's draft work plan for fiscal year 2026 to the MSG. Following consultations with various stakeholders outside the MSG, the Secretariat presented the draft 2026 Work plan, outlining strategic priorities, activities, and timelines, along with additional suggestions from those consultations, for approval. During the presentation, the HOS informed the MSG that, due to financial constraints, GIZ was reducing its support to the LEITI Secretariat from US\$150,000.00 to US\$80,000.00, excluding the sponsorship for the peer exchange in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Under Grants, the HOS also informed the Body that the MFGAP has canceled its initial plan to provide US\$30,000.00 to the Secretariat due to budget constraints, and that the Secretariat is working with the AfDB through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning to secure a US\$50,000.00 grant to support the dissemination of the 16th EITI report. Members discussed the alignment of the work plan with LEITI's mandate and natural resource governance objectives.

Also, during the discussion, Cllr Suah suggested that approval of the final work plan be put on hold and that the Secretariat be granted a tentative or provisional work plan in the interim until details of financial support from development partners are finalized. However, the HOS informed the Body that the work needs to be approved in line with the EITI requirement in March. Following deliberations, the MSG approved the 2026 Work Plan, emphasizing the importance of timely implementation and monitoring. The MSG also agreed to conduct a mid-year review of the work to ensure completeness. The motion for adoption of the work plan was moved by James M. Strother seconded by Cllr. Michael V. Suah.

Approval of Draft MSG Retreat Plan:

A draft plan for the upcoming MSG retreat was presented, highlighting objectives, proposed sessions, and expected outcomes. The retreat was recognized as an important opportunity to strengthen collaboration, reflect on progress, and strategize for future challenges. The draft retreat plan was approved, with suggestions to ensure inclusivity and robust participation. The Body agreed to hold the mid-year in Ganta, Nimba County, from May 28-31, 2026. The draft MSG

Retreat Plan was moved for adoption by Madam Cecelia T. Danuweli and seconded by Amb. George Kingsley.

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The Presiding reaffirmed the MSG's commitment to transparency, accountability, and effective resource governance in Liberia. The Presiding also allowed Mr. Chris Hofmann of the US Embassy to make a few remarks, as he was replacing the previous US representative to the MSG. In his remarks, Mr. Hofmann expressed appreciation to the MSG and pledged his commitment to ensure regular attendance and contribution to key discussions during meetings.

Adjournment

With no further business, the Chair thanked members of the MSG for their active participation. The motion for adjournment was moved by the proxy Chair, Minister Eudora Blay-Pitchard, and was seconded by Madam Cecelia T. Danuweli. The meeting was formally adjourned at 1:51 p.m.