

1 **49th Multi-Stakeholder Group Meeting**

2 9 February 2018 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN

3 CFMO Conference Room, DOF, Roxas Boulevard, Manila

4

5 **Attendees:**

6

7 **Government**

8 Undersecretary Bayani Agabin Department of Finance (DOF)

9 Assistant Secretary Ma. Teresa Habitan DOF

10 Ms. Febe Lim DOF

11 Engr. Romualdo Aguilos Department of Environment and Natural
12 Resources -Mines and Geosciences Bureau
13 (DENR-MGB)

14 Mr. Shan Barros Department of Energy (DOE)

15 Mr. Anselmo Pascua DOE

16 Mr. Arvi Miguel Department of the Interior and Local
17 Government (DILG)

18 Ms. Maricor Ann Cauton Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines
19 (ULAP)

20

21 **Industry**

22 Mr. Jose Leviste, Jr. Chamber of Mines of the Philippines
23 (COMP)/OceanaGold Philippines, Inc. (OGPI)

24 Mr. Bradley Norman OGPI

25 Mr. Anthony Ferrer Petroleum Association of the Philippines
26 (PAP)/Galoc Production Company

27 Atty. Francis Joseph Ballesteros, Jr. Philex Mining Corporation

28

29 **Civil Society Organization (CSO)**

30 Dr. Merian Mani Marinduque State University

31 Ms. Starjoan Villanueva Alternative Forum for Research in Mindanao,
32 Inc. (AFRIM)

33 Mr. Chadwick Llanos United Sibonga Residents for Environmental
34 Protection and Development (USREPD)

35 Engr. Maria Rosario Aynon Gonzales Palawan State University

36 Mr. Buenaventura Maata, Jr. Philippine Grassroots Engagement in Rural
37 Development Foundation, Inc. (PhilGrassroots-
38 ERDF)

39 Atty. Golda S. Benjamin Silliman University

40 Ms. Maria Kristina Pimentel Bantay Kita – Publish What You Pay Philippines

1 Mr. Augusto Blanco, Jr. Mandaya Tribe, Compostela Valley
2 Mr. Ronald Allan Barnacha Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement
3 (PRRM)
4 Ms. Maria Aurora Teresita Tabada Visayas State University (VSU)
5

6 **PH-EITI Secretariat**

7 Atty. Maria Karla Espinosa Secretariat
8 Ms. Mary Ann Rodolfo Secretariat
9 Ms. Joylin Saquing Secretariat
10 Ms. Roselyn Salagan Secretariat
11 Mr. Marco Zaplan Secretariat
12 Mr. Ryan Justin Dael Secretariat
13 Mr. Eastword Manlises Secretariat
14 Mr. Jaime Miguel Secretariat
15 Mr. Ricardo Evora Secretariat
16 Mr. Angelino Alba Secretariat
17 Ms. Rhoda Aranco Secretariat
18 Joanna Mae Nanto DOF
19 Manolino Sugin, Jr. DOF
20
21

22 **Agenda:**
23

- 24 • Approval of the Minutes of the 48th MSG Meeting
25 • Matters arising from previous MSG Meetings
26 • Main Business
27 ○ 2017 Recap Presentation
28 ○ Report on the PH-EITI-PPI Media Seminar-Workshop and Fellowship
29 ○ Discussion and Approval of 2018 Work Plan
30 ○ Discussion and Approval of Terms of Reference for Independent Administrator
31 for the 5th Report
32 • Other Matters
33 ○ Updates on upcoming activities – 2018 National Conference; Data Deep Dive
34 ○ Setting of next MSG meeting
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42

43 **1. Call to Order**

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41

The 49th PH-EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) meeting – the first MSG meeting for 2018 – was chaired and facilitated by DOF Undersecretary Bayani Agabin, PH-EITI Focal Person. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 48th MSG meeting

The Chair gave the MSG members one week to go over the draft minutes and submit their comments, if any, to the secretariat. If no comments are received after a week, the document will be deemed approved.

