

Legislative Advocacy Training and Planning Workshop (Module 3)
14 July 2020 | 9:30 – 11:30 am
via Zoom

Attendees:

Government

- Assistant Secretary Teresita Habitan, Department of Finance (DOF)
- Engr. Romualdo Aguilos, Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB)
- Director Araceli Soluta, Department of Energy (DOE)
- Director Elsa Agustin, Department of Finance (DOF)
- Ms. Charmaine Odicka, Department of Finance (DOF)
- Ms. Maricor Anne Cauton, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)
- Mr. Jarred Martin Clarianes, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)

Industry

- Engr. Don Paulino, Petroleum Association of the Philippines/ Shell Pilipinas Exploration BV

Civil Society Organization (CSO)

- Dr. Buenaventura Maata Jr., Philippine Grassroots Engagement in Rural Development Foundation, Inc.
- Mr. Vincent Lazatin, Bantay Kita
- Ms. Angelica Dacanay, Bantay Kita
- Ms. Aniceta Baltar, Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Governance
- Dr. Nelson Conigundo Cuaresma, Jr., Concerned Advocates Saving Terrestrial and Marine Ecosystems (COASTLINE), Inc.
- Ms. Ladylyn Mangada, UPV Tacloban / Philippine Political Science Association
- Dr. Glenn Pajares, STANCe

Guests

- Atty. Karla Espinosa

Facilitator

- Atty. Evecar Cruz-Ferrer

PH-EITI Secretariat

- Anna Leigh Anillo
- Katherine Dennise Domingo
- Jane Baldago

- Eastword Manlises
- Eah Antonio
- Roselyn Salagan
- Zoe Jimenez

Agenda:

- Welcome Remarks of Asec. MTS Habitan
- Introduction of participants
- Levelling of expectations
- Presentation and adoption of workshop objectives
- Introduction of workshop Facilitator
- Session 1: Review of EITI Related Bills
 - Status of EITI Bills
- Challenges in the enactment of proposed EITI Bills
- Session 2: Overview of the legislative process in enacting domestic legislation in the Philippines

Welcome

The Alternate Focal Person for PH-EITI, Assistant Secretary Maria Teresa S. Habitan delivered the opening remarks, giving emphasis on the significance of passing the EITI bill as basis of its existence.

The moderator then had a round of introduction and articulation of expectations from the MSG members present in the session through a game. After which, the Facilitator for the session, Atty. Evecar Cruz-Ferrer was introduced.

Some of the expectations raised by the MSG members are:

- legislative advocacy and MSG sustainability
- restore “hope” in the legislative process
- propagate the discussion of transparency beyond the community of EITI and MSG
- get the discussion on EITI institutionalization back on track
- analysis of the output of the past efforts, challenges and obstacles on passing EITI bill as reference to a more effective to strategy to lobby EITI institutionalization
- how to bring the discussion to the local level
- sustain the energy of the MSG since there is no one to lead the effort
- old candid discussions

➤ Recalibrate

Presentation and Adoption of Objectives

The moderator presented the overall goal of the Legislative Advocacy Training and Planning workshop, as well as the specific objectives and intended outputs.

Overall goal of MSG Learning Sessions

1. To achieve the key result areas and objectives of PH-EITI workplan:
 - a. development of capacities of MSG to effectively participate in NRG,
 - b. improve the platform of commitment for transparency and creation of a safe space for dialogue and debate on NRG;
2. To prepare for the Philippines' EITI validation in October 2020.

Objectives of LATP Workshop

- a. Serve as venue for the MSG members to establish strategies for the enactment of a law on transparency and accountability in the extractives.
 - Reviewed status of bills directly or indirectly related to EITI systems and processes;
 - Clarified on the steps involved in legislative process, and thereby determined roles of the MSG in the legislative process; and
 - Set specific and achievable strategies for a period of 2 years which could include:
- b. Identified legislators in both the House of Representatives and Senate who will be the champion on the issues of the extractives;
- c. Set specific milestones and tasks to achieve the overall goal.

Highlights of the Session

The discussion started with the review of the status of PH-EITI related bills. There are two pending bills related to EITI:

1. The Philippine EITI Act, sponsored by Sen. Joel Villanueva under Senate bill number 349, and Cong. Eddie Villanueva, under House bill number, 6005; and its counterpart sponsored by Sen. Grace Poe under SB 1489 or the Open Extractive Act, and in the House of Representative sponsored by LRay Villafuerte under HB 8223.

