

MEETING MINUTES
October 5th, 2017
EITI-TL Secretariat, Farol, Dili

Participant Members & Alternatives

Angelina Branco	Eni Country Representatives
Sabino G. Fitun	Core Group Transparency (CGT)
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TL-EITI Secretariat:

Elda Guterres da Silva	National Coordinator
Trifonio Flor Sarmiento	Outreach Officer
Octavio Jordão de Araújo	Adviser
Abelina Emilia do Rosario	IT Officer

Absent:

Antonio dos Santos	Woodside Country Representative
David de Araujo	ConocoPhillips External Relations
Fernando Carvalho	Chief of Account BCTL
Timoteo T. Pires	BCTL
Nelson Miranda	Luta Hamutuk
Tobias Ferreira	BCTL
Francisco Alegria	TIMOR GAP E.P

Meeting opened at 9.30 AM.

1. Apologies

2. Approval of the agenda

The MSG agreed to the agenda of the meeting.

3. Approval of the meeting minutes of March 2017 and Work Plan 2017

4. Business arising from the minutes not otherwise included in the agenda

5. Discussion of TL_EITI Status within New Government

This agenda relates to the request from EITI Board to former Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources (MPMR), Alfredo Pires to schedule an upcoming validation soon. Minister Pires could not reply the Board's request and suggested MSG to propose the new Prime Minister to nominate new focal point for EITI. This to consider the new structure of the Government in separate MPRM into two separate departments, Ministry of Petroleum and Ministry of State and Mineral Resources. However, recent information received from Administrative Division of MPMR requested all sections including EITI to meet with new Ministers upcoming Monday, 9 October 2017. MSG decide to postpone the request for the new EITI focal point and await for the Ministers' meeting feedback.

6. Discussion of 8th TL-EITI Report (FY 2015)

The remaining entities (companies) have verified and confirmed the reconciled information with IA. The IA informed that they will prepare new version and send to MSG in two weeks. Minister Pires has consulted MSG message and CSO summary for Petroleum Fund Section. Minister Pires agreed with the content of MSG message and appreciated the contribution from stakeholders. However, on CSO summary, parts of information are not aligning with the current progress of development sectors such as CSO perspectives on Supply Base Project's impact on education and infrastructure sectors. However, Minister Pires appreciated the contribution from CSO members for EITI report and expected CSO to consider real impact on economic diversification from Supply Base Project. The Minister also encourage all stakeholders to continually support the preparation of EITI reports within new Government.

7. Discussion of Terms of Reference (ToRs) for Independent Administrator (IA) and for MSG

Attending the contract termination for the IA end of November, MSG proposed the re-evaluation of ToR for IA. MSG members suggest National Secretariat to expand the scope of responsibilities by engaging the IA in assisting the TL_EITI National Secretariat's institutional capacity. The current

IA has experience with other EITI implementing countries and has expressed their willingness to also assist TL-EITI. MSGW stakeholders understood the limitation of TL-EITI Secretariat capacity in terms of an organized data system and a manageable working structure/procedures. This also concerns the challenges faced by National Secretariat and MSGW in which TL-EITI is not having a well-established policy/protocol and schedule system to monitorise the implementing activities according to EITI work plan. The ToR for MSGW highlighted monitoring schedules for EITI work plan achievements. The National Secretariat staffs agreed with stakeholders'suggestion and will consider a discussion of these two ToRs following 2015 EITI report publication.

8. Discussion of Outreach Program's Agenda

As agreed, the delegations for upcoming Workshops in Jakarta and Manila to share with other stakeholders the presentation materials in both events.

Beneficial Ownership Workshop, Jakarta, 23-25 October.

ANPM was requested to represent Timor-Leste's Government constituency. Timor-Leste is requested to present an overview on procurement processing of contracts. ANPM would present on the background of legal information, identified impacts, challenges or risks of contract/subcontracting procedures (e.g. information of beneficial ownership for the subcontractors).

Regional Workshop for SE Asia & Pacific Region, Manila, PHP, 25-27 October

Timor-Leste contribution on Mainstreaming. It is encouraged for National Coordinator to present the existing open data in Timor-Leste and stakeholders encourage to bring up the issues discussed during workshop held in Hotel Timor last April, particularly constraints or challenges in applying mainstreaming. For instance, disclosure of taxation data by Ministry of Finance is limited by the Law or the extractive industries's available information which may not comply with EITI requirements. Stakeholders encourage for the Coordinator to prepare a layout of the topics to present.

TIMOR GAP contribution on State participation (SOE). It is expected for SOE to address its activities associate with EITI Standard (Req. 2.6). TIMOR-GAP session is to present SOE's implementation of the Requirement to improve extractive sector governance. This may also include transparent process of awarding, taxation system (domestic tax instead of petroleum tax) and implementation of SOE's decree law policy.

9. Schedule next meeting

Next MSG meeting scheduled for next Thursday, 19 October 2017 to discuss material preparation for Workshops in Manila and Jakarta.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:45am.

Minutes approved and signed by:

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