3. Matters arising from previous MSG meetings

- *Offer of Timor Leste to conduct a training for the MSG on the Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF)/Petroleum Fund process –*
- *Online reporting tool for companies*
- *Measuring public awareness of EITI*

Following the instructions given by the MSG during the last (48th) meeting, the first three items will be moved to and included in the 2018 work plan, with the last two items for implementation by the 2nd quarter of the year. Henceforth, the three items above shall be removed from the Matters Arising.

- *Introducing PH-EITI to new Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary*

The secretariat reported that more than half a year since sending a request to meet with the DENR chief, the meeting with Secretary Cimatu finally took place on 16 January 2018, with the PH-EITI delegation headed by PH-EITI Alternate Focal Person, DOF Assistant Secretary Habitan. The group provided the Secretary and his staff an overview of and briefing on PH-EITI and gave some materials, including a printed copy of the 4th Report. The secretariat was happy to report that Secretary Cimatu appeared to be very happy to hear about the work of PH-EITI and even said that the visit/meeting came at just the right time when he was looking for data on the industry.

- *Courtesy meeting with DOE Secretary*
- *Courtesy meeting with new DILG Secretary*
- *Meeting with National Privacy Commission (NPC) to determine PH-EITI need to comply with Data Privacy Act (DPA)*

It was noted that the above three items are new instructions given just during the last

1 meeting. The secretariat reported that these items are still pending because the
2 instruction was given just before the finalization of the 4th Report. The secretariat
3 committed to arrange for the meetings hereafter.

4
5 Upon query from the Chair, the secretariat confirmed that the body has heard from an
6 NPC officer through an orientation/briefing on the DPA that the latter gave during the
7 last meeting. It was noted that, as reflected in the minutes of the last meeting, the
8 Chair instructed the secretariat to meet and discuss in further detail with the NPC
9 about how much of the DPA requirements would PH-EITI need to comply with.

10 11 **4. 2017 Recap Presentation**

12
13 The secretariat played a short video presentation to provide a recapitulation of the PH-
14 EITI activities and events that happened in the previous year.

15
16 After the video presentation, the Chair remarked that 2017 was a full year indeed. He
17 noted that while the presentation is great, it missed highlighting PH-EITI's
18 accomplishment of being recognized by EITI International as the first country declared
19 compliant with the 2016 EITI Standard. The secretariat said that they will include it in the
20 video and show the revised video in the next MSG meeting.

21
22 The Chair said that everyone deserves a pat on the back and encouraged everyone to
23 continue improving on what is presently being done.

24 25 **5. Report on the PH-EITI-PPI Media Seminar Workshop and Fellowship**

26
27 The secretariat reported that the conduct of the media seminar-workshop, organized in
28 partnership with the Philippine Press institute (PPI), commenced in December last year
29 and continued up to the third week of January 2018, covering three legs – Luzon (Baguio
30 City), Visayas (Cebu City), and Mindanao (Surigao City). The activity aimed to capacitate
31 media practitioners for more nuanced data-driven reporting about the extractive
32 industries, especially with the use of PH-EITI reports and other resources. The secretariat,
33 through Ms. Roselyn Salagan, PH-EITI's communication officer, reported on the outcome
34 of the seminar workshop.

35
36 Ms. Salagan started by introducing PPI as the oldest professional media organization in
37 the country that defends press freedom and promotes ethical standards for the
38 professional development of Philippine journalism.

1 PPI has several member publications in several parts of the country, 18 in Luzon, 23 in
2 Visayas, 17 in Mindanao, and 13 in NCR, including the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Philippine
3 Star, Manila Standard, Business World, Malaya, and the Journal Group.

4
5 The media training had the following objectives:

- 6 • equip the media, particularly community newspapers, to produce stories about the
7 extractive sector using data and other information generated by PH-EITI
- 8 • provide a platform for dialogue between concerned sectors and the media
- 9 • showcase compelling stories that could shed light on issues in the extractives for
10 deeper understanding of the sector

11
12 The training was designed to be conducted in three days: the first day for lectures and
13 presentations and panel discussions; the second day for field community visit and group
14 writing; and the last day for presentation of writing outputs and critiquing of stories.

