

Minutes/87th Meeting/5th MSG/2023

**MINUTES OF THE 87TH MSG MEETING HELD ON 08TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT THE
GST-MRUMA BOARD ROOM, DODOMA**

A. TEITI-MSG MEMBERS:

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| 1. Mr. Ludovick Utouh | - MSG Chairperson |
| 2. Mr. Adam A. Anthony | - MSG Member (CSO) – HakiRasilimali |
| 3. Eng. Theonestina K. Mwasha | - MSG Member (CSOs) – FADev |
| 4. Mr. John S. Kinuno | - MSG Member (Government) – AG |
| 5. Mr. Ahmad M. Massa | - MSG Member (Government) – TPDC |
| 6. Mr. Mathias D. Luciano | - MSG Member (Government) – TRA |
| 7. Ms. Zoe A. Otaru Bomani | - MSG Member (Companies) – OGAT |
| 8. Eng. Ramadhani M. Lwamo | - Rep. Eng. Yahya I. Samamba
(Government) – MC |

B. ABSENT WITH APOLOGY:

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| 1. Mr. John Bosco Tindyebwa | - MSG Member (Companies) – TCM |
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C. SECRETARIAT MEMBERS

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| 1. Ms. Mariam S. Mgaya | - MSG - Secretary |
| 2. Eng. Joseph N. Kumburu | - TEITI Secretariat |
| 3. Mr. Esta Mponda | - TEITI Secretariat |
| 4. Mr. Erick Ketagory | - TEITI Secretariat |
| 5. Mr. Andrew Eriyo | - TEITI Secretariat |
| 6. Mr. Bakari Birika | - TEITI Secretariat |
| 7. Mr. Goodluck Wawa | - TEITI Secretariat |
| 8. Ms. Halima Dendego | - TEITI Secretariat |
| 9. Mr. Godwin Masabala | - TEITI Secretariat |
| 10. Mr. Ezekiel Seni | - TEITI Secretariat |
| 11. Ms. Anastazia Ryoba | - TEITI Secretariat |

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12. Mr. Johnbosco Karungame	- TEITI Secretariat
13. Ms. Joyce Manyama	- TEITI Secretariat
14. Ms. Mary Kaombwe	- TEITI Secretariat
15. Ms. Joyce Ngeti	- TEITI Secretariat
16. Mr. Kassim Kilanda	- TEITI Secretariat

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1. OPENING THE MEETING

The Meeting was opened at 13:45pm. The MSG Chairperson welcomed new MSG and Secretariat members to the 87th MSG meeting and invited the member for introduction. He commented that, notwithstanding the absence of MSG Committee members, the TEITI Secretariat has been working day to day to fulfill its duties in collaboration with Ministry of Minerals, Ministry of Energy and the TEITI Chairperson. The Chairperson insisted that, the appointment of the new MSG members would fast track the implementation of EITI in Tanzania.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Members adopted twelve (12) Agenda subject to minor corrections in agenda number nine (9) where the word APPROVAL in the drafted Strategic Plan was omitted.

3. UPDATE ON THE PREPARATION AND PRODUCTION OF THE 2020/2021 TEITI REPORT

It was enlightened that, the 13th TEITI Report should be published by 30th June, 2023 and that the TEITI Secretariat advertised a tender for the preparation and production of the 2020/2021 TEITI report on 13th September, 2022. The tender awarding process was prepared under close supervision of the Ministry of Minerals following the absence of the MSG members during the tender advertising period. Members informed that, the tender was awarded to Mzumbe University as an Independent Administrator (IA) for the 2020/2021 TEITI report after meeting technical and financial requirements. In addition, it was reported that, the total agreed budget for the assignment is **Tsh. 174.96 million** and the contract is currently under legal scrutiny for final signing. Members supported the progress reported on the recruitment of the IA and **unanimously approved Mzumbe University** as the IA for preparation of the 13th TEITI report.

4. TANZANIA VALIDATION FROM APRIL, 2023

Members were informed that, Tanzania was last validated in June 2020 against the 2016 EITI Standard. It is reported, Tanzania was found to have made meaningful progress, and with considerable improvements in implementing the EITI Standard and the status of the implementation of unmet requirements were presented to the members. Members noted the progress on improvements and efforts done by the TEITI Secretariat to address the unmet requirements. The MSG after adoption of the progress made, directed the Secretariat to:

- (i) Prepare a clear definition of quasi-fiscal expenditures in accordance with the IMF's standards, in collaboration with TPDC, STAMICO, Ministry of Minerals and Energy and discuss with other state organs for a common understanding. The definition will be submitted to MSG for approval in the next meeting;
- (ii) Make follow-up with PURA on the milestone reached in preparation of online register of oil and gas licences;
- (iii) Add the Tanzania's definition on BO and Political Exposed Personal (PEPs) in the explanation to address the implementation of the requirement 2.5 on BO register;

- (iv) Make follow-up with Brela on the Roadmap of the BO register to know the progress achieved;
- (v) Add the Bank of Tanzania as the sources of the volume and value of minerals export in the explanation to address the implementation of requirement 3.3 on Export; and
- (vi) Correcting the statement of exclusion of Ndovu Resources (T) Limited in reconciliation exercise based on Net-off arrangements between the company and TPDC and not on the wrong financial data.

