



TIMOR-LESTE EITI MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUP (MSG)

MEETING MINUTES

11th August 2026

10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

TL-EITI Secretariat, Eis Clinica 333 Marconi, Pantai Kelapa.

8th MSG Meeting

Participants from MSG Members/Alternates:

José Lobato Goncalves	SANTOS Representative/Industry
Dilma dos Reis de A. Fernandes	SANTOS Representative/Industry
Baquita Mendes	Finder Energy Representative/Industry
Aziz Ul Haq	Timor Resources Representative/Industry
José Manuel da Conceição	TIMOR GAP/SOE/Government
Francisco Alegria	TIMOR GAP/SOE/Government
Januario Amaral	PN-BESI/CSO
Pascoal Oliveira	SERVE Representative/Government
Sandra M. de F. da Cruz	Tax Authority Representative/Government
João Jeronimo	Murak Rai Timor/SOE/Government
Dircia Maria Pacheco	Murak Rai Timor/SOE/Government

TL-EITI Secretariat:

Emilia de Jesus	TL-EITI National Coordinator
Nikson M. Gusmão	Data Base Officer
Nerio de Jesus Nunes	Communication Assistant
Nercia M. A. da Silva Sarmento	Communication Assistant
Julio Martins	Media Officer

Agenda:

1. Update on IA Contract for 2024 TL-EITI Report
2. Confirmation of MSG Members Nominated by each Institution
3. Preparation for the EITI Global Conference (Belgium)
4. Any Other Business (AOB)

Introduction:

The TL-EITI National Coordinator (NC) opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and welcomed participants. The NC announced the appointment of Mr. João Jeronimo as Core Member and Ms. Justina as Alternate Member, representing Government - State-Owned Enterprise (Murak Rai Timor). Representatives from Government (ATTL and SERVE), representatives from State-Owned Enterprise (TIMOR GAP), representatives from Industry (SANTOS, Timor Resources and Finder Energy), and representatives from Civil Society Organisation (PN-BESI) were welcomed.

Discussion:**1. IA Contract Update**

The NC informed that, due to challenges with timelines, RFP format, and validation preparation, the Secretariat and MSG panel decided to extend EY's contract by 1 year to produce the 2024 EITI Report and finalize the Transparency Validation Template. EY signed the contract on 10 August, 2026 and has begun preliminary information collection (responses received from ATTL, ANM; ANP pending). It is proposed to involving local consultant on finance and accounting as part of local content commitment in building local capacity in the future.

2. Global Conference Preparation

The NC confirmed the MSG members that have submitted participants lists:

- ANM: President & 2 MSG members
- TIMOR GAP: 2 MSG members
- SERVE: Executive Director & 1 MSG member
- Civil Society: 1 member (facilitated by International Secretariat)

Nominations can be verbal or via email. Timor-Leste doesn't require visas; submit names by early September for Ministry of Foreign Affairs assistance.

3. Global Conference Agenda

The NC introduced the meeting/speech agenda for H.E. Minister of Petroleum and Minerals and MSG meeting agenda:

- Oct 5: Constituency meetings, 2023-2026 Board meeting
- Oct 6: EITI Members' meeting, Board dinner
- Oct 7: Peer learning, 2026-2029 Board meeting
- Oct 8-9: EITI Global Conference

The ANM President will deliver a speech (still in discussion).

4. Meeting Outcomes :

a. Update on IA Contract for 2024 TL-EITI Report

- The MSG agreed to continue the contract with Ernst & Young.
- After sharing experience from Bayu Undan project in developing Timor-Leste companies by partnering with international companies. Santos recommends that, in future, Timor-Leste companies to partner with international firms, such as Ernst & Young (EY), to enhance their capabilities and expertise. This approach would support knowledge transfer, capacity building, and the achievement of Local Content objectives in Timor-Leste.
- SANTOS also suggests TL-EITI secretariat informing Ernst & Young (EY) that future opportunities Local Content requirements may apply, including partner with Timor-Leste businesses to support knowledge transfer and capacity building.
- SANTOS suggested sharing the reporting template with MSG for internal discussion.

b. Confirmation of MSG Members Nominated by each Institution

- SERVE, TIMOR GAP, ANM, and CSO have nominated their members.
- ATTL's delegation is pending Minister's approval.
- The deadline for Global Conference nominations is 11-25 August 2026.

c. Preparation for EITI Global Conference (Belgium)

- Topics for bilateral meeting with MRT include mining discussion/speech.
- CSO, TIMOR GAP, and National Secretariat to design the conference banner.
- National Secretariat to list local products needed and share with MSG.
- A WhatsApp group will be created for preparation of the roll banner.
- SERVE requested a discussion on Beneficial Ownership.

d. Any Other Business

- Validation will commence on 1 January 2027.
- International Secretariat requested templates for review before validation.
- International Secretariat will conduct pre-validation and capacity building for MSG and National Secretariat (sponsored by CDO).
- CSO recommended increasing dissemination activities (more than 2-3 times a year) targeting sub-villages.
- Proposing to share all relevant documents available for the meeting prior to the schedule of meeting in the future.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:45

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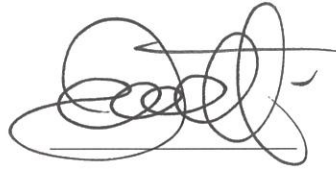
Minutes approved and signed by MSG Member:

(Name)

(Signature)

1. Industry Representatives

José Lobato Gonçalves



2. SOE Representatives

João Jerônimo



3. Government Representatives

PASCOAL OLIVEIRA



4. CSO Representatives

Januario Avaró