The Senate bills are in the Committee of Environment and Natural Resources Chaired by Sen. Cynthia Villar, and had passed the first reading, no hearing has been set yet to discuss the bills.

The bills in the House of Representatives are also in the Committee of Environment and Natural Resources, Chaired by Cong. Elpidio Barzaga, both bills have also passed the first reading.

2. Establishing the Fiscal Regime for the Mining Industry

The bill sponsored by Sen. Miguel Zubiri under SB 313 or the Act Establishing the Fiscal Regime for Mining Industry. This has passed first reading and now at the Committee on Ways and Means, Chaired by Sen. Pia Cayetano.

Its counterpart at the House of Representative has several sponsors, and currently at the Committee on Ways and Means, Chaired by Cong. Joey Salceda. The Committee report has been submitted to the Committee on Rules, and thus, awaiting to be calendared for second reading.

Ms. Anj, Dacanay, Program Manager of Bantay-Kita, shared their experience on lobbying for passing of bill in extractives. Among the challenges identified were:

- Problem provisions
- Changing Committee Chairpersons
- Lack of progress at Committee Level
- Lacks administration aligned champions
- Not a priority for the government → Packaging and advocacy of the EITI Bill
- Mining interest among legislators/families
- Minimal ground support
- Lack of strong support or “push” from MSG

The Facilitator shared her own experience in lobbying for bills related to humanitarian law, putting emphasis on the challenges in the personal interest of the Legislators and the priority agenda of the government. Some MSG members agreed that to be able to pass a bill, the efforts should be anchored to the “reality” in the ground, and thus, it will be supported if the content aligns to the priority of the Legislator. Although the content should be beneficial to the community, and it should be communicated to them as well.

In the discussion, Atty. Karla Espinosa, outgoing National Coordinator of PH-EITI, provided the context of the earlier filed bills related to EITI. Director Elsa Agustin, and one of the members of the DOF team who lobbied for the Mining Fiscal Regime, explained that the bill does not cover EITI institutionalization, but rather a bill to strengthen the reforms stipulated in the TRAIN Law¹. Alongside this point, the Facilitator shared the message sent by Atty. Ron Recidoro, who was not able to join the session due to previous commitment. In his note, Atty. Recidoro pointed out that the previous bills do not contain provisions for the institutionalization of EITI, particularly the Mining Fiscal Regime, with this, a new bill should be drafted.

¹ RA 10963, The Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN)

Legislative Advocacy Training and Planning Workshop
Module 2: Legislative Advocacy Framework for PH-EITI
July 16, 2020, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Session Minutes (conducted via Zoom)

Attendance:

MSG Members

1. Vincent Lazatin, Bantay Kita
2. Ms. Aniceta Baltar, CCAGG
3. Dr. Jung Cuaresma, Coastline
4. Engr. Romy Aguilos, DENR MGB
5. Maria Angela M., DILG
6. Dir. Elsa Agustin, DOF
7. Charmaine Odicta, DOF
8. Dr. Ben Maata, PhilGrassroots
9. Dr. Glenn Pajares, STANCe
10. Jarred Martin C., ULAP
11. Ms. Maricor Cauton, ULAP
12. Dr. Ladylyn Mangada, UPV Tacloban
13. Atty. Bebong, Carmen Copper
14. Ms. Anj Dacanay, Bantay Kita

PH-EITI Secretariat

1. Jane Baldago
2. Dennise Domingo
3. Eastword Manlises
4. Eah Antonio
5. Mary Ann Dizon-Rodolfo
6. Rhea Bagacay
7. Roselyn Salagan
8. Zoe Jimenez
9. Andee Javier
10. Anna Leigh Anillo

Facilitator/Guests

1. Atty. Evecar Cruz-Ferrer
2. Atty. Karla Espinosa

Agenda:

- A. Highlights of Module 1
- B. Session1: Mapping of Policy Advocacy Process
 - Stakeholders' Mapping

- Process Mapping
- Role of MSG

C. Session 2: Group Assignment - Writing Policy Advocacy Plan in Teams

D. Synthesis

Summary of Action Points:

CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED	RESPONSE
Problem Provisions	Resolve in an MSG meeting
	Identify the negotiables and non-negotiables in the bill
	Come to an agreement on a version of the bill that MSG will push for
Lack of progress at committee level	Influence progress of the bill through champions in congress and increased awareness on the value of EITI
Lacks administration aligned champions	Get the support of identified target champions in the Senate and House of Representatives - Sen. Bato Dela Rosa (considering ties with admin) - Sen. Pia Cayetano (considering ties with admin, advocacy on environment) - Cong. Lray Villafuerte - Cong. Eddie Villanueva - Cong. Ecleo - Cong. Manaoang
Not a priority for the government	Improve communications packaging and advocacy of the EITI bill, highlighting how it is aligned with the priority agenda of the current administration
	Enlist support of “administration-aligned” legislators
Mining interest among legislators/families	Improve communications packaging and advocacy of the EITI bill, answering the question, “what’s in it for them?” to support the passage of the bill; showcase how EITI is aligned with their respective interests
Minimal ground support	Identify specific action steps in upcoming advocacy workshops
	Review communications plan and Improve communications packaging and advocacy of the EITI bill
	Increase awareness of the general public (such as through use of mainstream media—tv and radio)
Lack of strong support or push from MSG	MSG will now support the EITI
<p>Legislative Advocacy Planning Workshop Schedule of workshop: July 21, 2020, exact time to be decided by the members of each group Presentation of each group (Senate and House of Representatives): July 23, 2020 NOTE: Final list of groupings and templates will be sent to MSG</p>	

A. Highlights from Module 1

- Value of EITI
- EITI Institutionalization efforts
- Sustainability of MSG efforts
- Challenges identified in the passage of the bill
 - Problem Provisions
 - Lack of progress at committee level
 - Lacks administration aligned champions
 - Not a priority for the government
 - Mining interest among legislators/families
 - Minimal ground support
 - Lack of strong support or push from MSG

Discussion about identified challenges highlighted the need for champions of the bill who are aligned with the current administration as there can be lower chances of passing a bill without champions aligned with administration's priorities. There is a need to package EITI bill to make it priority for the government.

MSG identified challenges not within MSG control and those that MSG can act upon, then citing communication and advocacy are areas that MSG can work on.

The Facilitator posed questions on the packaging and advocacy of the EITI bill

1. How do we gather support?
2. How will people, institutions, agencies see its value? Answer question in their minds: What's in it for me; why will I support this?
3. How does the bill on institutionalization of the EITI support the agenda/priorities of the government?
4. How does the EITI bill support and benefit the community?

One of the MSG members, Dr. Mangada from UPV recommended to look into the communication plan of institutionalizing EITI... "meron po ba? kung meron, may evaluation ba?".

The Facilitator then noted the lack of awareness about EITI and the need to address it. Dr. Pajares added to review what was done in the past, what could we have done better.

The Facilitator pointed out that EITI will allow transparency, accountability, better taxation (noting disclosures of company) but asked if it was packaged as such or is it deemed more technical? It is actually a vehicle for government to for better practices. Is there an appreciation of its value?

Mr. Vincent Lazatin of Bantay Kita pointed out that the audience is the general public, and therefore thus the need for a well-crafted communications plan for them. He also recommended that the communications plan should be geared towards government agencies and legislature, and recognize that those in the legislature have their own interests. "If we are to navigate the waters in legislature, we have to keep in mind legislators' own personal agenda."

The Facilitator agreed and regarded Lazatin's remark as a reality, not "cynicism." But asked that despite these interests, how will the personal interest of the Legislator be aligned with the interests of the general public align?

Ms. Maricor Cauton of ULAP asked "'what's in it for them" as this is key in engaging policymakers.

Dr. Mangada recommended to capture the imagination of the unenlightened *politico*.

Dr. Maata reminded the participants the EITI has been clear in the beginning, that it is for poverty reduction, knowledge, participation, transparency accountability and responsibility of mining company, and noted that the spirit of community participation was lost in crafting the bill. He then asked the body, "how aware are your communities of EITI and how involved are they?"

Mr. Lazatin raised the need to fine tune our approach, and it could be the unfortunate truth.

Dr. Maata thought that EITI is perceived by those entering the industry as a threat.

The Facilitator asked how DOF sees the value of EITI, noting the bill on fiscal regime and EITI. She pointed out that EITI benefits not only DOF but other sectors and agencies as well, benefiting several government agencies' concerns. She noted that this is an opportunity to define and sell EITI that would help address concerns of "politico", and communities, and thus should be recognized that this is something we can do something about, something within the control of MSG and EITI.

Eastword from the PH EITI secretariat provided a background information in relation to points raised. Currently ongoing bill that is progressing is not DOF sponsored but the version is being pushed by the industry. On communication plan, there is a communication plan or plans in the past but may be limited to stakeholders only, not for general public. He also highlighted the purpose of roadshow to inform and engage with communities, citing instance of generating signature campaigns, but acknowledging that roadshows are not as inclusive, being mostly limited to EITI immediate stakeholders. He also acknowledged that there are new members of congress, there is a need to communicate EITI to them. He suggested in order to address the communications concern, consider how EITI is currently packaged Open Government partnership currently packaged as EITI transparency, anti-corruption effort.