15
16 The Visayas leg (December 7-9, 2017) was done in cooperation with Carmen Copper
17 Corporation as industry host/resource person; the Mindanao leg (January 4-6, 2018) with
18 Taganito Mining Corporation; and the Luzon leg (January 10-12, 2018) with Lepanto
19 Mining Corporation.

20
21 Feedback from the seminar workshop participants indicate that they generally thought
22 the training enabled them to have a deeper understanding of extractives and gain
23 insights outside the usual stories that they get on the sector. It also made them realize
24 that PH-EITI has a wealth of data/information that they can use in their stories.

25
26 Ms. Salagan informed that the second part of the media training includes a writing
27 fellowship to be organized and managed by PPI with/for PH-EITI. At most 30
28 grantees/fellows will be chosen from submitted story proposals. There will be a fellows'
29 workshop titled "Covering the Extractive Industries Journalism Workshop" where fellows
30 will present their story outlines for critiquing. Editorial guidelines will be given to improve
31 the stories before they get published.

32
33 The Chair noted that the training essentially provided the media information on what EITI
34 and mining are all about. The secretariat added that it is about not just mining but also
35 other extractive sectors like oil and gas. The aim is to improve the quality of reportage on
36 the extractive industries and to encourage use of the data that PH-EITI generates.

37
38 A CSO representative commented that the training should be put in the right perspective,
39 that it should train media on what data are available with mining companies and how to
40 get them.

1 Asst. Secretary Habitan, PH-EITI Alternate Focal Person, remarked that the impact of the
2 media training can probably be seen much later on, in the content and quality of
3 reporting. What PH-EITI has provided the media is a perspective different from that
4 which is simply getting one side versus the other. This allows them to discover that, on
5 their own, they can find an objective source of information that can balance the opposing
6 views they often encounter on the ground when they do their reports. This is the purpose
7 of EITI – more transparency, more access to information/data, and better appreciation of
8 facts and figures.

9
10 The secretariat pointed out that while the seminar workshop was conducted in
11 cooperation with mining companies, government offices and CSOs were likewise
12 represented for a multi-stakeholder engagement. The PPI also made sure that the
13 activity, especially the community visits, gave media practitioners access to voices that
14 are less heard.

15
16 The secretariat also shared that the workshop allowed the trainers, including resource
17 persons from the PH-EITI MSG and secretariat, to comment on participants’ outputs and
18 challenge their assumptions to help media provide evidence-based and balanced
19 reporting.

20
21 The Chair queried if there is a monitoring-and-evaluation component in the media
22 training. The secretariat responded affirmatively, saying that the entire activity is
23 documented and that there may be a beat rating session with PPI.

24 25 **6. Discussion and Approval of 2018 Work Plan**

26
27 The secretariat distributed copies of the draft 2018 Work Plan, noting that the draft is for
28 initial discussion purposes only and not yet for approval. It was explained that the work
29 plan for the year is often built on previous years’ work plans. However, the secretariat
30 said that they are proposing a different format for this year, considering that an
31 “evolved” plan of action is perhaps already in order after five years of EITI
32 implementation.

33
34 The secretariat said that the proposed new format is a departure from the first/early
35 work plans which were largely text-heavy since the MSG at the time had to flesh out the
36 directions that EITI would take after the official creation of PH-EITI under EO 147. The old
37 work plans had an objective-oriented format where activities were categorized according
38 to the five PH-EITI objectives. However, it has been observed that the objectives overlap
39 such that classifying activities based on the five objectives may be problematic,
40 inaccurate, and inefficient. This issue must be addressed if the work plan is to be an
41 effective planning, budgeting and monitoring tool.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40

Thus, the secretariat proposed a more streamlined format for 2018, with the activities grouped according to the following categories:

- Production and publication of country report, IEC materials
- Capacity building activities for MSG and secretariat
- Capacity building activities for other stakeholders
- Other outreach and stakeholder engagement activities
- Other communication activities
- Development of systems, mechanisms and tools
- Beneficial ownership (BO) roadmap implementation
- OGP/Open Data Policy Implementation
- Administration and Operations

Considering that the activities should address the five objectives, it was proposed there be a column for the objective/s addressed by and expected outcome/s of each activity to track progress on each objective as well.

