

**Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
 81ST MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING**

16 September 2022, Friday | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Hybrid Meeting
 Department of Finance, Manila, and Google Meet

Attendees

Government	
1. OIC - Usec. Valery Joy Brion	Department of Finance (DOF)
2. Dir. Anna Liza F. Bonagua	Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
3. Ms. Angela Barrientos	DILG
4. Engr. Romualdo Aguilos	Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB)
5. Mr. Augustus Cesar Navarro	Department of Energy (DOE)
6. Ms. Maricor Cauton	Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines

Industry	
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2. Atty. Joan D. Adaci-Cattiling	OceanaGold (Philippines), Inc.
3. Atty. Francis Joseph Ballesteros, Jr.	Philex Mining Corp.

Civil Society	
1. Mr. Vincent Lazatin	Bantay Kita - Publish What You Pay Philippines (BK)
2. Ms. Aniceta Baltar	Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Governance

3. Mr. Chito Trillanes	Social Action Center - Ecology Desk, Diocese of Tandag, Surigao del Sur
4. Prof. Ladylyn Mangada	University of the Philippines - Tacloban
5. Dr. Glenn Pajares	Sectoral Transparency Alliance on Natural Resource Governance in Cebu, Inc. (STANCe)
6. Mr. Augusto Blanco, Jr.	Kaimunan Lumad Sang Compostela

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2. Ms. Mary Ann Rodolfo
3. Ms. Mary Jane Baldago
4. Atty. Manuel Rodriguez II
5. Ms. Rhea Mae Bagacay
6. Mr. Albert San Diego
7. Mr. Jeremiah Magno
8. Mr. Job Besmonte
9. Mr. Angelo Tiemsim
10. Ms. Rhoda Aranco
11. Ms. Therese Andrea Bartolome
12. Ms. Pamela Kim Aquino
13. Ms. Merry Jean Caparas
14. Ms. Andrea Denise Samson
15. Mr. Dennis Atienza
16. Mr. Jaime Miguel
17. Mr. Ricardo Evora

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Proceedings

I. Call to order

DOF OIC - Undersecretary Valery Joy Brion chaired the meeting. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:14 AM.

II. Approval of the agenda of the 81st meeting

The Chair sought the approval of the agenda.

A civil society representative suggested that the item regarding the visit of EITI Chair Rt. Hon. Helen Clark be discussed in the main business and be incorporated in the discussion on EITI re-engagement. The Secretariat noted the suggestion. Another civil society representative motioned for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded and the agenda was approved.

III. Introduction of the PH-EITI New Focal Person

The Secretariat introduced the new focal person of the PH-EITI, Finance Undersecretary Maria Cielo D. Magno. A civil society representative, on behalf of the civil society constituency, expressed their happiness for USec. Magno being the new PH-EITI focal person. The Chair said that this is a good opportunity for PH-EITI to recraft the narrative leading to the next validation.

IV. Approval of the minutes of the 80th meeting

The Chair gave the members more time to peruse the minutes of the 80th meeting and send comments or corrections, if any. If no comment is received, the minutes will be deemed approved.

V. Matters arising from previous meetings

NO.	ITEM	ACTION	IN-CHARGE	STATUS	REMARKS
From the 80th MSG Meeting - June 9, 2022					

80.1	The Secretariat to circulate the presentations of the consultants, and solicit comments from the MSG, particularly on the recommendations.		Secretariat	Completed
80.2	The IA to submit a written version of her verbal recommendations during the presentation of the Reconciliation Chapter. The Secretariat will circulate the recommendations, for comments of the MSG.		Secretariat	Completed
80.3	The Secretariat to circulate the SSM resolution for style edits of the MSG, and then circulate final copy for the signatories.		Secretariat	Completed
80.4	The deadline for comments of the MSG on the presentation and recommendations of the consultants was set on June 17, 2022		MSG	Completed

The complete record of MSG decisions and matters arising from meetings can be accessed at <https://pheiti.dof.gov.ph/msg-decisions-and-matters-arising/>.

