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

## 3rd Quarterly Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Meeting

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** July 9th, 2026
**Time:** 12:00am-2:30pm
**Venue:** LEITI Secretariat
**Meeting Type:** LEITI Regular MSG Meeting

Present in Attendance were:

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| Eudora Blay-Pritchard | MME | Cecelia T. Danuweli | RJN/PWYP |
| J. Albeh Greaves | MOJ | Amb. George Kingsley | NCSCL |
| Robert Sonkarlay | LPRA | Winston Wreh | LLC |
| Rufus Scott | LPRA | Abraham B. Gappie | MICSOL |
| Emmanuel E.A Witherspoon | LRA | | |
| David K. Akoi | MOA | | |

| **Private Sector** | | **Observers** | |
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| George Pah Sr. | GVL | Djomba Mara | GIZ |
| Eliza D.J Kronyaneh | LIBTA | Chris Hofmann | US Embassy |
| James M. Strother | LIBA | | |
| Samuel Na-Kronda | LIBA | | |
| Micheal V. Suah | LCM | | |

**Preliminaries:** The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m. by the Chairperson's Proxy, Hon. Eudora Blay-Pritchard**,** and Deputy Minister for Planning and Research at the Ministry of Mines and Energy.

In her opening remarks, Hon. Blay-Pritchard welcomed members of the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) and expressed appreciation for their attendance and continued commitment to the work of the MSG. She encouraged members to actively participate in the discussions and expressed hope for fruitful deliberations and meaningful outcomes.

She further informed the meeting that the substantive Chairperson, the Minister of Mines and Energy, was unable to attend due to an official assignment.

Also MSG Members extended their condolences to a bereaved member, Cllr. J. Alben Greaves for the loss of his mother.

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

**2. Self- Introduction:** Self Introduction was observed by all members present.

**3. Reading and Adoption of last Meeting Minutes:**

Given that the meeting minutes, Secretariat updates and agenda are sent a week before the meeting, members of the MSG are required, as a matter of practice. To review the previous meeting minutes, secretariat updates, and agenda for any final corrections. During the review, Minister Blay-Pritchard made correction on Emmanuel Azango name which was misspelled. Minister Akoi also made additional corrections on Page 3 of the previous meeting minutes where Cllr. Suah last name was omitted and the letter L was omitted from Natural Resource Governance.

**4. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The Chairperson presented the minutes of the last MSG meeting for approval. After thoroughly, reviewing the document and making the necessary corrections, the members approved the minutes as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Following those corrections being made, Cllr. Suah moved the motion for the adoption of the last Meeting Minutes, seconded by Amb. Kingsley.

**5. Presentation of Secretariat Update:**

The Head of Secretariat presented a summary of activities for the period May to July 2026, including progress and activities undertaken by the Secretariat since the last meeting on April 9, 2026. Some of these activities includes MSG Mid-Year Retreat in Ganta, Virtual Meeting with EITI International and LEITI Secretariat, Assessment of facilities for the End of Year MSG Retreat, 17$^{th}$ & 18$^{th}$ LEITI Preparation, Processing of Service Passports, LEITI and Integrity Watch-Liberia signed MOU, GIZ supported programs and Coding of LEITI Assets.

MSG Members then advised the Secretariat to get a coded soft copy of all LEITI Assets from the updated assets registry which was produced by the General Services Agency (GSA).

The Assessment Team presented an update on the assessment conducted to determine a suitable location for the next MSG retreat. Two potential locations were presented for consideration: Gbarnga, Bong County, and Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount County.

After deliberations, members agreed to select Bong County as the preferred location for the next MSG retreat. Members subsequently affirmed through a vote, with Gbarnga, Bong County approved as the venue for the next MSG meeting.

**6. Presentation and Approval of MSG Preposition's Response on the ongoing 17th & 18th**

The Secretariat presented the proposed scoping propositions for the 17th and 18th LEITI Reports. The presentation outlined the proposed scope, reporting priorities, materiality considerations, reporting entities, and key disclosures to be captured in the reports in accordance with the EITI Standard.

Members of the MSG carefully reviewed the proposed propositions and discussed their relevance, completeness, and alignment with national priorities and international reporting requirements. MSG paid particular attention to ensuring that the reports adequately address emerging transparency issues within Liberia's extractive sector and Data quality. Following the presentation, the MSG engaged in extensive discussions on the proposed scoping document. Members provided comments, recommendations, and technical inputs, aimed at strengthening the quality and comprehensiveness of the reports. Several amendments were proposed to improve the scope and ensure the reporting process adequately reflects stakeholders' information needs while remaining consistent with the requirements of the 2023 EITI Standard.

After incorporating the agreed amendments, the Secretariat revised propositions for the 17th and 18th LEITI Reports were presented for consideration. The MSG unanimously approved the amended propositions, authorizing the Secretariat to proceed with the next stages of the reporting process. Cllr Micheal Suah moved the motion for the adoption and approval of the propositions of the MSG Response to the 17th and 18th EITI Reports, which Mr. Robert Sonkarlay seconded.

The Secretariat also highlighted key milestones achieved, outstanding actions, as well as the HOS officially presented the PMCS Award to the body. Madam Chair asked Amb. Kingsley to make an appreciation remark on behalf of the body.

The meeting also received an update on the Compliance Investigation Report. The Secretariat briefed members on the current status of the investigation, outlining the progress made, key developments, and the actions undertaken to facilitate the process.

**7. EITI Global Conference:**

As part of the ongoing preparations for the upcoming EITI Global Conference, Saba B. Cephas, Administrative Manager, who is coordinating the process, provided an update to MSG Members.

She informed members that the consultant assisting with the visa and travel documentation process through the French Embassy had quoted a fee of Four Thousand United States Dollars (US$4,000) per person for the processing of visas and related travel documents. Based on the information provided, MSG members deliberated and agreed to use the Ministry of Foreign Affairs protocol and established procedures for registration, visa processing, and completion of the required travel documentation.

**Adjournment**

The meeting reaffirmed the MSG's commitment to transparency, accountability, and effective resource governance in Liberia. With the approvals granted, the Secretariat is tasked to proceed with implementation and preparations, ensuring that LEITI continues to serve as a model of openness in the extractive sector.

With no further business, the Chair thanked members of the MSG for their active participation and the meeting was formally adjourned at 1:51pm.