Minutes of SLEITI Multi-stakeholder Group Meeting held on 22nd August 2016 to discuss the visit of the New EITI Chair and the Head of the International Secretariat on 24th – 25th August, 2016

Attendance

Present

Government	**Civil Society**
Paul A. Lamin- EPA/Chair Eugene Norman- NMA Mohamed Sallieu Bah- NMA	Cecilia Mattia, NACE-CSO Joseph Rahall, Green Scenery/NACE-CSO Moses A. Kargbo, SLAJ/Media
Mining Companies	**Secretariat**
Neima Macfoy – SD Steel	Mina Horace Annie Lansana Mohamed F. Conteh

Apologies

Saidu Conton Sesay, OCOS; Neima Mafoy-SD Steel; Dr. Thomas, NACE-CSO; Amadu Mansaray- PD, Mohamed Salisu – MoFED, Naim Merimeche, MoFED, Donald Williams, NRA, Isatu Koneh, ONS; Abu Brima, NMJD

1) Opening Remarks and Background

In the absence of the Champion, Paul Lamin was unanimously nominated to Chair the meeting.

During the retreat held at Hill Valley on 18th -19th August 2016, it was agreed that the members of the MSG meet to discuss plans for the 2-day visit by the EITI Chair & the head of international Secretariat. Paul asked the general house whether the meeting should go ahead since there were few MSG Members representative(s) present to discuss the visit of the EITI chair. All present agreed that the meeting should go on. The itinerary for the Chair's visit was circulated for discussion.

2) Update /Discussion on two day visit By EITI International -

Purpose of visit

- The visit by the 2- man delegation from EITI International Secretariat is to pay a courtesy call to H.E, The President to seek his views on EITI and to discuss how the EITI can be used to contribute to his "Agenda for Prosperity"

- The EITI Chair is keen to meet with the MSG, Civil Society, the Media and the Speaker of the House of Parliament but since the latter will still be out of office the delegation will meet with the Deputy Chair.

The NC advised that the EITI Chair's visit was high profile adding that the Chair had served as Prime Minister of Sweden for ten years.

Deliberations on the visit of the 2 man delegation from EITI international Secretariat

- Joe Rahall mentioned that in the past EITI international visitors did not get the President's audience and hoped that the Chief of Staff will ensure the Chair meets with His Excellency. He noted the meeting with the President will be critical to Sierra Leone's Validation in 2017.
- Cecilia lamented that at the EITI global conference in Peru in February 2016, most Heads of State of implementing countries were present except President Koroma.
- The MSG requested the NC to serve as chaperone for the EITI delegation.
- The NC assured that Chief of Staff was doing his best to ensure the President's availability during the visit. However, if the President is unavailable, the Chair will meet with the vice president Honourable Victor Foh. The Chair advised the NC to ensure that the Vice President is briefed on the EITI process ahead of time. It was also agreed that the Minister of Mines & Mineral Resources joined by the Chief of staff should usher the EITI delegation to the Vice President.
- The MSG meeting with Chair should be held at the SLEITI secretariat.

Media Coverage

Mohamed gave an update of the media plan for the 2 days visit. This included the following;

- The media coverage will start from the Chair's arrival at the Freetown Lungi Airport.
- the media included crews from 3 TV stations , 3 radio stations, 5 newspapers, and a press conference
- A brief interview will be conducted on the delegation's arrival to give them the opportunity to explain the purpose of their visit and expectations.

- The MSG advised the Secretariat to engage the national broadcasters including SLBC TV & Radio, AYV TV and Radio and the Politico newspaper.

Dinner with Development partners

- The MSG asked the NC to seek funding for the dinner at a cost of Le 1,500,000.

3) **Any Other Business**

- Since it is difficult to get responses from the Chamber of Mines on issues presented to them, the Secretariat should impress on the Minister of Mines & Mineral Resources to ensure the Chamber sends a representative to the MSG meeting with the Chair.
- The Secretariat should conclude and tidy up the SLEITI work plan by Wednesday, 24th August against the meeting with the EITI Chair.
- The Secretariat should draft the agenda for the MSG meeting with the EITI Chair and circulate to members for endorsement.

4) **Closing**

In the absence of any other business, Sallieu Bah moved that the meeting be closed and Paul Lamin seconded the motion.

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Signature of Chair

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Signature of Secretary