VI. Main Business

1. Re-engagement with EITI

a. Re-engagement process

- The country withdrew from the EITI on June 20, 2022 over concerns on metrics and procedures for assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.
- EITI did not respond or act on the country's withdrawal letter for two months. The EITI did not make any announcement or issued any statement on the country's withdrawal, which is the usual practice when an EITI country withdraws participation in the global organization.
- On August 23, 2022, EITI Chair Helen Clark wrote to Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno, inviting the new administration to restate commitment to implementing the EITI.
- On September 2, 2022, Secretary Diokno replied to Helen Clark, communicating the country's intention to re-engage with EITI.
- On September 8, 2022, the EITI Chair acknowledged Secretary Diokno's reply and communicated intention to visit the Philippines on November 7 and 8 for bilateral meetings.
- There are no fixed guidelines or processes yet for re-engaging with EITI. As there was no official acknowledgment or announcement from the EITI that the Philippines has withdrawn, the process currently involves the resumption of the country's engagement at the international level through participation in EITI activities, including Board meetings.
- Finance Assistant Secretary and PH-EITI Alternate Focal Person Valery Joy Brion was invited to participate in the 54th EITI Board meeting in her capacity as EITI Board member, representing all EITI countries in Southeast Asia. PH-EITI National Coordinator Eastword Manlises was also invited as an observer at the Board meeting and to participate in the EITI National Coordinators meeting. Both meetings are taking place in October 2022 in Oslo, Norway, where the EITI is headquartered.
- The EITI also intends to invite Finance Undersecretary and PH-EITI Focal Person Maria Cielo Magno to the Board meeting.
- The PH-EITI Secretariat expects the resumption of activities supported by the EITI but were suspended due to the country's withdrawal statement. These include the implementation of the Opening Extractives Programme that is supported by the EITI, Open Ownership, and BHP Foundation.

b. Validation corrective actions for Requirement 1.3

- The EITI Board’s decision on the 2021 Validation of the Philippines that was released on February 17, 2022 included corrective actions for two (2) stakeholder engagement requirements and eight (8) transparency requirements.
- In its 52nd meeting in February 2022, the Board agreed revisiting in its 54th meeting in October 2022 the Philippines’ progress in addressing the corrective actions for Requirements 1.1 (Government engagement) and 1.3 (Civil society engagement), while the rest of the corrective actions will be assessed in a full Validation process that is planned to commence in April 2023.
- The PH-EITI MSG and Secretariat developed steps to address the Validation corrective actions. On April 22, 2022, the MSG approved steps to address Validation corrective actions except those for Requirement 1.3.
- On May 26, key MSG representatives met to level off on the status of civic space in Philippine extractives. The civil society constituency agreed to provide comments on the proposed steps to address the corrective actions for Req. 1.3.
- On June 7, the civil society constituency provided comments and inputs on the proposed steps for addressing corrective actions for Req. 1.3.
- On June 16, the civil society constituency cleared a set of proposed action steps to address the corrective actions for Req. 1.3.
- In consultation with the Chair and other MSG members, the actions steps have been further refined to include the following:
 - CA1.3-1. Creation of a permanent working group on stakeholder engagement with representatives from the government, industry, and civil society.
 - CA1.3-2. Strengthening of spaces for multi-stakeholder participation along the extractive industries value chain.
 - Mapping of mandated spaces and identification of stages in the value chain where there are no spaces for multi-stakeholder participation.
 - Ensuring that these spaces are functioning and there is genuine representation.
 - Discussion and agreement on the definition of terms, such as “EITI-related activities”, and “obstacles to participation”.
 - Conduct of review, consultation, and feedback sessions regarding the implementation of ATA and other policies that impact civic engagement.
 - CA1.3-3. Strengthening engagement of all stakeholders through amendments to EO 147, s. 2013..