The MSG adopted and approved the Validation Roadmap and progress made.

5. TEITI RECURRENT AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOR FY2023/2024

Members were informed that, the proposed TEITI recurrent budget for financial year 2023/2024 is **Tsh. 743 Million** based on the Government ceiling adopted from 2022/2023 TEITI budget. It was reported that, the actual estimated budget for TEITI after the approval of its organization structure is **Tsh. 4.8 Billion**. In addition, it was reported that, Based on the current ceiling, TEITI wouldn't effectively execute its mandates at a full potential. The Members advised the Secretariat to consider preparing separate write ups on the required development budget and seek endorsement from the Ministry of Minerals to establish facts that will convince the Ministry of Finance and Planning to allocate funds for such expenditures. **The MSG agreed and approved** the proposed budget of **Tsh. 4.8 billion** by working in close with the Ministry of Minerals to push for the new budget to support TEITI.

6. UPDATE ON TEITI ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

Members were informed that, on 17th December, 2021 **Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan**, President of the United Republic of Tanzania approved the TEITI organisation structure and reported that the implementation of TEITI organisation structure is not fully executed as the TEITI Scheme of service is not yet approved. The Members noted that, the Office of the President, Public Service Management and Good Governance (UTUMISHI) did not yet approve the TEITI Scheme of Service. The Members were also informed that, the TEITI Executive Secretary has been assuming the office as an Acting Executive Secretary for a long time, pending confirmation. **The MSG deliberated and agreed to make follow up on approval** of the TEITI Scheme of Service and the procedures of appointing the Executive Secretary.

7. UPDATE ON EITI NATIONAL COORDINATORS MEETING

Members were informed that, on 10th -13th October, 2022 **Ms Mariam Mgaya** - Acting Executive Secretary and **Mr. John Kinuno** from Attorney General Office were participated in EITI National Coordinators Meeting which took place in Oslo, Norway. It was highlighted that the objective of the Meeting was to bring together inputs from different countries to the EITI Board's strategic discussions and to provide an opportunity for evaluation of the reporting process for possible improvements of EITI Standards. It was further connoted that the meeting aimed at facilitating exchange of experience, and to identify opportunities for strengthening National Coordination. It was reported that, EITI is in the process of refine the current EITI Standard and the EITI Code of Conduct. The following were discussed and recommended;

- i. Member's countries to shift from using an Independent Administrator (IA) in the TEITI reporting process, to Flexible method (Mainstreaming); **The MSG agreed** that TEITI has to shift from using an IA to mainstreaming where the report will be prepared by TEITI itself. This will cut costs, save time and form awareness of report ownership;
- ii. Changing the TEITI logo; **The MSG directed** the TEITI secretariat to write a paper establishing facts as to why Tanzania should come up with a new logo or maintain the current logo. The paper should be submitted in the next MSG meeting; and
- iii. The MSG members were informed on the 2023 EITI Global Conference that will be held from **13th -14th June 2023 in Dakar, Senegal**. In this case, Members nominated **Mr. Ludovick Utouh** (MSG chairman); **Ms. Mariam Mgaya** (Acting Executive Secretary); and **Mr. Adam A. Anthony** (CSO) to participate in 2023 EITI Global Conference through the sponsorship of EITI international secretariat. Due to budgetary constraints; members advised the TEITI Secretariat to communicate with **Mr. Johnbosco Tindyebe** on the possibility of the Industries constituency to support few people from TEITI to participate in the conference. Finally, members were asked to review and submit their observation on the Draft of TEITI Association Code of Conduct 2014 and update on suggested Refinement of the EITI Standard 2019.

8. DISCUSSION OF THE TEITI SYSTEMATIC DATA DISCLOSURE

The members were informed on the progress made by TEITI secretariat in preparation of technical requirements for systematic data reporting supported by a technical presentation on the anticipated online reporting system. The members were provided with a draft Report of TEITI Main streaming for review and comments to be collected in the next MSG meeting. **The MSG adopted and approved the matter** by suggesting that, the online system should have control mechanisms for quality control (uploading audited documents), data authenticity, trustworthy, time and cost saving. Also, members requested the Secretariat to circulate the draft document of the workflows for Extractive Sector data reporting and disclosure for review and comments for improvement.

9. DISCUSSIONS AND APPROVAL OF TEITI STRATEGIC PLAN

The MSG was provided with a draft TEITI Strategic Plan for review and comments to be tabled for discussion in the next MSG meeting. Members agreed to revise the title of the Agenda by removing the word "approval". The **MSG adopted the progress** of the draft, subject to further review and comments.

10. AOB

- (i) Member direct the Secretariat to communicate with HakiRasilimali on the possibility of conducting the joint Training for new MSG members on EITI issues as HakiRasilimali has a similar work plan; and
- (ii) Members direct the Secretariat to develop the MSG Meetings' almanac and required that notifications for MSG meetings be sent at least seven days before meeting dates.

11. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting will be communicated to members in a later date

12. CLOSING

The Chairperson officially closed the meeting at **4:30 PM**



Mariam S. Mgaya

Acting Executive Secretary – TEITI



Ludovick S. L. Utouh

Chairperson TEITI