The work plan as presented was not yet filled out because it is open for comments and inputs from the MSG. The activities listed are mainly from past work plans, with some being recurring activities and others being still unaccomplished due to certain constraints. There are also activities, which, in past MSG meetings, were mentioned to be included in the work plan.

The work plan activities are important because they are the ones on which the PH-EITI budget will be spent on and against which progress will be assessed at the end of the year.

The secretariat also shared that in the recently concluded secretariat planning workshop, the team agreed to propose a theme and thrusts for 2018. They suggested adopting the guiding concepts of “forging new frontiers”, “pioneering-innovating”, and going for “maximum impact on PH-EITI stakeholders” – all under the banner or theme of “*Moving beyond transparency*” which happens to be the title of the latest Country Report.

The Chair asked if the body would want more time to go over the draft. He also asked when the work plan should be approved. The secretariat responded that work plans are usually approved within the first quarter of the year. They also noted that some of the (continuing/recurring) activities are already being carried out, even as the work plan has yet to be officially approved.

1 The Chair said that he is more inclined to take some time to go over the document and
2 then have the work plan included in the agenda for the next MSG meeting, so that there
3 can be a more detailed discussion on the theme, things to be done, and the timeline.
4 Nonetheless, he said that in the next MSG meeting in March, it has to be made sure that
5 all comments are in and all issues are resolved, so the work plan can be executed as
6 discussed. The body agreed with the Chair.

7
8 A CSO representative recalled that in the previous years, each of the MSG
9 sectors/constituencies usually came up with its own list of proposed activities for
10 consideration of the body. The Chair said that for efficiency, if the sector/constituency
11 already has a list, this can already be submitted/mailed even before the meeting. He
12 instructed the secretariat to consolidate all comments/inputs and furnish the MSG the
13 consolidated output so that it can be studied prior to the next meeting.

14
15 The Alternate Focal Person underscored the two agreements that the body needs to
16 come up with: (1) on PH-EITI's 2018 work plan format, if it will be changed from
17 "objective-focused" to the proposed format which is focused around core activities; and
18 (2) on PH-EITI's overarching theme for 2018.

19
20 A CSO representative suggested for the MSG to sit down for a day or two to have a more
21 in-depth look at the proposed work plan and come up with a very clear plan using goal-
22 oriented project planning that is feasible for everyone.

23
24 The Chair suggested that the body decide first on the form of the work plan so that it will
25 be easier to discuss its content. He acknowledged his being new in the MSG and, as such,
26 indicated that other members would be in a better position to assess the work plan form.
27 He opined, however, that the proposed new format seems to be an improvement from
28 that of previous years. He said that if everyone agrees, then the body can approve and
29 adopt the format.

30
31 The body agreed to adopt the new format as proposed by the secretariat.

32
33 As to the proposed theme, "*Moving beyond transparency*", the Chair suggested that the
34 body think about it first and include it in the comments due for submission to the
35 secretariat.

36
37 There was also a suggestion for the MSG to figure out how all the activities should lead to
38 or tie with the proposed theme.

39

1 A CSO representative asked if the secretariat can provide the body with a filled-up
2 template so that it would be easier for the MSG to review/study what the suggestions
3 are. Upon query from the Chair, the secretariat responded that they can do so.
4

5 The secretariat clarified that they will work with the existing entries in the work plan first.
6 As to the submission of proposed activities by each constituency/sector, the Chair said
7 that it would better to have consolidated comments submitted by a point person from
8 each sector. He left the identification of and coordination with the point persons to the
9 secretariat.
10

11 The Chair summarized the agreements/instructions: that the secretariat will fill up the
12 form and email it the following week. Everyone will be given a week to comment. Each
13 three sector representatives will email their comments to the secretariat. The secretariat
14 will email the consolidated inputs to all MSG members one week before the next
15 scheduled MSG meeting.
16

17 **7. Discussion and Approval of Terms of Reference (TOR) for Independent Administrator** 18 **(IA) for the 5th Report** 19

