SLEITI Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

SLEITI MSG Meeting to discuss the EITI Global Conference
Thursday 7th March 2019

Venue: Office of the Vice-President, Tower Hill, Freetown

Attendance

Government:	**Civil Society:**
Frances P. Alghali-OVP, Chair	Kadi Jumu-Peters, CSO (NACE)
Foday Sesay, MAMR	Cecilia C. Mattia, NACE/CSO
Aruna Abu, ASSL	
Mohamed Sallieu Bah, NMA	
Ramatu B. Massaquoi, EPA	
Alfred F. Jonsie, EPA	
Peter J. Bangura, MoF	
Mining Companies:	**Secretariat:**
Kumba S. Fenka, Koidu Limited	Mina Horace
	Mohamed Fernanda Conteh

Apologies:
Mohamed Amara Salisu - MoF, Joseph Rahall – Green Scenery/CSO

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Chairman's Opening Remarks
3. 2019 EITI Global Conference
4. EITI Board Nomination 2019 – 2022
5. SLEITI 2015-2016 Report Dissemination
6. Other Business
7. Closing

Introduction

The upcoming EITI Global Conference will be held in Paris, France on 18-19 June 2019, in collaboration with the Government of France. The Conference is the highest governance body of the EITI and is attended by heads of State, Ministers, Chairs, CEOs and senior international civil society leaders. At the same time, the 2019 Global Confab/Exhibition provides a forum of stakeholders from all EITI countries to share experiences and to express their views on the policies and strategies of the EITI

1. Opening

The meeting was called to order after silent individual prayers.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting adding that the meeting was summoned at short notice to discuss SLEITI's representation and participation at the above mentioned EITI Global Conference. She informed members that H.E. President Julius Bio had received an invitation to the Conference and was likely to attend. She advised stakeholder to ensure the President had something concrete to present at the Conference on Sierra Leone. The recent Validation report could be used as basis to draw information from.

2. Nominations to the EITI Global Conference in Paris, France on 18-19 June 2019

a) The National Coordinator informed members that the EITI Secretariat was inviting the MSG to nominate 5 sponsored delegates to attend the Conference. The EITI encouraged that at least one (1) civil society representative was included in the sponsored nominations. She added that the National Secretariat was invited to nominate 1 person to present their country's progress at the EITI National Expo. Expenses pertaining to basic travel and accommodation will be undertaken by the International Secretariat and deadline for submission of names of sponsored delegates was 15th March 2019. The meeting noted that the Conference was open to everyone and implementing countries encouraged to send delegations beyond the sponsored participants.

b) The MSG discussed the nominations to the conference and decided as follow:

i. **Sponsored delegates.**

Government - Prince Williams, CAC with Ramatu Massaquoi, EPA being the alternate

Mining Companies - The companies were not fully represented. The secretariat to engage mining companies to discuss their representation, as early as possible, and submit name of nominee to the secretariat.

Civil Society - NACE representatives will meet to discuss their representation against 12 March 2019 before submitting details of their nominee.

Secretariat - The National Coordinator was nominated.

ii) Non Delegates

Members agreed that each institution on the MSG should send 2 representatives and they should include the head of the institution and the respective MSG representative. All names were to be submitted by 30th March 2019. Cost of trip were to be covered by the institutions

ii) Production of IEC Materials

A working group was constituted to support the development of IEC materials and SLEITI secretariat was to prepare a budget to cover the cost of materials and other associated costs. The committee membership was to include representatives from the NMA, NACE, PD, MIC, and secretariat. Some other government MDAs could be co-opted.

3. **EITI Board Nominations 2019 – 2022**

As earlier agreed by members that the Sierra Leone MSG should lobby other implementing countries to nominate the MSG Chair and Minister of State to serve as EITI Board member (2019-2022) representing Africa, Region 3, the meeting was updated on this:

a) Some countries in the sub region were contacted to vote for the Minister of State and some responded positively. The meeting noted that some National Coordinators had already decided to vote for their colleague from the Zambia National Secretariat who had wealth of experience of EITI implementation and had served briefly at EITI International Secretariat. It was also noted that the Minister, being a senior government official, had the necessary competence to serve but was not acquainted with colleagues on the EITI.

b) Members urged the Secretariat not to relent but rather to continue to lobby their colleagues. Members, in addition, advised the Minister of State to request the VP to lobby political heads in the sub region to give Sierra Leone the opportunity to have a representation on the Board (Countries under Africa 1, Region 3 alongside the following countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania, Zambia & Sierra Leone)

4. **2015-2016 Report Dissemination**

The National Coordinator reminded that dissemination was due following the completion of the 2015 and 2016 reports in December 2019 and in line with the 2016 EITI Standard. To this end the MSG agreed that the Secretariat should undertake the following.

- Engage NACE in planning the dissemination
- Among others, include Tongo field as part of the areas to cover during the dissemination. Request Local Government Ministry support in planning the outreaches.
- The SLEITI messaging that will be communicated during the dissemination must be carefully crafted to reflect the aspirations of the MSG.
- Provisions should be made for MSG members to facilitate the outreaches.
- Spiral binding was suggested plus the reports could be uploaded on pen-drives to curtail costs

5. **Closing:**

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

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Signature of Chair

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Signature of Secretary