The Facilitator asked "how well was it packaged in the past, how much have we used social media and tools where we can reach the public better? Ask ourselves whether we have used the most efficient vehicles for these information".

Director Elsa Agustin of DOF agreed with Mr. Lazatin's remark on concern of politician, that sustainability of political power that is foremost in the minds of politicians. She then suggested to come up with a very simple communication plan. Mr. Lazatin pointed out that that the more important to Legislators is "'How do I sustain my power?", it is the best way to frame their main motivation.

Dir. Agustin, commented that she is not sure if EITI still in DOF priority, although income taxation, fiscal incentives and transparency are now priority of DOF. She added that to respond to the concerns of legislators in communications plan, highlight transparency and accountability and those who will not

support that may give them a bad name if they do not support a move towards transparency and accountability. Added that in case the MSG push EITI now, the support of the president is a very important thing for this to move.

The Facilitator noted the upcoming elections, and asked the MSG, “how do we package EITI for those running in the elections; consider showing that their communities support this bill, that supporting EITI is in the agenda of the president”.

Dr. Pajares, pointed out that PH EITI is multisector, “so we have political leverage, if only the secretaries seated in the MSG can push these to the current admin”. He cited **presence of previous EOs shows chance** - presence of industries in MSG is an asset, if chambers can support this. He also expressed optimism in the passage of the bill if each sector will talk to the legislators, unless this is just for compliance.

The Facilitator asked the MSG’s effort in the past. She emphasized the need to talk to different people and engage people in discussions to make them see the value in it in ways that they can easily connect to and easily understand.

Eastwood shared that only half of chamber members are part of EITI, DBM is not part of MSG but part of TWG and is one of the offices needed to be allied with, the MSG also acknowledge that President has a strong sentiment against mining.

B.1 Session 1: Stakeholders mapping

The Facilitator presented the chart in mapping the stakeholders in both houses of congress. The map would result to contact, opportunities, other needs for reaching out to identified stakeholders.

Dir. Agustin shared that Sen. Villar will not support the EITI BILL because of her interests in mining. But still effort can be coursed through the secretary.

The Facilitator asked the MSG to include and add column why such champion should be talked to. She also advised the MSG to widen respective networks, like Sen. Tolentino to be reached through their fraternity.

Mr. Jarred Martin of ULAP added that Sen. Villar and Sen. Cayetano belong to the same political party, the Nacionalista Party. Ms. Maricor said she knows Sen Tolentino's staff during his stint as Pres. Political Adviser.

Mr. Lazatin said he has a line to Sen. Binay, and can get to Senators Angara and Zubiri, but does not know if they are open to extractive talks.

Eah of the PH EITI Secretariat said she has contact information with Sen. Pia Cayetano’s office when needed”.

Anj Dacanay of Bantay Kita shared the contact information of Sen. Bato dela Rosa, secretariat.batodelarosa@gmail.com, cc to: cediedelarosa@gmail.com

Eastwood shared that Sen. Angara signified intent to author his own EITI bill in 2016.

Ms. Charmaine Odicta and Dir. Agustin of DOF shared their experience in lobbying for the TRAIN Law. "What we do at the DOF is after submitting the draft bill for possible sponsorship to the relevant committee, we get in touch to the COS, technical staff, lawyers for a briefing. No need to know people in their offices. Although I am sure it could help." They added that would just write or call and request for a meeting with the COS, lawyers and technical staff and brief them on the DOF proposal. These strategies can also be done for the passage of EITI bill for the Senators or Congressmen where no lines are available.

Dr. Maata said he has contact to Cong. Ecleo, while Ms. Aniceta Baltar, CCAGG has can contact Cong. Mangaoang to arrange a meeting.

East shared that Senator Go is part of the NatRes committee, and thus, is an important figure given his link to the President.

Mr. Martin shared the mission statement of Sen. Villar SIPAG Foundation as stated in their website: "Villar SIPAG is committed to the preservation and conservation of the environment and ensuring the sustainability of its environmental programs through the establishment of social enterprises that will lead the path towards economic independence for every Filipino." This then could be a reference to approach Sen. Villar.