20 The secretariat noted that the TORs in the kit are copies of last year's TORs, which are
21 provided to serve as reference for the MSG to comment on for this year's TORs. The TOR
22 is in keeping with the form prescribed by EITI International, but the content, particularly
23 the scope of work and the reporting requirements and responsibilities of the IA are
24 subject to the MSG's determination.
25

26 The Chair asked if there is no draft TOR for this year yet, and the secretariat responded
27 that it would essentially be the same as last year's. The secretariat recalled that MSG
28 members previously made comments regarding expanding the IA's scope of work and
29 refining certain TOR provisions to ensure that the IA delivers.
30

31 According to the secretariat, there are two TORs, one for the IA for the reconciliation
32 report and one for the contextual information writer. It used to be that there was only
33 one TOR for both parts/tasks, but due to the quality of the output of past consultants,
34 the MSG agreed to separate the work on contextual information in the hope that more
35 qualified writers would bid for the job. The two contracts do not necessarily have similar
36 commencement dates. The contract for the contextual information writer can be done
37 much earlier.
38

39 An industry representative asked how the MSG can support the secretariat in terms of
40 having all the required information for the report provided in time, to avoid the work
41 rush during the Christmas season. The secretariat said that the reason the matter is

1 included in the agenda is to fast-track its approval, since production of the report
2 officially begins when the IA is already on board.

3
4 The Chair recalled a previous discussion where he learned that the IA was engaged in the
5 2nd or 3rd quarter of the year, which explains why they did not have sufficient time. The
6 learning, thus, is that the body should do what is needed early on.

7
8 The Chair asked confirmation from the secretariat regarding the necessity of having the
9 2018 Work Plan approved first, as this may drive the TOR for the IA. The secretariat
10 responded that the TOR can proceed ahead of the work plan, noting that production of
11 the report is a distinct regular/recurring activity, while the work plan encompasses all the
12 activities for the whole year.

13
14 The Chair asked if the work plan will drive the IA's scope of work. The secretariat
15 responded in the negative, noting that the scope of work is mainly about what the report
16 will cover. For example, assuming that the large-scale non-metallic mining sector will be
17 included in the coverage of the report, and engaging the concerned sector is necessary,
18 the necessary activities can fall under general categories in the work plan, such as
19 stakeholder/industry engagement.

20
21 The Chair asked if the secretariat is recommending the approval of the TOR. The
22 secretariat responded "not yet", but they are asking the MSG for their comments on it.
23 They cited that the comments they received in the past had to do with, other than the
24 scope of work, terms and conditions for performance of the IA's work. For instance,
25 provisions to compel the IA to deliver all the required output (e.g., data sets, which the IA
26 has repeatedly failed to deliver).

27
28 The Chair asked the body if they would like more time to go over the document and give
29 their comments, then perhaps the MSG may be ready to approve the TOR by the next
30 MSG meeting. Majority of the members agreed.

31
32 A CSO representative reported that the CSOs have already met and come up with initial
33 comments on what they would like to see in the TOR in terms of both form and content.

- 34
35 - In terms of form, for the IA to indicate the formula used and to explain if there is any
36 formula that changed from one report to another and the rationale for such change;
37 The CSOs claimed that upon reviewing all the country reports, they observed some
38 inconsistencies or changes in the formula used and noted that there should be
39 tracking to ensure or enable comparability of reports.

40
41 The Alternate Focal Person commented that this would presume that PH-EITI will be

1 getting the same company as IA. If the same company wins the bid, the suggestion
2 would be feasible. Otherwise, the previous formula used for the computation would
3 be difficult to track. She agreed, however, that should a new company win the bid, it
4 should put the formula in.

- 5
- 6 - In terms of content, expand the scope of the report to have more reporting on non-
7 metallic and pilot reporting on the “Minahang Bayan”;
- 8
- 9 - More updates on project-level reporting;
- 10
- 11 - Focus on BO implementation, considering a public registry is required by 2020.;
- 12
- 13 - The contextual information should provide more extensive discussion on social and
14 environmental impacts;
- 15
- 16 - Further disaggregation of employment information (whether employment data refers
17 to direct/indirect, seasonal/contractual/etc.);
- 18
- 19 - Possibility of looking at the downstream industry revenues, especially for non-
20 metallics

21
22 The secretariat took note of all the comments given.

