Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI)
Old Budget Bureau Building Redemption Road Monrovia, Liberia.

Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Meeting with EITI Validation Team

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2026
Time: 12:00am-
Venue: LEITI Secretariat
Meeting Type: LEITI Regular MSG Meeting

Present in Attendance were:

GOL		CSO	
Fahnsett B. Mulbah	MME	Cecelia Danuweli	RJN/PWYP
Edwina Edjerah Barchue	NOCAL	George Kingsley	NSCL
J. Albeh Greaves	MOJ	Winston Wreh	LLC
Rufus Scott Sr.	LPRA	Abraham Gappie	MICSOL
Andrew N. Ngolloe	MFDP		
Rudolph J. Merab Sr.	FDA		
Emmanuel E.A. Witherspoon	LRA		
Abednego Barning	HOR		

Private Sector		Observer	
Elvis Morris	GVL	Djomba Mara	GIZ
Eliza D.J Kronyaneh	LIBTA		
James M. Strother	LIBA		
Samuel Na-Kronda	LIBA		
Micheal V. Suah	LCM		

Preliminaries: The call meeting of the LEITI Multi-Stakeholder group (MSG) was held on Friday February 13, 2026 in the LEITI Conference room. The meeting commenced at about 11:22 am with a silent opening prayer observed by all members present.

1. Silent Opening Prayer: Silent prayer was observed for religious tolerance.

2. Welcome Remarks: Alternate Chair of the Multi-Stakeholder Group Madam Eudora Blay Pritchard, Deputy Minister for Administration at the Ministry of Mines and Energy welcomed members of the MSG and the visiting Validation Team. In her remarks, appreciation was expressed to the Validation Team for engaging with stakeholders as part of the validation process. The importance of the meeting in strengthening transparency and accountability in Liberia's extractive sector was highlighted.

3. Introduction

Participants introduced themselves, stating their names, institutions, and roles within the MSG as well as the visiting Validation Team. The introduction allowed members of the Validation Team to familiarize themselves with representatives from government, civil society, and the extractive companies.

4. Brief Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was outlined by Head of Secretariat Jeffrey N. Yates as part of the ongoing validation process. The engagement aimed to provide the Validation Team with insights into the implementation of the EITI Standard in Liberia, the functioning of the MSG, and the level of stakeholder participation in the implementation process.

5. Presentation

The Validation Team delivered a presentation highlighting:

- The objectives and scope of the validation exercise
- Key components of the validation process
- Preliminary observations regarding Liberia's implementation of the EITI Standard
- Areas of progress and potential improvement

Members of the MSG listened attentively and took note of the issues raised during the presentation.

6. Questions and Answers

Following the presentation, a question-and-answer session was held. Members of the MSG asked questions and provided clarifications on several issues relating to Implementation of Environmental Laws, capacity building training for Artisanal and small scale miners, etc.

The Validation Team also posed questions to MSG members to better understand:

- The effectiveness of MSG engagement
- Stakeholder participation in decision-making processes
- Public dissemination of EITI reports and information
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Questions from MSG Members

MSG members raised several issues and questions, including:

- The methodology used by the Validation Team in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard
- The extent to which stakeholder feedback influences the final validation outcome

- The outcome of engagements held with the validation team and other CSOs outside the MSG and broader constituents.
- How does the EITI obtain Information regarding corruption allegations in the Extractive sector in the country and what informed actions can be taken based on such information.

Questions from the Validation Team

The Validation Team also asked questions aimed at understanding the effectiveness of MSG operations, including:

- How decisions are made within the MSG and whether all constituencies are adequately represented

Constructive discussions were held, with both sides providing responses and additional explanations where necessary.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was formally adjourned. The Chair thanked members of the MSG and the Validation Team for their participation and constructive engagement.