- CA1.3-4. Inclusion of government and industry public expression of support to civic engagement in PH-EITI outreach activities.
 - CA1.3-5. Preparation of an MSG statement on an Anti-Red Tagging Bill once filed in Congress.
 - CA1.3-6. Inclusion of an MSG report on the state of civic engagement in the Philippines in the annual country report.
- c. Request for the deferment of the October 2022 EITI Board review of the country's progress on Regs. 1.1 and 1.3 and the April 2023 Validation of the Philippines
- The 2022 general elections, the transition period, the withdrawal period, and other time and administrative constraints, including delays in the production of the 2021 Report, have prohibited the PH-EITI to address the 2021 Validation corrective actions in a timely manner.
 - It is also important to note that the MSG has not anticipated in its work plan for 2022 that a separate EITI Board review of the country's progress on Requirements 1.1 and 1.3 will be scheduled within the year and right after a general elections and admin transition, where changes in government leadership and priorities are expected.
 - In view of the foregoing, the PH-EITI Secretariat recommends that the MSG seek an extension for the review of the stakeholder engagement requirements as well as the full Validation of the Philippines.
 - Specifically, the PH-EITI Secretariat specifically recommends requesting to cancel altogether the separate review of the stakeholder engagement requirements in October 2022 and have the same assessed during a regular Validation process to commence in October 2023. In effect, the PH-EITI Secretariat is recommending a one-year extension for the review of the stakeholder engagement requirements and six-month extension of the Validation commencement date. This will allow the MSG to complete the 2021 Report that was delayed due to the transition to the new administration and enable cost and time efficiency for both PH-EITI and EITI International in terms of implementing the Validation process.
 - The PH-EITI Secretariat has prepared an [extension request letter to EITI](#) for the MSG's comments, inputs, and approval. The letter cites the 2022 general elections, the transition period, the withdrawal period, and other time and administrative constraints, including delays in the production of the 2021 Report

as justifications for the extension request and provides an overview of the country's progress on addressing the corrective actions.

2. Updates on Country Reports

a. 2020 Report and Writeshop

The 80th MSG meeting focused on the presentation and discussion of key findings and overall progress of the FY 2020 PH-EITI Report. Below are the comments from the MSG during the said meeting, the corresponding measures taken by the consultants, and further recommendations from the Secretariat.

MSG comments	Consultant action points	Remarks
1. Reconciliation of PSA and MGB data on production and export	Consultant reconciled the production and export data with the most up-to-date statistics of MGB.	PSA data is incomplete for the last quarter of 2020.
2. Inclusion of COVID-19-related data on extractives and its impact to host communities	Consultant added "Resiliency in the Metallic Mining Sector" section. Consultant mentioned that there is no secondary data available on the community level and suggested covering it as a separate scoping study.	Secretariat suggests improving the opening statement of the said section to emphasize that the mining sector was unscathed by the pandemic.
3. The theme "Recovery through Transparency" must be highlighted throughout the report	Consultant asserted that the theme was fleshed out in various sections of the chapter and in the executive summary.	Secretariat suggests that MSG should give feedback on the final draft if the theme was deemed fleshed out.
4. Inclusion of a recommendation regarding pecuniary incentives	Consultant asserted that there were no recommendations received to be incorporated in the chapter and the recommendation of honoraria must be raised to MSG for consideration.	Recommendation about pecuniary incentives was not removed.

MSG comments	Consultant action points	Remarks
5. Inclusion of updates on EITI-related bills in the legislative framework	Consultant included EITI bill in the compendium of significant legislations in previous PH-EITI reports.	Secretariat suggests that updates regarding EITI-related bills must be discussed in the Ongoing Reforms section.
6. Verification of the applicability of the quasi-fiscal data	Consultant vetted and QSF is still not applicable in the Philippines.	Justification on QSF non-applicability in the Philippines was reviewed by the Secretariat.
7. Integration of Contextual Information and Data Reconciliation Chapters		The Secretariat drafted an executive summary that sought to provide an integrated overview of the contextual information and reconciliation chapters.
8. Recommendations for future PH-EITI Reports		<p>As agreed in the 76th MSG Meeting, the Secretariat suggested a flexible reporting approach while retaining data reconciliation for the 2021 report.</p> <p>For brevity and easier recall, the title of the report will be the fiscal year it covers instead of ordinal numbers.</p> <p>The contextual information of the report will be published online and integrated in the PH-EITI website or other online portals.</p>