23
24 The Alternate Focal Person raised the concern that the IA must ensure that when the first
25 draft of the report is submitted to the MSG, the document must have already been
26 subjected to editorial scrutiny. She said that it is not the job of the secretariat to
27 proofread the document.

28
29 The MGB representative shared the observation that there were instances when data are
30 wanting in the central office, and they still had to get the data from the regional offices.
31 He therefore suggested that the IA’s scope of work include conducting walk-throughs
32 with the regional offices. A CSO representative supported the suggestion and additionally
33 suggested the inclusion of NCIP regional offices in the walk-throughs as well.

34
35 A CSO representative whose term in the MSG is due to end by May 2018 articulated her
36 wish that PH-EITI come up with a report with sex-disaggregated data (SDD) this year or
37 the next. She noted that PH-EITI can seek assistance from the Philippine Commission on
38 Women (PCW) if the latter can look at the country report and help make it more gender-
39 sensitive. She also raised the issue of how the body can really push for the participation
40 of Semirara.

1 An industry representative supported the push for Semirara participation, saying that this
2 can be a topic for discussion should the group succeed in setting up a meeting with the
3 DOE Secretary.

4
5 A CSO representative remarked that the continued refusal of Semirara to participate in
6 EITI is unfair to other companies who are taking part in the transparency endeavor.
7 Another CSO representative commented that the group can explore using DAO 2017-07,
8 since it provides the penalty of cancellation or suspension of ECC, and Semirara requires
9 an ECC to operate.

10
11 The Chair summarized the agreements/instructions so far: Everyone will have time to go
12 over and comment on the TOR – similar to the process agreed upon for the 2018 work
13 plan. All comments will be consolidated per sector and then emailed to the secretariat
14 who shall then forward the processed information to all MSG members one week before
15 the next scheduled MSG meeting.

16 17 **8. Other Matters**

- 18
19 • Updates on upcoming activities – 2018 National Conference (NatCon)

20
21 The secretariat reported that the next activity lined up for PH-EITI is the NatCon
22 where the 4th Report will be officially launched. The event is slated after the Holy
23 Week. The secretariat noted that the standard format of the previous conferences
24 consisted of presentation on key findings of the report, agencies' updates on the
25 actions taken on MSG recommendations, breakout sessions on certain topics, and
26 the conferment of Transparency Awards.

27
28 For 2018, the secretariat proposed to innovate a little and make the format a bit
29 different, in line with the theme "Moving beyond transparency". This year's NatCon
30 will have three components: launch of the 4th Report, presentation of Transparency
31 Awards, and recognition of the fellows of the PH-EITI-PPI media training.

32
33 As to the launch of the 4th Report, there will be a speaker who will present the
34 findings and results of the report in a novel and creative way. Then, similar to the
35 Transparency Talks side event to the Board Meeting in October last year, there will
36 be three speakers, one from each of the three sectors/constituencies, to present
37 their distinct perspectives (related to the Report/PH-EITI). This time, however, the
38 talks will be well-curated, strictly timed, and rehearsed thought pieces. The venue is
39 contemplated to be one that inspires technical and creative thinking. The secretariat
40 reported that USAID is willing to fund the event.

1 For the updates on agency actions on MSG recommendations, the plan is to produce
2 a video presenting the agency updates, which would be more efficient than having a
3 representative from each of the agencies present live during the program. It was
4 noted, though, that the agencies will still be invited to send a representative to
5 answer questions from the audience/participants.

6
7 The Transparency Awards will be continued as it has been so.

8
9 The secretariat also reported that the innovations from last year – holding a mini
10 exhibit in the event and including an entertainment number in the program – will be
11 continued.

