

Myanmar EITI – Minutes of Second Multi-Stakeholder (MSG) Meeting

Date – 8-Mar-2014 (Thursday)

Time – 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Venue – Hotel Royal Ace, Nay Pyi Taw

Objective:

To present, discuss and agree the draft MSG TOR and Workplan that had been produced during the first and second MSG Sub-Committee Meetings held on the 14th and 28th February, 2014.

The meeting was opened by the MEITI-MSG Chair, Dr. Maung Maung Thein and Myanmar EITI National Coordinator, Dr. Zaw Oo.

Discussion Points:

1. Introduction: Chair

Dr. Maung Maung Thein opened the meeting and invited George Soros, who joined for the beginning of the meeting only, to say a few words.

Dr Maung Maung Thein then made a few comments on the draft MSG TOR and Work Plan that were made in the 1st and 2nd MSG-Sub-Committee Meetings held on the 14th and 28th, February in Yangon. In his comments, he found that there were a few spelling errors and sentence structures; however; both TOR and Workplan were good. In his comments especially on the draft work plan, capacity building and trainings were planned mostly although the EITI's target is transparency. Therefore, he gave his personal opinion that instead of giving a lot of trainings, other more effective plans should be added. He also highlighted about the budget that the government would not be able to contribute money for this fiscal year (2014-2015) because all the budgets had been submitted to the parliament, so, next year, the budget will be figured out how to contribute to the EITI process.

2. Introduction: National Coordinator

Dr. Zaw Oo said that the draft MSG TOR and Workplan produced by the 2 sub-committees would be presented and discussed in this 2nd MSG Meeting. He also mentioned that the draft Workplan was sent to the EITI International Secretariat Office to ask for their comments and suggestions. He said that MSG TOR would be presented by one of the CSO Representatives and he would present the MSG Workplan especially on what the EITI International Secretariat office's comments and suggestions on the Workplan.

3. U Tin Thit from CSOs presented the draft MSG TOR, from sections 1 to 6 (out of 9), line by line, for all MSG members to review, edit and agree on together. **(Please find attached the draft TOR with agreements on sections 1 to 6).** Representatives from each stakeholder group contributed to the discussion and made comments and suggestions. Because of time limitation, the last 3 sections: Guidelines on MSG Meetings, Forming Technical Sub-committees and Code of Conduct were not presented. However; these will be discussed and shared for comments and feedbacks via email and ahead of the next TOR Sub-Committee meeting on the 28th March. The TOR will be finalized at this next meeting ready for presentation to the MSG members at the 3rd MSG meeting, scheduled in early April.

4. Workplan

Dr. Zaw Oo shared the feedback received from the EITI International Secretariat on the latest draft of the Workplan. Some changes to the current draft need to be made to ensure it is in line with the EITI Standard

requirements, particularly some of the more contextual requirements and the objectives and activities that need to be implemented to meet these. Therefore the Workplan sub-committee agreed to meet a further two times, on the 14th and 28th March 2014, before the 3rd MSG Meeting in early April.

5. Any Other Business

Representatives from the private sector requested and agreed that more planning ahead is required before future MSG meetings to ensure maximum efficiency of time utilized during the meeting, It was requested that documents and invitations to meetings are sent with sufficient time in advance to allow for review and consideration among each stakeholder group, and for each group to share and discuss with their constituencies.

Everyone agreed to have 3rd MSG meeting in Yangon proposed by CSOs.

All MSG members agreed that the tentative date for the 3rd MSG Meeting is the 6th April, 2014 in order to finalize the Workplan and TOR, and also the Myanmar EITI Candidacy Application.

Follow up and Decision Making

| # | Decision Making | Responsible Entity |
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| 1 | In MSG Forming Notification, to attach with the definition of the EITI Standard Requirement 1.3 | MEITI-MSG Chair, Leading Authority |
| 2 | To hold the Work Plan Developing Sub-Committee Meetings on the 14 th and 28 th March, 2014 in Yangon | MSG-TWG (Workplan), MEITI Coordination Office |
| 3 | To hold the TOR Developing Sub-Committee Meeting on the 28 th March, 2014 in Yangon | MSG-TWG (TOR), MEITI Coordination Office |
| 4 | To hold 3 rd MEITI-MSG on the 6 th April, 2014 in Yangon (Tentatively) | MEITI-MSG |

The meeting was closed at 17:00.