SLEITI Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

Minutes of SLEITI MSG held at the SLEITI Secretariat on Tuesday 13 December, 2016

Purpose: to discuss dissemination of SLEITI Report Using AfDB Funds Attendance

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Apologies: Saidu Conton Sesay- Chief of Staff, Joe Rahall- CSO, Martyn Jimmy – MMMR, Amadu Mansaray – PD, Abu Tarawallie- NRA, Naim Merimech, MoFEd, Mohamed Salisu- MoFED, Donald Willaims- NRA, Moses A. Kargbo- SLAJ, Hon. Sidie Tunis- Parliament, Isatu Koneh- ONS,

Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Launching and Dissemination of SLEITI Reports – ADB Funds in SLEITI account
3. AOB
4. Close

Background and Opening

Prior to commencement of the meeting, members agreed that it should not be named as SLEITI MSG regular 4th Quarter meeting because several members were absent. Going forward, members said the meeting should be held to support the Secretariat implement its planned activities against the deadlines set.

1. Opening

Dr. Mustapha O. Thomas Chaired the meeting and welcomed members present. He said his absence from previous meeting was as a result his new assignment from the university, adding that he was also pre-occupied with activities that required regular trips to the provinces. He then asked members to

discuss the agenda for which the meeting was partly scheduled. The objective was to ensure that the Secretariat was able to expend the said AFDB Fund against the Bank's stipulated deadline.

Launching & Dissemination of SLEITI Reports

The National Coordinator informed that AfDB funds were still lodged into SLEITI account, and that the money should be expended against 31st December 2016, else SLEITI risked losing the funds. She added the money was given to SLEITI for dissemination of 2011 EITI Report, however, halfway through the dissemination exercise; the process was stalled as a result of the Ebola outbreak in 2014.

Following deliberations, the draft budget submitted by the Secretariat endorsed and that the Secretariat should proceed with implementation of the dissemination exercise to avoid losing the said funding. When asked about the status of the reports to be disseminated, the National Coordinator said the 2013 report was ready; that the 2012 and 2014 Report were being finalised by BDO and Boas respectively and will be available for dissemination. When asked about the official launch of the reports, the National Coordinator said the EITI puts premium on dissemination of the report and therefore since SLEITI is unable to undertake launch of the report due to lack of fund there will be no penalties for dissemination without launching.

In view of the above, the group agreed to organise a nationwide dissemination of the reports from 28th – 31st December 2016, to be preceded by a "stakeholders' strategic consultative meeting" to discuss

- Reports analysis (2012, 2013 & 2014 reports)
- SLEITI Beneficial Ownership Roadmap
- SLEITI Open Data Policy
- The 2016-2018 Work Plan
- SLEITI Internal Governance Rules
- SLEITI Policy

Since NACE was to come up with a validation meeting of the draft SLEITI Policy, the group agreed to take part in the meeting and present an aspect of the issues mentioned above; that the remaining issues will be presented at the SLEITI led stakeholders' consultative meeting.

The group also agreed to partner with credible civil society organization to coordinate and implement the dissemination exercises across the four regional towns. Network Movement for Justice and Development-NMJD will cover the east, Green Scenery and Centre for Democracy and Human Right to cover south and north respectively.

Considering the stakeholders consultative meeting, the group agreed that the participants should be drawn from the SLEITI MSG, a few MDAs with, non MSG CSOs, media institutions, Universities, etc. In addition, Hill Valley was considered the best fit venue for the stakeholders' consultative meeting.

Discussing the report summaries, the group pleaded with Dr. Mustapha O. Thomas to do the write ups and at the same time do a presentation at the meeting comparing findings of the 3 reports. Abu Brima, Mina Horace, Emmanuel Gaima were also slated to do presentations.

NACE Coordinator, Cecilia Mattia and Abu Brima were tasked to mobilise all targeted participants, while SLEITI Secretariat draft and dispatch letters of invites.

2. Closing

The Chair thanked members for their valid contributions and encouraged all to ensure that the activities identified were implemented as planned. There being no other issue to discuss, the meeting was closed.

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Signature of Chair
Dr. Mustapha O. Thomas

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Signature of Secretary
Mina Horcae