

MEETING MINUTES

25 June 2020

TL-EITI Secretariat, Farol, Dili

Participant Members

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Meeting opened at 9.30 AM.

1. Approval of the agenda

The meeting agenda was approved by MSG members.

2. Approval of documents

Minutes of MSWG meeting on 25 February 2020

3. Board Decision EITI Reporting Publication in 2020 v. Covid-19 Situation

The MSWG members were explained on the extraordinary circumstances given by the Board for implementing countries on 2020 EITI reporting due to Covid19 situation. The MSWG were explained on the objectives of three (3) reporting options that could be considered for publication by 2020: conventional report, flexible report and pilot on alternative approaches (where it does not have to relate to Covid19). Either MSWG decides to carry out the first two options, should consider the inclusion of "forward looking elements" including responses to Covid19 as suggested by the Board. Examples of these "elements" such as adjustment to fiscal regimes, changes in licensing and contract terms or effects and impacts from exploration and production should be reported in 2020.

MSWG members observed that the last previous couple of months, the Government's State of Emergency due to Covid19 has affected the EITI activities to be undertake as scheduled in 2020 work plan. This emergency state has also been an issue for carrying out MSWG meetings. However, the fact that the State of Emergency has been lifted on the first week of July, MSWG decided to proceed with the conventional report. Some of the key reporting entities (government and operators) have submitted their data for the IA to reconcile. Besides, the IA has contractually agreed in 2019 to perform a complete reconciled report for three (3) fiscal years, 2016 – 2018.

Meanwhile, if the State of Emergency due to Covid19 would reinstate prior to 1 November 2020, the MSWG may foresee an extension for publication.

4. Preparation of TL-EITI Report 2018

MSWG were reminded on the delayed implementation of the early agenda proposed by the IA on 25 February due to the State of Emergency. The delay has affected on the IA to present scoping study and data templates based on 2019 Standard for MSWG approval which was scheduled for April 2020.

Meanwhile, during the meeting, the IA has also emailed the new draft milestone plan with adjusted timeframe until December 2020 and also the data collection templates to share with MSWG. The IA than proposed a meeting with MSWG on 7 July to discuss the agenda, draft templates and materiality threshold.

Based on the IA's plan, MSG decided to maintain the materiality threshold amount as of last year's, \$100,000. Hence, MSG requested the IA for an attempt for the reconciliation with the available data they received by far.

MSWG also acknowledged that generally a letter from the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources and the agreed data collection templates will be sent to all reporting entities (including subcontractors) before reconciliation. Also, the materiality threshold would determine the number reporting entities on the scope for FY2018. Hence, MSWG requested the IA to investigate the number of the reporting entities on scope and discrepancy values following reconciliation of the available data resource. The MSWG has also discussed on the possibility of some subcontractors may not cooperate with EITI this year due to the Covid19 situation.

Next activities to do: MSWG to review and agreed on the draft data collection templates and discuss the reconciliation report with the IA.

5. Validation 2021 and other issues

The agenda was established to discuss on the outcomes of the webinar on validation methods for 2020 and beyond, hosted by International Secretariat on Wednesday, 24 July. However, due to the technical error with the internet connection in the country, many of the National Secretariat and MSWG members were not able to access the presentation. Meanwhile, the MSWG were informed on the changes may apply for countries that are subjected to the Validation in 2020 with regards to Covid19 issue. For Timor-Leste, the upcoming validation will be held in February 2021 based on the 2019 Standard, so the referred 2020 changes may not apply for the country. MSWG has requested the National Secretariat to find out on the possibility of the changes of validation schedule if TL-EITI requested an extension for 2018 EITI report publication.

Other issues that were discussed were on the possibility of carrying out a small workshop on 2019 Standard which was earlier scheduled for May 2020. It was also discussed on the possibility for the IA and ANPM to assist with the "definition" of project level reporting and approaches from MSWG for contract transparency disclosure. These issues will be validated in 2021 as well.

Next activities: request the International Secretariat for an update and copies of presentation of the referred webinar and to follow up with the IA and ANPM on the requirement definitions.

6. Upcoming Meeting

The next meeting is expected to meet with the IA online on 7 July 2020.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:10a.m.

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