

# **LEITI** Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

## **MINUTES OF SDC MEETING HELD WITH COMPANIES**

LEITI Secretariat's meeting with extractive companies and CSOs outside the MSG of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) to solicit inputs to the Service Delivery Charter (SDC) held on January 23, 2025 at 11:00 am in the Conference Room of the LEITI, Old Budget Bureau Building.

Present in Attendance:

### **Companies Representatives in Attendance**

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| 1. Joseph T. Kollie | Cavalla Mining                     |
| 2. Thomas Wilson    | Ducor Minerals                     |
| 3. Evelyn Jallah    | Liberia Cocoa Corporation          |
| 4. Isaac B. Joe     | Bassa Logging & Timber Corporation |
| 5. Ebenezer Johnson | Tiger Quarry-Liberia               |
| 6. Henson Morris    | Thunderbird International          |
| 7. Alieu Fahnbulleh | Western Quarry                     |
| 8. Mark Johnson     | Mineral Working Group              |
| 9. Sarah Moore      | Women in the Extractives           |
| 10. Vah Holmes      | VocieLEITI                         |

### **LEITI Staff in Attendance**

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| 1. Jeffery N. Yates      | Head of Secretariat               |
| 2. Zaza Y. Quaqua        | Deputy Head of Secretariat        |
| 3. George N. Dennis      | Finance Director                  |
| 4. McDonald S. Kerl, Sr. | Technical Officer                 |
| 5. Cedrick W. Kpadeh     | Communications & Outreach Officer |
| 6. Francis Kettor        | Procurement Officer               |

The meeting with the company and CSOs representative outside the MSG of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) was held on 23 January 2025 in the LEITI Conference Room.

Commencing at 11:28 am, the meeting was called to order by the Head of Secretariat of the LEITI, Mr. Jeffrey N. Yates. A self-introduction for all in attendance followed this. The Head of Secretariat welcomed all in attendance. It stated that the meeting is part of LEITI's broader consultation with constituencies beyond the MSG of LEITI, and it is intended to share our Service Delivery Charter (SDC) with them and generate their inputs into the Charter.

He encouraged the representatives present to feel free to participate in the LEITI's works as they are stakeholders in Liberia's natural resource governance. He admonished all stakeholders to work together to ensure the success of the EITI process in Liberia. He emphasized that LEITI is a transparency framework that seeks to promote the accountable management of the country's natural resources. He stated that transparent resource management prevents conflict and promotes state stability.

### **Reading of the Agenda**

The Head of Secretariat asked the Deputy to read the agenda of the meeting. Following the reading, the HOS presented the agenda and requested the body's will regarding it. Subsequently, it was moved and seconded that the agenda be used as a working tool to guide the meeting.

Silent prayer was offered by all in attendance, followed by the discussions below:

- The Head of Secretariat updated the company representatives on the activities and progress being made by the LEITI in implementing the EITI Standard in Liberia.
- Joseph T. Kollie and Isaac B. Joe thanked the head of the Secretariat for the meeting. They expressed willingness to work with the LEITI Secretariat to promote prudent natural resource management in Liberia. They appreciated the work of the LEITI over the years and encourage the LEITI to continue to engage citizens and stakeholders across the country.
- The HOS presented the draft Service Delivery Charter (SDC) to the body and explained why company stakeholders' input was necessary.
- Following the presentation of the draft SDC, company representatives made the below inputs to the SDC:
  - ✓ *Decentralization of LEITI office*
  - ✓ *Regular community engagements across the country to highlight the company's impact on the economy*
  - ✓ *Public awareness on the contribution of extractive companies to prevent the destruction of their assets*
  - ✓ *Government needs to fulfill its part of the contract with companies to ensure their smooth operation.*
  - ✓ *LEITI needs to highlight the challenges faced by companies in their reports too, not just the affected communities*
  - ✓ *The timely dissemination of LEITI Reports is necessary to ensure that citizens have the information they need to prevent conflict.*

### **Decision and the way forward**

The head of the Secretariat thanked the company stakeholders for their observations and input and promised to incorporate their inputs into the Service Delivery Charter (SDC) where possible. Both the LEITI Secretariat and the company representatives agreed that communication should be opened between the parties to encourage more dialogues, understanding, and information sharing for the good of the Country.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm.**



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## **LEITI's SDC CONSULTATION MEETING DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer.....Silent
2. Self-Introduction.....All
3. Welcome Remarks..... Jeffrey N. Yates/HOS
4. Brief Overview of LEITI's Progress.....Jeffrey N. Yates/HOS
5. Presentation of LEITI's Service Delivery Charter(SDC).....Jeffrey N. Yates/HOS
6. Responses .....Company and CSOs Representatives
7. Decision and Way Forward.....All
8. Closing Prayer.....Silent