

**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER STEERING GROUP
(MSG) OF THE LIBERIA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY
INITIATIVE (LEITI) HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LEITI, OLD
BUDGET BUREAU BUILDING. • FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021**

Present in Attendance:

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| 1. Hon. C. Mike Doryen | FDA |
| 2. Hon. Carlton S. Miller | MME |
| 3. Hon. Saifuah Mai Gray | NOCAL |
| 4. Hon. T. Ojuku Nyenpan | MFDPA |
| 5. Mr. B. Al Dennis | LRA |
| 6. Hon. Edrick F. Noah | MOJ |

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| 1. Mr. Winston W. Wreh | LLC |
| 2. Mr. Fallah B. Kamara | MICSOL |
| 3. Madam Cecelia T. Danuweli | PWYP |
| 4. Mr. Daniel Nyankonah | PUL |

Private Sector

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| 1. Mr. Ekema Witherspoon | LIBTA. |
| 2. Mr. Marcus Wleh | Arcelor Mittal-Liberia |
| 3. Elvis G. Morris | GVL |

Observer

Samuel J. Summerville GIZ

Other

Timothy K. Jarry II NOCAL
Abraham Gappie MICSOL

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1. Jeffery N. Yates/ Officer-In-Charge
2. J. Kennedy Kolubah Communication Officer

Preliminaries: An emergency meeting of the Multi- Stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) of the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) was held on Friday, January 29, 2021, in the LEITI Conference Room.

Commencing at 2: 30 pm, the meeting was called to order by the MSG, Hon. C.Mike Doryen. This was followed by a self-introduction of members of the MSG and LEITI's Secretariat staff present after observation for a quorum was established.

Hon. In his welcome statement, C.Mike Doryen, Chair of the MSG, admonished his colleagues to remain vigilant and invigorated to making sure the EITI process is always successful in Liberia, adding that the practice of transparent resource management prevents conflict and promotes stability of the state. He urged his fellow MSG members to put Liberia first above all else.

Reading of the Agenda

Following his remarks, the Presiding asked the Officer-In-Charge of the Secretariat to read the agenda. The agenda was read as requested. Following the reading of the agenda, the Chair presented the agenda and summoned the body's will towards the agenda. It was subsequently moved and seconded that the agenda be used as a working tool to guide the meeting.

Silent prayer was observed by members, followed by the discussions below:

Mini Secretariat Update

Presentation of the final report to the MSG on the recruitment process for HOS and DHOS for LEITI Secretariat.

Hon T.Ojuku Nyenpan presented the final report on the recruitment of the head and deputy head to the MSG for their consideration. In his report, Mr. Nyenpan, who chaired the recruitment committee, disclosed that the process started in February 2020, where the HOS and DHOS were declared vacant and subsequently advertised based on the mandate of the MSG.

He furthered that the committee received 42 applications; 12 people applied for HOS while 30 people applied for DHOS. "In keeping with best practice, a shortlisting committee was formed and asked to expeditiously do their job and report to the Admin& Finance Committee. Six candidates qualified for the position of HOS, and 11 candidates qualified for DHOS." Mr. Nyenpan reported.

"Mr. Chairman and members of the MSG, I am pleased to submit to you six candidates who met all of the requirements for the position of HOS and DHOS for your consideration and subsequent approval." Three individuals were shortlisted for each of the positions as mandated by the MSG in its January 6, 2021 sitting. Accordingly, another committee was again formed to interview the qualified candidates and report to the Admin & Finance Committee within a week.

Regarding the DHOS. After a careful review of the report from the Admin & Finance committee, given the criteria set by the committee and sub-committees on the recruitment, a motion was made

and seconded for the MSG to proceed with the selection of one candidate each for the two posts, through vote taking. Through the voting process, Mr. Jeffrey Yates emerged as the potential Head of Secretariat, with 13 out of 14 MSG members voting in his favor. Mr. Daniel Tipason, who received 12 votes out of 14, became the potential DHOS. However, the selections will be confirmed in two weeks after background checks are made.

Decisions taken by the MSG are as follows:

- 13 of the 14 MSG members in attendance voted Mr. Jeffrey Yates as HOS for LEITI Secretariat pending background check within two weeks.

- While 12 of the 14 MSG Member in attendance voted Mr. Daniel B. Tipayson as DHOS for LEITI Secretariat pending a background check.

- The Recruitment committee was given the next two weeks from the date of the sitting to report to the MSG its findings and recommendations for the official appointments of the two candidates

With these decisions, the MSG meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm, and Madam Cecelia T. Danuweli PWYP offered the closing prayer.