B.2 Session 1: Process Mapping

The Facilitator made some remarks on challenges to the passage of EITI bill. She suggested the MSG to set a meeting with the agenda of packaging the communications and advocacy plans. She recommended that "packaging" EITI should include elements like a. "what we want to sell", and gave example like anti-corruption and transparency mechanism, and b. what we want to promote in every target group, advocacy materials, platform. Dr. Mangada suggested to identify all communication tools to be used in the communication plan.

The Facilitator highlighted the need to update any existing communication plan, and suggested to consider separating communication and advocacy, clarifying that advocacy refers to steps to undertake moving forward.

Dir. Elsa pointed out need communication expert advice is needed, so long as budget will allow.

Dr. Maata recommended increasing awareness by engaging the media so once we reach congress, they have some awareness already about EITI.

Notes for action:

- Look into comms plan
- Set meeting with MSG for comms strategy
- Raise awareness through media

Mr. Martin expressed to consider in the communication strategy inviting the legislative, political and other senior staff of Senators in an orientation session, as this might be particularly helpful in touching bases with the offices of Senators we do not have contact persons in.

The Facilitator highlighted the target champions mentioned by the MSG:

- Sen. Bato Dela Rosa (considering ties with admin)
- Sen. Pia Cayetano (considering ties with admin, advocacy on environment)

Ms. Baltar raised concern if Sen. Bato can defend the Bill on the floor. To this, the Facilitator asked how will the MSG go about reaching champion senators, and recommended to set up bilateral meetings with legislative staff of senator Bato and for Senator Pia.

Dr. Ben Maata suggested Invite the target champions as one of the speakers, specially the members of the Natural Resource committee, and make them feel important, and then have a roundtable discussion with them.

Each of the challenges identified was tackled.

1. On Lack of Ground Support

The Facilitator raised that addressing lack of ground support may be addressed through advocacy and comms, having horizontal and vertical efforts.

2. On Problematic Provisions

The Facilitator recommended to identify negotiables and non-negotiables on bill provisions, for MSG meeting.

Dir Agustin emphasized need for agreement on problematic provisions/versions of the bill. She added there is a need to agree on final version of the bill that we want to support before moving on to comms and advocacy strategy.

Ms. Baltar of the disagreements within MSG on the bills.

The Facilitator tried to identify champions in the House

- Lray Villafuerte
- Eddie Villanueva
- Ecleo
- Manaoang

Ms. Baltar expressed difficulty, manifesting concerns on identifying champions; manifesting preference and need to choose people who will push for the bill, as person with credibility, integrity, and believes in the common good.

The Facilitator responded saying PH EITI takes a two-pronged approach—principled but also having need to identify contacts who can push this bill forward; Not abandoning our principles, but looking it in a bigger perspective on addressing how it can be passed.

Dr. Mangada pointed out that passing the bill “is a political act... we need to cover the entire arena to gather support”

Atty. Karla Espinosa, outgoing national coordinator of PH-EITI, responded that the points of disagreement included: composition of the MSG (number of reps, although there was agreement that IPs should be represented); inclusion of BO; penalties. The last agreement back then was to hew as closely as possible to the provisions of EO147. But other than the points of disagreement before, the MSG would need to consider po the changes in the EITI Standard (e.g., mainstreaming).”

C. Session 2: Group Assignment - Writing Policy Advocacy Plan in Teams

Jane Baldago of the PH EITI Secretariat presented the next schedule.

Legislative Advocacy Planning Workshop

Schedule of workshop: July 21, 2020, exact time up to members

Presentation on July 23

Meeting link c/o PH EITI Secretariat

Process: assign lead Facilitator, use template, assign rapporteur

Notes: be specific on intended outputs, person in charge, deadlines, support needed, for each action steps

Ms. Dacanay pointed out need to address challenges for on ground support.

Jane Balgado responded saying these may be included in the action steps for advocacy planning workshop.

The Facilitatorv emphasized need to be as specific as possible on dates/timelines.

Dr. Maata reminded everyone that when we visit the person, is not primarily to directly ask for support for EITI bill, but more importantly, for them to be aware of EITI and understand EITI as an organization that can work hand in hand with them.