Gaps identified in the 2020 Report

- The country has yet to realize its full potential for mining. Only 2.5 percent or 764,000 hectares were covered by mining tenements out of the 9 million hectares that have been identified as having high mineral potential.
- Despite being the sole producer of chromium ores and concentrates, the country is still far behind other Asian countries in terms of global output. It only makes up 0.11 percent of the global total in the year 2020.
- MAQ Sector is labeled as an insignificant contributor to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- There is a wide gap in male to female ratio in the mining sector.
- Employment data from PSA differs from the published data of MGB.
- There are no mechanisms yet to disaggregate the production volume and value contribution of the small-scale mining (SSM) sector.
- There is a lack of comprehensive aggregate and disaggregated data on oil, gas, and coal.
- PH-EITI reporting has been weak in the oil, gas, and coal industries. The participation of SMPC is crucial as it holds 99.4 percent of total coal production in FY 2020. An added representation from the oil and gas, and coal sectors would fully show the extent of how they all, directly and indirectly, contribute to the economy.
- Partial reporting of participating companies causes lags in data points.
- Extensions of the reporting period are being normalized. The delay in the collection of data hampers the report production and publication to online portals.
- Having an inter-agency task force that will oversee the data-gathering process will increase the credibility of the data. There should also be a system of checks and balances that these figures are complete and that the same entities regularly do

so year after year.

- NRDC projects do not have anything yet to do with either the metallic mining, non-metallic mining, SSM, oil, and gas, as well as coal sectors. By itself, the NRDC can support extractive industries specifically in terms of assisting interested companies in the production of more output or partnering with them in finding buyers locally and overseas.
- There is a need for the extractive sector to develop a systematic resilience approach to extreme events such as pandemic.

b. 2021 Report production

- The reporting cycle began on June 15, 2022 and had an extended deadline of August 16, 2022.
- As of September 13, 2022, 32 mining projects out of 55 have completed the forms in the Online Reporting in the Extractives (ORE) tool. There are 10 submissions that are pending validation within their respective companies, and 13 data entries that are still in progress.
- For non-metallic, 15 project entries have been completed, while 18 are still in progress. 28 data entries are still pending validation.

Sector	Validated and Submitted (Completed)	Data Entry in Progress	Pending (Not yet started)
Metallic	32	13	10
Non-Metallic	15	13	28
Oil and gas	2	0	0
Total	49	26	38

- The deadline for submitting data has been extended twice, with each extension spanning 2 weeks.

- Some reporting entities are asking for a formal clarification letter from the DOF whether reporting to PH-EITI is still required, given the country’s withdrawal statements in June 2022. The PH-EITI Secretariat has prepared the letters for the signature of the Chair.
 - The following are the companies that requested a clarificatory letter:
 1. Agata Mining Ventures, Inc.
 2. TVI Resources, Inc.
 3. Eramen Minerals, Inc.
 4. Philsaga Mining Corporation
 - The Secretariat recommends another one-month extension for the reporting entities that were not able to complete the submission on the extended deadline. The reporting for FY 2021 will be reopened on September 20, 2022 (Tuesday) and will be closed on October 18, 2022 (Tuesday).
 - *Issues encountered in ORE Tool.* Some reporting entities had trouble with uploading supporting documents, downloading validated and submitted forms, and retrieving deleted forms. The Secretariat advised them to send the forms manually through email.
 - Meanwhile, the process of procuring an independent administrator (IA) is ongoing. The MSG approved the TOR for the IA during the 78th MSG Meeting on April 22, 2022, but the processing within the DOF has been delayed due to the change in administration.
 - The PH-EITI Secretariat has screened a prospective consultant.
 - The engagement period is expected to begin on October 1, 2022.
3. *Priorities and Pending Initiatives*
- As of September 2022, the PH-EITI has progressed on the implementation of the following activities identified in the MSG’s 2022 work plan.

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Progress</i>	<i>Progress description</i>
<i>Legislative advocacy</i>		

Amendment of Executive Order No. 147 s. 2013 (EO 147)	Ongoing	A draft EO 147 amendment has been developed by a technical working group (TWG) thru a series of workshops and approved by the MSG
Submission of a proposed provision on extractives transparency institutionalization in the draft bill on the new fiscal regime on mining	Completed	Provision on institutionalizing transparency, accountability, and open data principles and mechanisms in the mining sector was proposed
Outreach		
National Conference (NatCon)	Ongoing	A draft concept note has been prepared and presented to the MSG. The draft has been revised based on MSG comments
Development or reinforcement of mechanisms for the reporting and resolution of EITI related issues	Ongoing	Relevant national government agencies (NGAs) convened and discussed proposed action steps to address the Validation corrective actions. A TWG on stakeholder engagement to be chaired by the Department of Interior and Local Government is being organized.
Conduct of monthly MSG meetings	Ongoing	Six (6) MSG meetings conducted from January to June
Nonmetallic mines engagement	Ongoing	Engaged four (4) associations of non-metallic mining companies Representatives from

