

MINUTES

REGULAR LEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS STEERING GROUP MEETING

**HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LEITI, OLD BUDGET BUREAU BUILDING
REDEMPTION**

ROAD, MONROVIA, LIBERIA Monday, DECEMBER 21, 2022

Present in Attendance were:

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| 1. Hon. C. Mike Doryen | FDA |
| 2. Edrick Noah | MOJ |
| 3. Timothy Jarry | NOCAL |
| 4. Carlton S. Miller | MME |
| 5. Kokolo Nyanquoi | LPRA |
| 6. B. Al Dennis | LRA |

Private Sector

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| 1. Ekema Witherspoon | LIBTA. |
| 2. Marcus S. Wleh | Mittal |
| 3. Elvis Morris | LACA |

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| 1. Mr. Winston W. Wreh | LLC |
| 2. Mr. Fallah B. Kamara | MICSOL |
| 3. Cecelia Danuweli | PWYP |
| 4. Loretta A. Pope Kai | NSCL |

Observer

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| 1. Samuel Summerville | GIZ |
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Others

1. Samson Tokpah
2. Francis Zayzay

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1. Jeffery N. Yates/HoS
2. McDonald S. Kerl Sr.-Technical Officer
3. Cedrick Kpadeh-Communications Officer

Preliminaries: The LEITI Multi-stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) meeting was held on Monday, December 21, 2022, in the LEITI Conference Room. Commencing at 12:12 pm, the meeting was called to order by Hon. C. Mike Doryen, Chairman of the MSG, who immediately requested the HOS to read the agenda. A seven-item agenda was read and adopted with no changes.

1. **Opening prayer:** Silent prayer was observed for religious tolerance.
2. **Welcome Remark:** The Presiding asked Madam Cecelia Danuweli of PWYP to welcome the Body, especially Mr. Samson Tokpah and his family, to Liberia. In this duty, Madam Danuweli welcomed all members in attendance, thanking everyone for their contributions so far to the EITI process in Liberia.
3. **Self-introduction:** Self-introduction was observed, with at least 13 persons participating.
4. **Overview from Secretariat:** The HOS informed the Body about the vacuum created by the absence of a Deputy HOS and the strain it is putting on him. The Head of the Secretariat expressed hope that the MSG would address the situation today. He also informed the MSG that the 14th EITI report for Liberia was ready and would be presented for the Body's approval and publication in due time. At this point, the HOS and the Independent Administrator vacated the room for an MSG CONSULTATION EXERCISE

5. Presentation of Admin and Finance Committee Report

Madam Cecelia Danuweli, Co-chair of the committee, told her colleagues that with instructions from the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ojuku Nyenpan, she was submitting three well-vetted and selected names for the Body to determine who the next Deputy Head of Secretariat becomes. The names included:

1. Isaac T. Charlieson
2. Samsom Wonnah
3. Zaza Quiqui

After her presentation, the Chair praised Madam Danuweli, especially for her contributions to getting the LEITI to where it is. He intimated a rotational chairmanship allowing civil society to lead at some point would be necessary. But this was tabled for another discussion time. At this point, the Presiding announced a break for consultations. After a ten-minute break, the Body reconvened, and a consensus candidate came in, named Zaza Quiqui.

6. **Presentation of the 14th Report:** The IA presented a hard copy of the report to the HOS, who, in turn, submitted it to the Chairman of the MSG for endorsement and subsequent publication. Upon receiving the report, the Chairman placed it on the floor for discussion. Timothy Jarry of NOCAL motioned for the report to be accepted, endorsed, and published,

and Winston Wreh of the Liberia Labour Congress seconded his motion. Thus, the media was called in for the Chairman to read the press statement launching the report.

7. AOB:

Under AOB, the HOS informed the Body about an unpaid balance owed to the IA due to delays from the MFDP. He disclosed that only Twenty Thousand United States dollars had been paid to the IA. He also told the Body that the MFDP was still to make good on a 119 thousand dollars allotment to the Secretariat.

The Chairman was alarmed over the revelation and called on the MFDP to make good the payment to avoid an unnecessary crisis.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Summary of key points

- MSG, through consensus, selected a new Deputy HOS
- The Body endorsed and launched the 14th EITI Report for Liberia
- Agree to engage the MFDP to make payment of the remaining budgetary allotment for the LEITI
- Tabled a discussion for the rotational chairmanship of the MSG
- 16 persons in attendance