Ms. Badago presented the groupings for the next sessions, **Final list of groupings and templates will be sent to MSG.**

The grouping therefore are

SENATE: East, Zoe, Leigh, Dennise, Rhoda, BK, MGB Engr. Romy, DOF Charm Odicta, Comp Vince Lazatin, Glen, Ben

HOUSE: Rose, Maeanne, Jane, Eah, Rhea, BK, DOF Dir. Elsa, COMP Ani Dacanay, BK Jung, Ms. Aniceta, Dr. Ladylyn

D. Synthesis

Facilitator

Looked at the challenges, stakeholders

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Notes for the upcoming workshop: be as thorough as possible and as practical as possible, and achievable; not focus much on hindrance but on opportunities, moving towards practical steps

Jane
Announcements and Evaluation
<http://tiny.cc/latpevalmodule1>

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- Director Elsa Agustin, Department of Finance (DOF)
- Ms. Charmaine Odicta, Department of Finance (DOF)
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Industry

- Atty. Ronald Rex Recidoro, Chamber of Mines of the Philippines
- Atty. Francis Ballesteros, Philex Mining

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Agenda:

- Introduction to the session
- Instructions for the workshop
- Presentation of Senate's group output
- Reaction to senate group's presentation
- Presentation of House of Representatives (HoR) group
- Reaction to HoR group presentation
- Insights from the Workshop
- Closing Remarks

1. Introduction and Instructions

The moderator opened the program and acknowledged the participants, while Atty. Evecar Cruz-Ferrer, gave a rundown of the agenda and instructions for the session.

2. Presentation of Senate group's output

The group¹ agreed to set a review and consolidation of EITI bills by the second week of August.

Some of the specific action points outlined by the group include building rapport with the Senate, having consistent follow up efforts with the senate committee secretariat especially for scheduling of meetings and hearings, and engaging champions not only in the senate but also from among department secretaries especially from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The group also recommended a visit to the top five major mining companies and work with them so as not to appear as if PH-EITI is working only with the government and CSOs.

The group also laid down specific key messages to be highlighted and incorporated in the PH-EITI advocacy packaging and communication. These include:

- Transparency, Accountability, Responsibility, Participation (T.A.R.P.)
- *"Kayamanan ng Bayan ay Para sa Mamamayan"*
- Global citizenship (aligning the national initiative with global standards)
- Communication and participation of communities

Lastly, the group emphasized the need to utilize online and traditional media for increased public awareness of PH-EITI.

3. Reactions to the Senate Group presentation

Atty. Cruz-Ferrer noted that engaging department secretaries is a good move. But with regard to the action points for communications, she advised to include key messages. It was also suggested to identify specific audiences and the respective key messages that would be best for

¹ List of members is in the output

each audience. Communication tools to be used for each geographic area would have to be identified, taking into consideration the audience's access to certain communication devices and platforms.

It was also clarified that there is no need to draft a new bill. Instead, the MSG must agree on a stand on contentious provisions; there are 3 versions of the EITI bill.

An MSG member suggested to create a matrix of bills filed, indicating which provisions have been approved in the past and which provisions do and do not comply with the 2019 EITI standards. According to the facilitator, two bills have been filed in the senate, and two are in the House of Representatives.

There was a suggestion to write a draft bill and craft specific provisions to document the preferred language of the MSG based on the already filed bill. This draft would be for the mere purpose of getting a holistic view of what the MSG wants and agrees on, and does not have to be filed in congress. It was then suggested to come up with a position paper on the filed bills.

One of the MSG members provided a backgrounder on what transpired in the proceedings at the House of Representatives Technical Working Group in 2017 wherein the Committee asked the resource persons for their recommended language. The comments would have to be converted into a specific language to be integrated in the existing bill.

4. Presentation of House of Representatives (HoR) group

Similar to the senate's group recommended next steps, the HoR group seeks to get the endorsement of department secretaries, particularly those that are part of the MSG, together with the endorsement of a consortium of companies.

The group also plans to tailor fit the PH-EITI communications to specific audiences.

The HoR group plans to set a meeting with legislators starting this year up to the first quarter of 2021. Considering the expected change in leadership in the HoR, the group intends to set a meeting with the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee after the HoR has proclaimed its new leadership.

There was also a plan to engage with the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO).

Lastly, the group indicated upcoming PH-EITI events where target champion legislators may be invited such as the MSG On Learn and/or the national conference to further engage them.

5. Reactions

Similarities between the two groups have emerged.

There was a suggestion from the group to seek audience with key officers of each department as getting a meeting with the department secretary may be more difficult.

Atty. Cruz-Ferrer also recommended to specify at least 5 legislators who have a balance of integrity and influence.

An MSG member advised to anticipate possible stumbling block on budget concerns with the administration so it would be better to work with DBM from the onset, and talk to the committee secretary for PH-EITI to be included in the calendar.