		non-metallic mines expressed willingness to be part of the MSG; requests two (2) seats, one (1) for the aggregates sector, and one (1) for the cement sector
Oil and gas engagement	Ongoing	Two (2) officials from the Petroleum Association of the Philippines (PAP) are engaged as members of the MSG
Coal sector engagement	Ongoing	Engaged the Philippine Chamber of Coal Miners, Incorporated (PhilCoal) in the roundtable discussion on Energy Transition on May 4, 2022
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) engagement	Ongoing	Liaised with NCIP central and regional offices for the reporting of IP royalty data and trained its representatives to use the online reporting tool
<i>Resource mobilization</i>		
Submission of proposals to potential funders	Completed	Two (2) project proposals submitted: a) Preparing Extractive Industries Towards a Sustainable Low Carbon Economy. This was initially approved by the Climate Change Expenditure Tagging (CCET) Secretariat, awaiting submission of signed Quality Assurance and Review (QAR) Form

		and BP Form 2; b) Gender Inclusion in the Extractives. Approved by DOF HRMDD awaiting endorsement of OIC Undersecretary
Annual reporting		
Launch of the FY 2020 Report	Pending	Key findings have been presented to the MSG during its 80th meeting
Production of the FY 2021 Report	Ongoing	The reporting cycle began on June 15, 2022 and had an extended deadline of August 16, 2022.
Complete coverage of the nonmetallic mining sector	Ongoing	All projects that operated in FY 2021 have been requested to participate in EITI reporting
Systematic disclosure		
Implementation of Validation corrective actions	Ongoing	The MSG approved the action plan to address the Validation corrective actions, except for requirement 1.3 during its 78th meeting on April 22, 2022
Completion of remaining deliverables under the DOF's OGP commitment	Ongoing	The DOF has made substantial progress in implementing its commitment with two out of three milestones completed. The completion of pending deliverables has encountered a delay due to funding constraints and the 2022 general elections.

<i>Opening extractives (with support from EITI International, Open Ownership, and BHP Foundation)</i>		
Implementation of the Opening Extractives (OE) engagement plan	Ongoing	Consultant has proposed adjustments to the engagement plan based on consultations with stakeholders and current contexts
Hiring of an OE consultant to facilitate the implementation of the engagement plan	Completed	Consultant has met with key stakeholders to try to align and harmonize existing and separate initiatives on beneficial ownership transparency
<i>Integrity (with support from EITI International and USAID)</i>		
Production of an extractives integrity study	Ongoing	A consultant was hired and the first step of the NRG tool for diagnosing corruption risks was already implemented.
<i>BARMM engagement (subnationalization)</i>		
Meetings with BARMM officials to explore possible pilot reporting of companies operating in the region	Ongoing	Engaged the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy; met with 2 companies operating in BARMM; met with government agencies parallel to national government agencies which are engaged in PH-EITI reporting i.e., Ministry of Interior and Local

		Government, Ministry of Indigenous People's Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management
<i>Gender inclusion</i>		
Promotion of gender study suggested initiatives among industry members	Pending	Gender Inclusion in the Extractives project concept approved for support of DOF Human Resource Management and Development Division (HRMDD) awaiting submission of OIC Undersecretary
Revision of the employment and gender form in the ORE tool	Completed	Revised the gender form in the ORE tool for FY 2021 to further disaggregate gender data
<i>Energy transition</i>		
Roundtable discussion on energy transition	Completed	A roundtable discussion (RTD) on energy transition was held on 4 May 2022, which was sponsored by the Department of Energy (DOE) and attended by 508 representatives from NGAs, CSOs, and extractive industries including PhilCoal
Activities in support of energy transition initiatives	Ongoing	Drafted a concept note for a project on "Preparing the Extractives Industries Towards a Sustainable Low Carbon Economy".

- Considering the change in administration, the withdrawal period, and other administrative concerns that the PH-EITI encountered in the past months, the PH-EITI Secretariat reviewed the work plan of the MSG for 2022 and identified which activities can still be implemented within the remainder of the year and which ones will be deferred.
- The following table summarizes the PH-EITI Secretariat’s proposed priorities for September to December 2022.

