

MINUTES
EMERGENCY LEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE BOULEVARD HOTEL, 13TH STREET, SINKOR
MONROVIA, LIBERIA • TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

PRESENT IN ATTENDANCE

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C. Mike Doryen	FDA
B. Al Dennis	LRA
Ojuku Nyenpan	MFDP
Carlton Miller	MLME
Edrick Noah	MOJ

CSO

Winston Wreh	Labour Congress
Daniel Nyankonah	PUL
Cecelia Danuweli	PWYP

Private Sector

Clarence Tay	Atlantic Resource
Eric Swen	Arcelor Mittal
Elvis Morris	Golden Veroleum

Partners/Observers

Samuel Summerville	GIZ
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LEITI Secretariat

Jeffery Yates	OIC/LEITI
Cedrick W. Kpadeh	Comms Consultant
Sam S. Tokpah	Technical Consultant

Preliminaries – An extraordinary meeting of the LEITI Multi-stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) was held on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, in the Conference Room of the LEITI Secretariat. The meeting was called to approve and launch the 10th and 11th EITI Reports for Liberia, 2019/20 Workplan, 2016/17, and 2017/18 Annual Progress Reports. The meeting commenced at 2:59 PM with the Chairperson, C. Mike Doryen, presiding. LEITI’s Officer–In–Charge, Jeffery Yates readout and presented the Agenda.

Adoption of Agenda: A six-item agenda was presented to the body for adoption. With no changes made, it was adopted through a motion from Mr. B. Al Dennis, Liberia Revenue Authority.

Opening Prayer: prayer was offered by Mr. Jeffery Yates, Office-in-Charge, and LEITI Secretariat.

Welcome Remarks: MLME’s Carlton Miller was designated by the Presiding to welcome others to the meeting. Mr. Miller thanked his colleagues for their commitment to the EITI process, especially at a crucial point in the Country’s history. He expressed hope that the approval and subsequent launch of the documents would pave the way for Liberia’s continuing implementation of the EITI Principles.

Presentation of Reports: The Presiding requested the LEITI Secretariat to present the documents for approval and subsequent launch. Mr. Yates recounted the mandate in October 2019 when the MSG asked home to serve as OIC at the LEITI Secretariat and assist the Technical Consultant in producing the 10th and 11th EITI Reports for Liberia, the 2017 and 2018 Annual Activity Report, and the fully Costed Workplan for 2019/2020. In partial fulfillment of those mandates, he presented hard copies of the three documents mentioned above to the MSG through the Presiding. The Presiding then opened the floor for questions, suggestions, and comments.

Mr. Miller, the Presiding Co-chair of the MSG, suggested, and it was **by a consensus agreed** that since the documents were earlier forwarded to MSG Members for review and inputs, the motion should focus on approval and subsequent launch of the reports. Subsequently, Daniel Nyankonah of the Press Union of Liberia motioned a vote through a ‘show of hand’ for approval. This motion was seconded and **by a consensus agreed** to pave the way for the MSG to launch the documents formally. A press statement read in the full glare of the Media.

Remarks: After reading the press statement, comments were made by the Civil Society and Private Sector constituencies on the Board.

Madam Cecelia Danuweli of Publish What You Pay (PWYP) spoke on behalf of the Civil Society bloc. She expressed delights for significant achievement within a relatively short period and thanked everyone, especially the Technical Consultant and the OIC, for the work. She pledged the civil societies’ continuous support to the EITI process in Liberia.

For his part, Mr. Eric Swen of Arcelor Mittal, on behalf of the Private Sector bloc, pledged his sector’s commitment to stand by all stakeholders for the full implementation of the EITI process in Liberia, even as Liberia faces EITI Validation next shortly.

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None.

Summary of Key Points

- MSG approved and launched the 10th & 11th EITI Reports
- MSG launched 2017/18 Annual Progress Report
- MSG launched 2019/2020 Workplan
- Civil Society and Private Sector blocs pledged support to the full implementation of EITI in Liberia

Date and time of next MSG meeting: There was no date for the next meeting announced.