In response to this, a suggestion was made for PH-EITI to make DBM and the legislators see how the government budget that goes into this initiative would go back to the government through increased resource/wealth generation.

Assistant Secretary Teresita Habitan shed light on the government agencies' stand and context with regard to the institutionalization of PH-EITI.

One of the participants also provided a background on the DBM's opposition to the EITI bill in 2017 saying that the original title of the bill used the term "creation" (of PH-EITI) and thus triggered the bill to be routed to a DBM office that monitors the creation of new offices which has budgetary impact. It had to be clarified that the bill was not really creating any new office.

6. Insights from the Workshop

A CSO representative said that while passing a law may be a herculean task, there may be a better chance of passing it this time now that there is more involvement from the MSG.

Another CSO representative noted that the COVID-19 pandemic may pose a challenge in forwarding the legislation in this time and that it may be beneficial to revisit the effectiveness of roadshows or the need to innovate.

One MSG member said that while the EITI bill may not attract attention, it is also not a controversial one. The PH-EITI MSG, being well-staffed with experienced lobbyists in both houses of congress may prove to an advantage. It was also emphasize that PH-EITI must get congress to see the importance of EITI and feel its impact such as what good governance in extractives can do. The MSG member also suggested to get the congress to use the data that EITI generates.

Another MSG member expressed apprehension in the EITI bill being a legislative priority. The representative also highlighted the need to advocate transparency in extractives industry to the general public.

7. Closing Remarks

The closing remarks was delivered by Mr. Vince Lazatin, National Coordinator of Bantay Kita.

He started with a review of the objectives of the LATP workshop as follows:

- review status of bills directly or indirectly related to EITI systems and processes;
- clarify on the steps involved in legislative process, and thereby determined roles of the MSG in the legislative process; and
- set specific and achievable strategies for a period of 2 years which could include:

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- Identified legislators in both the House of Representatives and Senate who will be the champion on the issues of the extractives;
 - Set specific milestones and tasks to achieve the overall goal.

The remarks also outlined what transpired from the series of LATP sessions which include:

- identifying the importance of transparency and good governance in the industry
- emphasizing the value of PH-EITI in the industry, and the importance of its institutionalization; and
- identifying the challenges that may be expected in lobbying the PH-EITI bill.

Mr. Lazatin thanked everyone for their contributions and called for everyone to be committed to the cause.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Annex

Annex 1: Senate Group Output - Advocacy Plan

Annex 2: House of Representatives Group Output – Advocacy Plan

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CSO	Ms. Anj Dacanay Dr. Ladylyn Mangada Dr. Jung Cuaresma- Presenter Ms. Annie Baltar		

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Action Steps	Desired Output/ Means of Verification	By whom (Point Person from the MSG)	By when (Timeline)	Resources and support needed
1. Set MSG meeting, agenda dedicated to the following: a. review the provisions of EITI related bills and the challenges in the previous Legislative work b. seek endorsement from the Department Secretaries (ie DOF, DENR, DILG...) c. seek endorsement from the industry (the “bosses” from industry, and the CSO consortium)	1.a. Provisions agreed by MSG 1.b. Approval by the Department Secretaries	CSO-BK Asec. Habitan Atty. MKLE as RP	August 25, 2020	Secretariat to set special MSG meeting dedicated to the discussion of EITI Bill

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<p><i>Note: Package EITI not as environmental law, but the key provisions should be on “poverty alleviation” to get the interest of Congressmen</i></p>				
<p>2. Prepare Advocacy and Communication Plans</p> <p>a. Include this as an addendum in the MSG special meeting</p> <p>b. Review the current communications tools/approach</p> <p>c. Identify the tool/approach appropriate to the audience Audience: government agencies/LGUs, mining companies, CSO, community and general public, legislators, Legislative staff, senior staff of legislators</p> <p>d. Prepare communication plan or update the existing Comms Plan and content should be adjusted to the audience</p>	<p>2. a. Effective & efficient tools that fit the identified audience: 2.a.1. Increase awareness about EITI using various media</p>	<p>Dir. Elsa Agustin Ms. Anj Dacanay (Resource Person)</p>	<p>August 25, 2020</p>	<p>Include in the agenda of the special MSG meeting the review of Advocacy and Comms Plans</p>
<p>3. Set meeting with Legislators to discuss support to EITI</p> <p>a. Prepare the EITI agreed Bill</p> <p>b. Prepare materials and supporting documents</p> <p>c. Write the Chair of the appropriate Committee to present the Bill (email or hard copy of letter)</p> <p>d. Set up orientation meeting with the Legislative Staff and senior staff</p> <p>e. Identify the presenter from PH-EITI (CSO)</p> <p>f. Set up a meeting with the Legislator</p> <p>g. A high-ranking officer from PH-EITI should present to the Legislator</p>	<p>3.a.1 Better appreciation of the EITI Bills</p> <p>3.a.2. Support from the Legislators (HOR)</p> <p>3.a.3. Identify champion/s from amongst the Legislators</p>	<p>Ms. Annie Baltar Ms. Rose Salagan</p>	<p>September to December 2020 1st quarter of 2021</p>	