Activity	Timeline	Responsibility Center	Remarks
<i>Re-engagement with EITI</i>			
1. MSG approval of the plan to address EITI corrective actions for Req. 1.3	September 16, 2022	MSG, Secretariat	Proposed action steps have been cleared with the civil society constituency on June 16, 2022
2. MSG request to postpone the following: - October 2022 EITI Board review of the country’s progress in implementing Reqs. 1.1 and 1.3 - April 2023 Validation of the Philippines	September 16, 2022	MSG, Secretariat	Justifications: - Elections - Admin transition - Withdrawal period
3. Participation in the EITI Board meeting	October 11-12, 2022	Chair, Secretariat	
<i>Country reporting</i>			
4. MSG recommendations writeshop for the FY 2020 PH-EITI Report	September 2022	MSG, Secretariat	Complete drafts of the contextual information and reconciliation chapters have been

Activity	Timeline	Responsibility Center	Remarks
			shared with the MSG on Aug. 8, 2022.
5. Finalization of the FY2020 report	October 2022	Consultants	
6. Engagement of an independent administrator for the FY2021 report	September 5-9, 2022	Secretariat	
7. Collection of company data for the FY2021 PH-EITI Report	September 2022	Secretariat	
MSG governance			
8. Executive briefings for DOE and DILG	September 2022	Chair, Secretariat	Communication letters have been prepared.
9. MSG meetings	September 16, 2022 October 18, 2022 December 9, 2022	MSG, Secretariat	No meeting in November, efforts will be focused on the 2022 National Conference and Extractives Transparency Week
10. Strategic planning	December 1-2, 2022	MSG, Secretariat	The MSG plan in 2019 ends this year. The strategic plan sets the direction of PH-EITI for the coming years
Legislative advocacy			

Activity	Timeline	Responsibility Center	Remarks
11. Drafting of an admin version of bills institutionalizing transparency and accountability in the extractive industries	September to October 2022	Secretariat, TWG, MSG	Secretariat to check whether EITI related bills have been refiled in Congress
12. Review and approval of the proposed EO147 amendments	October 14, 2022	Secretariat, TWG and MSG	Secretariat to follow up on the comments of the DOF Legal Affairs Office
Stakeholder engagement			
13. Conduct of the 2022 National Conference	November 8, 2022	MSG, Secretariat	The event will be in time for EITI Chair Helen Clark's visit to the Philippines. The PH-EITI Secretariat proposes Helen Clark to be the keynote speaker.
14. Conduct of the Extractives Transparency Week	November 23-25, 2022	MSG, Secretariat	The three-day activity will be a combination of thematic webinars, online subnational stakeholder engagement, and the PH-EITI Recognition Ceremony for best performing reporting entities for the FY 2020 Report.

Activity	Timeline	Responsibility Center	Remarks
Systematic disclosure			
15. Commencement of the EGPS project funded by the World Bank		Secretariat	Secretariat to meet with Morten Larsen of the World Bank on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2022
Opening Extractives Programme			
16. Resumption of the Opening Extractives engagement plan for the Philippines		Secretariat, EITI, Open Ownership	EITI to confirm whether the country remains eligible for the program A consultant has previously been engaged for this purpose.
Gender inclusion			
17. Presentation and approval of a proposed framework for gender in the extractives	October 18, 2022	MSG, Secretariat	The proposed framework has been presented to MGB- GAD team.
Energy transition			
18. Leveling off session on energy transition	October 2022	MSG, Secretariat	The leveling off session will lay the foundation to review and decide on prioritization of energy transition in PH-EITI work plan.

List of activities that are proposed to be deferred

Activity	Timeline	Responsibility Center	Remarks
<i>Systematic disclosure</i>			
19. Development of disclosure templates for extractive companies in line with PH-EITI's mainstreaming action plan	October 2022	Secretariat	
20. Development of individual mainstreaming plans for relevant agencies (MGB, NCIP, DOE)	November 2022	Secretariat	
21. Development of register of licenses (Req. 2.3)	October 2022	Secretariat, DOE, and MGB	Activity addresses the Validation corrective action for Req. 2.3
<i>BARMM engagement</i>			
22. Resumption of engagement with MENRE and BARMM companies for possible pilot reporting	September 2022	Secretariat	
<i>SSM transparency</i>			
23. Engagement with PMRBs and CMRBs for the review and promotion of the PH-EITI SSM monitoring tool	September 16, 2022	Secretariat	

