

# ANNEX 14

1<sup>ST</sup> MSG Meeting, 22<sup>ND</sup> March 2019

## MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP (MSG) OF THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (EITI) HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2019 AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

No.	MSG MEMBERS	INSTITUTION
1	Mr. Moses Kaggwa	Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development ( <b>MSG Chairperson</b> )
2	Mr. Robert Tugume	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development
3	Eng. Timothy Tibesigwa	Ministry of Works and Transport
4	Dr. Tom Buringuriza	Armour Energy
5	Mr. Obad Noah	Oranto Petroleum
6	Mr. Philip Andrew Wabulya	Bank of Uganda
7	Mrs. Gloria T. Akatuhurira	Uganda Revenue Authority
8	Mr. Nathan Morgan	TOTAL E&P
9	Mr. Godfrey Mucurezi (Proxy)	Uganda Revenue Authority
10	Ms. Allen Bucyana	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
11	Mr. Allan Joel Kyeyune (Proxy)	Uganda National Oil Company
12	Ms. Allen Tebugulwa	National Planning Authority
	<b>OBSERVERS</b>	
13	Mr. Thomas Tiedemann	European Union
14	Mr. Jean-Yies Petit	TOTAL E&P
15	Mr. Kush Amin	Private Public Partnership Unit
	<b>OTHERS</b>	
16	Mr. Saul Ongaria	Secretary

### AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Communication from the Chairperson
3. Reactions to the Chairperson's communication
4. Review of roles of the Multi-Stakeholder Group
5. Way Forward

### 1.0 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson welcomed members to the first meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) and informed them that;

1. On 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Cabinet approved Uganda to join EITI.
2. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development to lead the process of securing EITI accreditation.

3. The public statement on Government's intention to implement EITI had been issued.
4. The Senior Government Official to lead the EITI process had been appointed.
5. Government would proceed with setting up the institutional framework to oversee EITI implementation.
6. The focal point for EITI implementation would be the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development. The Ministry would house the National EITI Secretariat.
7. The MSG would oversee implementation of EITI, and it would comprise of representatives from Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Ministry of Water and Environment, Ministry of Works and Transport, Uganda Revenue Authority, National Planning Authority, Petroleum Authority of Uganda, Uganda National Oil Company, petroleum companies, Civil Society and Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum. Some of the institutions had yet to nominate their representatives.
8. This first meeting of the Multi- Stakeholder Group was intended to initiate dialogue between Government, Civil Society, petroleum and mining companies.
9. On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Government of Uganda was invited to participate at the international EITI Board meeting in Kiev, Ukraine. During the meeting, the delegation was informed that technical assistance from the International Secretariat was available and a country director would soon be appointed to assist Uganda in implementing EITI.

## **2.0 REACTIONS TO CHAIRPERSON'S COMMUNICATION**

### **2.1 The European Union (EU) commented as follows;**

1. The EU was a keen observer of Uganda's EITI process.
2. Joining EITI was a good step for the country as its extractive sector would immensely benefit from it.
3. This first MSG meeting was timely and fairly attended. They wished that successive meetings would be more fully attended.
4. Civil Society should actively participate and utilize the space accorded to them to air out key issues of concern.
5. The European Union was exploring other ways to support Government in the next steps of implementing EITI.
6. European Union would provide technical assistance through an expert who would work with the National EITI Secretariat. The EITI Technical Advisor would commence work in May 2019.
7. The decision made by Government to join EITI was a strong signal and

commitment towards supporting transparency, accountability and the development of the extractive industry.

8. Government of Uganda should own and manage its EITI implementation process. This would require political will at the highest level.

## **2.2 UNOC commented that;**

1. Lessons should be picked from other EITI member countries for purposes of guidance in implementing EITI in Uganda.
2. The technical assistance from the European Union should be extended to the other stakeholder institutions that may require help. This would help to ensure compliance on the part of stakeholders.

## **2.3 TOTAL E&P commented that;**

1. A clear roadmap should be prepared and followed through to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of the entire EITI implementation process in Uganda.

## **2.4 Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development commented that;**

1. The EITI process would improve transparency and accountability in the entire extractive sector and this would lead to enhanced economic activity in the country.

## **2.5 Armour Energy Limited commented that;**

1. The good attendance at this first MSG meeting demonstrated the willingness of the institutions represented to participate in implementing EITI.
2. Joining EITI would result in many benefits to the country including attracting foreign investment to the extractive industry of Uganda. He noted that the last petroleum licensing round had resulted in the selection of only two companies out of the original nineteen that bid for oil blocks.

## **3.0 REVIEW OF ROLES OF THE MULTI- STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

3.1 The Chair explained the progress Uganda had made in implementing EITI, and elaborated the roles that would be played by the Multi- Stakeholder Group as follows;

1. As a requirement, a Senior Government Official was appointed, and the statement of intent to join EITI was published by the Government. In addition, the MSG was constituted although some institutions had yet to submit the names of their representatives to the Ministry.
2. Appointment letters would be sent to all members of the MSG in the following week

- and the roles of the MSG would be stated in the letters.
3. In brief, the MSG would perform the following roles;
    - a) Lead the EITI implementation process in Uganda;
    - b) Approve the annual work plan for the Secretariat to implement; and
    - c) Advise on policies and actions required to implement EITI.
  4. The members of the MSG needed to acquaint themselves with the relevant laws and policies including;
    - a) Public Finance Management Act, 2015;
    - b) National Oil and Gas Policy, 2008; and
    - c) Oil and Gas Revenue Management Policy, 2012.
  5. The Chairperson of the MSG would oversee the preparation of reports on progress in implementation of EITI and recommend policy actions to be undertaken.
  6. The Terms of Reference for the MSG would be drafted in the next meeting. Further, setting up of the EITI institutional framework would commence and application for candidature would be finalized by the end of 2019.
  7. Technical support from the European Union was welcomed as this would contribute towards drafting of the work plan and Terms of Reference of the MSG.
  8. The National EITI Secretariat would support the MSG in developing a detailed EITI work plan.
  9. Implementation of EITI would result in the following benefits;
    - a) Improvement in the business environment through transparency.
    - b) Attraction of foreign investment into the country;
    - c) Improvement in the extractive sector record keeping mechanism;
    - d) Improvement in efficiency in licensing for extractive industries; and
    - e) Better cooperation between Government, extractive companies and civil society.
  10. Discussions were ongoing to establish the secretariat. Members would be informed of the planned activities and estimated budget at their next meeting.

#### **4.0 WAY FORWARD;**

4.1 The Meeting agreed as follows;

1. The minutes would be circulated through email to all members of the MSG for review and adoption.
2. A brief on EITI would be circulated to the MSG members for their information in the next MSG meeting.

3. Appointment letters of the other members of the MSG would be circulated the following week.
4. Terms of Reference for the MSG would be reviewed in the next meeting.
5. The date for the next MSG meeting would be communicated in due course.

**Signed:**

MSG Chairperson: Muayanya Date: 30/05/2019

Secretary: [Signature] Date: 30/05/2019