12
13 The secretariat also mentioned that last year, the NatCon had sectoral side events –
14 the CSO Conference and the Industry Forum. The CSO Conference was held in the
15 preceding the NatCon, while the Industry Forum was held the day before the
16 NatCon. The CSO and Industry events were largely done by the sectors
17 independently and with only support from PH EITI, mostly in terms of coordinating
18 the program and ensuring alignment of topics. All the events were packaged to
19 constitute a kind of PH-EITI week. This was found to be cost-efficient for the sectors
20 and participating stakeholders. Thus, the practice will likely be repeated this year.

21
22 The Chair asked as to when the NatCon will be held. The secretariat responded that
23 the target is in April. They then articulated the wish to have the DOF Secretary
24 deliver the Opening Remarks. They noted that they think they got a commitment
25 from the DENR Secretary to also grace the event.

26
27 Upon query if the date for the national conference is firm already, the secretariat
28 recounted that last year, the date of the conference was moved to adjust to the
29 schedule of the DOF Secretary. The Chair suggested sending the official letter of
30 invitation to the DOF and DENR chiefs early on, so the date can be reserved.

31
32 • Deep Data Dive

33
34 The secretariat announced that they distributed two survey forms for the MSG
35 members to answer. One survey was to determine the MSG's choice of topics to
36 focus on and skills to develop for the Data Deep Dive. The survey results will inform
37 the design of the modules and identification of resource persons.

38
39 The other survey is for the content of the executive summary of the 4th Report, to
40 solicit MSG members' preferences as to which data to highlight. According to the
41 secretariat, they would like to be more creative this time, to make the executive

1 summary more appealing by putting in more of the human factor without sacrificing
2 the data.

3
4 Mr. Marco Zaplan of the secretariat gave a brief presentation on tentative ideas and
5 plans for the Deep Dive, which are generally oriented towards capacitating the
6 different sectors in the MSG for policy advocacy using EITI data for their respective
7 sectors.

8
9 As part of the Deep Dive, the secretariat will be launching the open database where
10 all EITI data sets will be put together. Information from the database can be filtered
11 based on one's desired data/information. Access to information will be free for
12 everyone.

13
14 Examples of skills that the MSG will be learning about in the Deep Dive: data
15 cleaning, data visualization, data analysis, data storytelling, mapping, fiscal
16 modelling. But the final sessions will be very dependent on the results of the survey.

17
18 The vision of the Deep Dive is to be a launching pad of various sector-led initiatives
19 that may be just mini sessions initially but can eventually branch out to bigger
20 activities. Examples of future engagements include data dive during LGU roadshows,
21 open mapping exercise, fiscal modelling workshop, research fellowships, etc.

22
23 A CSO representative asked about the possibility of creating an online support group
24 or feedback forum in the PH-EITI website. The MSG members supported the idea,
25 but many agreed that there should be a moderator if this will be adopted or
26 implemented. The secretariat said that this can be done, but there should be
27 technical people on the ground. It was mentioned it is possible to invite IT people or
28 even students to assist during roadshows.

- 29
30 • Setting of next MSG meeting

31
32 The Secretariat presented a proposed calendar/schedule of MSG meetings for the
33 entire year, for approval by the MSG:

34

49 th MSG meeting	February 9, 2018
50 th MSG meeting	March 9, 2018
51 st MSG meeting	April 13, 2018
52 nd MSG meeting and Data Dive	May 9 to 11, 2018
53 rd MSG meeting	June 8, 2018
54 th MSG meeting	August 17, 2018
55 th MSG meeting	September 7, 2018

56 th MSG meeting	October 5, 2018
57 th MSG meeting	November 9, 2018
58 th MSG meeting	December 7, 2018
Special MSG meeting	December 14, 2018

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17

A CSO representative commended the initiative to have a complete schedule presented at the first meeting of the year, saying that this is more workable as it allows the members to better manage/adjust their own calendars.

The secretariat noted that the proposed schedule is for approval by the MSG; the MSG can still decide to retain the practice of setting the next meeting date at the end of every meeting.

The Chair said that there is advantage in already knowing the MSG meeting schedule for the year, so the dates can be reserved in the members' respective calendars. He suggested that the members take note of and reserve the indicated dates, to which everyone agreed.

With no other matters raised, the 49th MSG meeting was adjourned at 12 NN.