

MINUTES
REGULAR LEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LEITI, OLD BUDGET BUREAU BUILDING
REDEMPTION
ROAD, MONROVIA, LIBERIA Thursday, JUNE 30, 2022

Present in Attendance were:

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| 1. C. Mike Doryen | FDA |
| 2. Edrick Noah | MOJ |
| 3. Timothy Jarry | NOCAL |
| 6. B. Al Dennis | LRA |

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| 1. Loretta Pope Kai | NSCL. |
| 2. Fallah B. Kamara | MCSCCL |
| 3. Cecelia Danuweli | PWYP |
| 4. Winston Wreh | LLC |

Private Sector

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| 1. Evis Morris | GVL |
| 2. Ekema Witherspon | LibTab |

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| 1. Samuel Summerville | GIZ |
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1. Jeffery N. Yates/HoS
2. McDonald S. Kerl Sr.-Technical Officer

Others

1. Samuel Bekoe SRG
2. Samson Tokpah SRG (Online)

Preliminaries: The call meeting of the LEITI Multi-stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) was held on Thursday, June 30, 2022 in the LEITI Conference Room. Commencing at 1:03pm, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the MSG, C. Mike Doryen of the Forestry Development Authority. As usual, Mr. Doryen reminded his colleagues of their respective roles in the multistakeholder arrangement, admonishing them to be more engaging for the betterment of the Country

1. **Reading and Adoption of the Agenda:** - The HOS, Jeffrey Yates read a five-item agenda that mainly focused on the presentation of the draft 13th EITI Report for Liberia after just three weeks of approving the scoping.
2. **Opening prayer:** Silent prayer was observed for religious tolerance.
3. **Welcome Remark:** The Presiding Chair of the MSG asked Edrick Noah to do the welcome remark. Mr. Noah then welcomed everyone and thanked the Body for the level

of engagement for the last four weeks especially for the production of LEITI's 13th Report. He challenged colleagues to remain steadfast and invigorated to making strides that will bring pride to Liberia. He again welcomed Samuel Bekoe of SRG Consulting who had travelled from Ghana to present the draft Report.

4. **Self-introduction**: Self-introduction was observed.

5. **Presentation of draft 13th Report**-The Presiding then asked Mr. Samuel Bekoe to take the floor to present the draft report to the august Body.

In his opening statement, Mr. Bekoe extended gratitude to the MSG for its working relationship for the past three weeks but was quick to add that the three weeks given the IA to produce the report was diminutive compare to the 22 weeks it usually takes for the preparation of an EITI Report.

He also urged the MSG to allow him focus his presentation on the data aspect rather than contextual information appertained. During his presentation, the MSG members took time to query and clarify technical issues with the various sector representatives. One sticky issue was the inclusion of a payment for seismic data from TSG NOPEC, a company that sells seismic data for Liberia's offshore waters and provides NOCAL with a percentage of such sales. NOCAL contended that such payments should not be captured under the LEITI reporting framework. However, on the line from the United States, Mr. Samson Tokpah of SRG Consult maintained that once the arrangement was in the sector, it should be reported as extractive sector payment.

At the end of his presentation, the Body made the following decisions:

- That seismic data payments be reported (LEITI Secretariat to oversee this)
- That the LEITI writes the TSG NOPEC to verify the information with NOCAL and LPRA copied in the letter
- For the sake of quorum, the HOS will request a No Objection from MSG members on the draft report.
- That final report is available for the next Call meeting in a week.

After these decisions, the meeting was adjourned with nothing substantial discussed under AOB