

MEETING MINUTES

19 August 2019

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Participant Members

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Meeting opened at 9.25 AM.

1. Approval of the agenda

The meeting agenda has been approved by MSG members.

2. Approval of documents

Previous meeting minutes (26 June 2019)

3. Discussion of MSWG feasibility studies

The meeting was held to follow up the progress of feasibility studies for mainstreaming and Beneficial Ownership (BO). The Independent Administrator (IA) has submitted two action plan summaries (not the actual draft of feasibility studies) summarizing the plans for the investigation of BO and mainstreaming implementations, respectively. The action plans disclose the framework of EITI requirements on these activities, progress status of the investigation, proposed preliminary conclusions, the next steps to perform and proposed timeline of the submission of the draft feasibility study reports. It also attached the key changes of Requirement 2.5 from 2016 to 2019 EITI Standard. This meeting aims to gather MSWG members to discuss about any findings from these action plans that seem unclear and require clarification from the consultant.

MoF and other stakeholders who participated the BO workshop in Manila, Philippines, in March 2019, have provided inputs from the conference outcomes to align with the findings from the BO action plan. For instance: countries such as Ukraine's approach in implementing BO, the lack of laws (besides Central Bank's anti money laundry law) in Timor-Leste that may affect BO implementation and/or collecting information on Politically Exposed Person (PEP), declaration of threshold, entity(s) responsible for data collection etc..

CSO members expressed the importance of EITI's BO requirement in which they can use as a reference for advocacy activities in the future. Meanwhile, MSWG members proposed for each entity to revise the content of the action plans and clarify with the consultant; otherwise, it can wait until mid-September when the consultant submits the next draft of the BO study for MSWG discussion. The IA also propose to involve experts from EY to assist with BO investigation in September.

On mainstreaming action plan, only one representative from industry pillar has submitted questions to the consultant on the definition of mainstreaming and on the preliminary conclusions and recommendations made by the consultant. Some concerns from the stakeholder on the statement/conclusion made by the consultant with the lack of legislation, data assurance and confidential information that may create barriers for mainstreaming implementation. MSWG perceived the statements are against mainstreaming definition which aiming for public disclosure. MSWG agreed to review the content of the action plan again and each constituent will deliver their questions to National Secretariat to share with the consultant.

Meanwhile, the stakeholders were informed to participate skype conference arranged by the IS in upcoming Monday (26 August). This conference will cover the discussions made by far with BO and mainstreaming preparations. MSWG were also been informed with the agenda of the skype call on changes within the last six months with government policy/laws, work plan 2020 and budget allocation for EITI activities. These items have been discussed in this meeting and stakeholders' feedbacks have been given to National Secretariat to share with the IS.

4. Updates on EITI international activities

Stakeholders who participated EITI international events in Philippines (BO workshop) and Paris (EITI Conference) are expected to present and share knowledge the findings/outcomes of these meetings. However, due to the absence from ANPM and stakeholders' other commitment, this agenda will be postpone until further notice. A small discussion was made on the EITI conference in Paris but a full report of these events will be shared later.

5. Upcoming meeting

It is expected to organize meeting in September once the stakeholders receive updates with the progress of activities conducted by the consultant.

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

Minutes approved and signed by:

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