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<p>h. Set meeting with PLLO (Presidential Legislative Liaison Office) and engage PLLO in any way they can be of help to EITI</p> <p>Note: Set a meeting with the Natural Resource Chair after the new leadership in the HOR has been proclaimed.</p>				
<p>4. Engage the Legislators in the discussion of Natural Resource Governance (NRG) with the “stakeholders and community as participants”</p> <p>a. Invite Legislators as speaker in one of PH-EITI activities (make them important and significant to the discussion of EITI (ie On Learn Phase 1 and/or Phase 2) and NATCON on October 28, 2020</p>	<p>4.a. Engaged Legislator</p>	<p>PH-EITI Secretariat</p>		<p>Invite a Legislator as Key Note speaker in the NATCON or in the On Learn</p>
<p>Note: find a champion who has integrity and strong principles on the use of natural resource for the common good, not just to please a certain sector and pass the bill</p>				

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SENATE GROUP MEMBERS			
Government	MGB –Engr. Romy Aguilos ULAP – will decide DOF – Ms. Charm B. Odicta DILG -will decide	PH-EITI secretariat	Mr. East Manlises Ms. Zoe Jimenez Ms. Leigh Anillo Ms. Dennise Domingo Ms. Rhoda Aranco Ms. Roxanne Rivera
Industry	2 reps		
CSO	Mr. Vince Lazatin Dr. Ben Maata Dr. Glenn Pajares		

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Action Steps	Desired Output	By whom (Point Person from the MSG)	By when (Timeline)	Resources and support needed
1. Review of MSG position and agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify provisions with MSG agreement Identify provisions without MSG agreement Identify EITI requirements that are not yet covered in the bill 	Consolidated position paper /substitute EITI Bill (thru a TWG Meet)	DOF / TWG	August (2 nd week)	
2. Review and consolidation of EITI Bills		DOF	August (2 nd week)	Committee Secretariat
3. Rapport building with the Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courtesy call with the Committee Secretary 	Committee Hearing on EITI Bill	TWG	Letter request – 1 st week August (3 rd week)	Senators

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Sen. Villanueva, Sen. Poe, & Sen. Pia • Push the Committee Secretary to calendar/hear the bill • Invite senators to serve as RPs during PH-EITI events (Roadshow and NatCon) 				
<p>4. Consistent follow-up with the Committee Secretariat (TDK) – Maám Clarita Mendoza</p>	<p>Monthly report/updates</p>	<p>Secretariat Sir Vince ☺</p>	<p>August onwards</p>	
<p>5. Engage champions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push for the Sec. of Finance and/or other Secretaries (DENR Sec. Cimatú, DILG Sec. Año, DBM Sec. Avisado & DBM Usec. Abuel) as Champions -Schedule briefing/meeting with the Secretaries • Tap/Get support from the MICC • Tap/Visit top 5 mining companies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH-EITI Champions • MIICC resolution supporting the EITI institutionalization • Statement of support from all three sectors 	<p>Secretariat – set-up meeting TWG -</p>	<p>Letter request – 1st week August Courtesy meeting – 3rd week, August</p>	

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<p>6. Package the bill as an effort to push for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TARP - Transparency, Accountability, Responsibility, and Participation. ● Kayaman ng Bayan ay para sa Mamamayan / “Wealth from the extractives benefits the nation in general” ● Global citizenship - Aligning the country with a global initiative/standard ● Community empowerment / community as partner in development – community level <p>Notes: Revisit PH-EITI regional objectives Consider the upcoming election</p>	<p>Key messages of the bill / Content of advocacy materials</p> <p>Platforms: Online and Traditional Media (Radio & TV Interviews)</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>	<p>August</p>	

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Industry	1 from COMP 1 from PAP		
CSO	Ms. Anj Dacanay Dr. Ladylyn Mangada		

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Action Steps	Desired Output	By whom (Point Person from the MSG)	By when (Timeline)	Resources and support needed
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