SLEITI Technical Committee meeting on SLEITI recommendations held at the SLEITI Secretariat, 17 Charles Street, Freetown on Wednesday 22nd August 2018

Attendance

1. Mohamed Sallieu Bah – NMA/Chair
2. Pascal Oleng – NRA (EIRU)
3. Abu B. Tarawalie - NRA (EIRU)
4. Theresa Williams - MMMR
5. Patrick Fussay – NMA
6. Mohamed A. Salisu – MoFED
7. Morie Lansana
8. Mina Horace – SLEITI Secretariat
9. Deborah Massaquoi – SLEITI Secretariat

Apology: Amadu Mansaray; *PD*

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Review and discuss implementation of recommendations from the SLEITI Annual Reports 2008-2016
3. AOB
4. Closing

1. Opening

Mohamed Sallieu Bah was nominated to Chair the meeting. He called the meeting to order and welcomed members. The agenda was adopted as presented. The Chair recalled that the committee did not have enough time to review the SLEITI recommendations at their previous meeting due to limited time. Members noted that addressing the recommendations was necessary to drive the EITI process but more so to see that reforms take place to shape the extractive sector.

2. Review and discuss implementation of recommendations from the SLEITI Annual reports 2008-2016

In discussing the recommendations members made the following observations and comments

a) Overtime government institutions like the NRA, NMA, MoFED had taken steps to address some of the recommendations in the SLEITI reports.
b) Due to the prevailing laws at the time the SLEITI reports were produced it was not possible to implement some of the recommendations but the passing of new laws or policy changes have created new opportunities for implementation.
c) Several recommendations were repeated in different SLEITI reports because they were not implemented the first or second time they were proffered by the IA.
d) The EITI process is contributing towards enhancing management of the sector.
e) **Royalty Payments -** They are based on provisional payments but the Ministry of Finance has never seen a final invoice. All payments are based on provisional invoices therefore it is unclear whether royalty values change after sales of the commodities.
f) The Extractive Industries Revenue Act has provisions on what is considered as sale of a mineral right and therefore addressed the challenge associated with collections of capital gains.

ACTION POINTS

- Secretariat to prepare a template and submit to NMA to be used during payment process by Chief Administrator of various district councils to help the secretariat during the time of reconciliation exercise.
- National Coordinator to write and present issues in raising funds towards reconciliation exercise to Vice President in order to avoid delay in the process.
- ABD has consented to provide financial support towards the production, dissemination and printing for 2015, 2016 report. Minister has requested a meeting with GIZ and other donor partners but the work plan needs to be finalised.
- MMMR & NMA to set up an effective monitoring team to audit the chiefdoms in paying the DACD Fund to the community.

Specific comments made against the recommendations can be found under the comments section of the 2008-2016 recommendations matrix.

3. AOB

NC was asked to make a courtesy/introductive visit to the newly appointed Minister of MMMR, MoFED and NRA.

4. Closing

There being no other matter to discuss the meeting was brought to a close.

Secretary.....

Chairman.....