

**MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER STEERING GROUP (MSG) OF THE LIBERIA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (LEITI) HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LEITI, OLD BUDGET BUREAU BUILDING.**

**• TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021**

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**PRESENT IN ATTENDANCE**

**GOL**

1. C.Mike Doryen -----FDA
2. Carlton S. Miller -----MME
3. Edrick F. Noah -----MOJ
4. B AL.Dennis -----LRA
5. Timothy K. Jarry -----NOCAL
6. Benedict Ocram-----MFDP

**Private Sector**

1. Mr. Ekema Witherspoon ---LibTA
2. Mr. Marcus Wleh -----Arcelor Mittal-Liberia
3. Atty.Wilson S. Garpeh -----GVL

**Other**

Abraham B. Garppie MICSOL

**CSO**

1. Mr. Winston W. Wreh -----LLC
2. Mr.Fallah B. Kamara -----MICSOL
3. Mr. Daniel Nyankonah -----PUL
4. Cecelia T. Danuweli -----PWYP

**LEITI Secretariat**

1. Jeffery N. Yates -----HOS
2. Daniel B. Tipayson -----DHOS
3. J.Kennedy Kolubah--Communications Officer

**Preliminaries:** The regular meeting of the Multi- Stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, in the LEITI Conference Room.

Commencing at 1:00 pm, the meeting was called to order by Hon. C.Mike Doryen, the Chairperson of LEITI's MSG. He requested the Head of Secretariat at the LEITI to read the meeting's agenda. Mr. Yates read a seven-item agenda, and it was placed on the floor by the Chairperson for addition, subtraction, and adoption by the Body. Successively, a motion for adoption was made by Atty. Edrick F.Noah of the Ministry of Justice and was seconded by Mr. Daniel Nyakonah of the Press Union of Liberia.

After the adoption of the agenda by the Body, the meeting proceeded as follow:

1. **Silent prayer:** Silent Prayer was offered by attendees at the meeting.
2. **Welcome Remarks:** The Chairperson requested the proxy of the Co-Chairperson, Hon. Carlton S. Miller to make the welcome remarks. In his comments, Mr. Miller welcomed all MSG members, including Mr. Daniel B. Tipayson, the newly recruited Deputy Head of Secretariat. He urged his colleagues to continue being more proactive in sustaining the gains at LEITI and continue making timely interventions for the smooth running of the LEITI Secretariat.
3. **Presentation of the 12<sup>th</sup> EITI report for Liberia:** The Chairperson, with unanimous consent from the Body, requested the Head of Secretariat to present the 12<sup>th</sup> EITI Report. In introducing the report to the MSG, the Head of Secretariat reminded the MSG that the 12<sup>th</sup> EITI Report was different from other reports produced by the LEITI Secretariat. He highlighted that the report was prepared using the Flexible Reporting Framework that the International EITI Board adopted to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. He indicated that it was the first time Liberia's EITI report had information on Beneficial Ownership Disclosure.
4. **Acceptance of the Report:** The Chairperson, on behalf of the Body, accepted the report and expressed profound appreciation to colleagues for their continuous commitment to Liberia's EITI implementation. He also congratulated the LEITI Secretariat staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing the report. He later requested a representative from the CSOs and Private Sector to make remarks in accepting the report.

Representing the CSO bloc, Madam Cecelia Danuweli from the Publish What You Pay Coalition expressed thanks to the entire Board for the commitment to getting the report done amid the daunting challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. She indicated in her remarks that Liberia was back on track in the EITI implementation circle, and the Board should continue with a high level of commitment to the process. She finally expressed her deepest gratitude to the Secretariat staff and requested them to keep pushing for the good of their country.

Representing the Private Sector bloc, Mr. Marcus Wleh of Arcelor Mittal also expressed his thanks and appreciation to his colleagues for the hard work and encouraged the Secretariat to continue the dedication and hard work they've shown in getting the report prepared.

5. **Reading of the Press Statement for the launch of the Report:** The Chairman of the MSG Hon. C. Mike Doryen read the MSG-approved Press Statement for the launch of the 12<sup>th</sup> EITI Report. The Statement highlighted the total extractive revenue generated from the sector for the FY 2018/2019, the challenges faced by Liberia's EITI implementation, and the government's continuous commitment to adhere to the values and principles of the EITI.

Subsequently, the Chairperson and LEITI Secretariat had a period of questions and answered with the media.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by 2:30pm
7. Closing Prayer: Silent Prayer was offered by the attendees.