VII. Other matters

1. *2022 NatCon and visit of EITI Chair Rt Hon. Helen Clark*
2. *PH-EITI Internal Rules*
3. *Financial contribution to the management*
4. *Outstanding obligation to PWC-Isla Lipana*

VII. Summary of MSG decisions, agreements, and instructions

Agreements	Responsibility Center
The Secretariat is instructed to prepare and circulate the itinerary, agenda, and possible talking points for agency heads, in relation to the visit of EITI Chair Helen Clark in November.	Secretariat
The Secretariat is instructed to prepare a docket of the communications between SBED and EITI Chair Helen Clark in relation to the re-engagement. The Secretariat is instructed to coordinate with the Office of the Secretary for clearances.	Secretariat
The Secretariat is directed to look into remedial measures to address the issue of the PH-EITI data portals being unwieldy.	Secretariat
The Secretariat is instructed to circulate the draft program of the National Conference for the MSG's comments.	Secretariat
The Secretariat is instructed to prepare a study for possible logos of the NatCon, for circulation to the MSG next week.	Secretariat
The MSG approved the proposed action steps for requirement 1.3.	MSG
The MSG approved the proposed resolution creating a permanent working group on stakeholder engagement, subject to style. The Secretariat is instructed to recirculate the resolution.	MSG and Secretariat
The Secretariat is instructed to arrange a meeting with DILG in relation to the recommitment on the chairmanship of the committee on stakeholder engagement.	Secretariat
The MSG approved the deferment of the October 2022 EITI Board review and the April 2023 Validation. The Secretariat is tasked to prepare a resolution on this and transmit the document to the MSG within the day.	MSG and Secretariat
The Secretariat to circulate the document on gaps identified in the 2020 Report. The Secretariat is also instructed to work on a system of breaking down reports.	Secretariat

The Secretariat is instructed to map employment data from PH-EITI, MGB, PSA, and other sources (DOLE), and include the assumptions.	Secretariat
The Secretariat is instructed to circulate with the MSG the DOF press release on the EITI recommitment.	Secretariat
The Secretariat to coordinate with the MGB in relation to communicating with non-participating companies.	MGB and Secretariat
The Secretariat is instructed to provide COMP with a list of non-participating companies.	Secretariat
The Secretariat is instructed to share to the MSG the profile of the screened consultant.	Secretariat
The Secretariat is instructed to recirculate the priorities and pending initiatives. The Secretariat is also instructed to add a column on the agreed timeline, for easier monitoring of progress of each priority.	Secretariat
The Secretariat to explore options for the schedule of NatCon and Extractives Transparency Week (ETW).	Secretariat
The Chair suggested that energy transition should be a special topic during the strategic planning.	Secretariat and MSG
The Secretariat is instructed to look into the PH-EITI Internal Rules and propose action points for discussion in the next meeting.	Secretariat
The Secretariat is instructed to explore the creation of a Finance Committee within the MSG.	Secretariat

VIII. Setting of the next meeting

The Secretariat proposed that the 82nd MSG meeting be held on 21 October 2022 (Friday). The MSG approved the proposed schedule.

IX. Adjournment

With no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 pm.

ANNEXES

Annex 1: Concept Note and Proposed Program of the 2022 PH-EITI National Conference



2022 PH-EITI National Conference

Expanding spaces: Deepening data-informed and inclusive governance of extractive industries

8 November 2022 (Tuesday) | 9:00 am to 12:00 nn | Hybrid format

Concept Note

Rationale

Nearly a decade into its implementation, the **Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (PH-EITI)**¹ continues to push the envelope of transparency and accountability in the mining, oil, gas, and coal industries through a global standard for the open and good governance of these natural resources.

Towards this purpose, the PH-EITI has produced seven country reports that make data and information on the country's extractive industries publicly accessible. These country reports cover eight (8) fiscal years from 2012 to 2019 and over 100 extractive projects across the country, reconciling more than P362.5 billion in government revenues.

The country reports have shed light and facilitated better public understanding on the legal, regulatory, and fiscal framework for the extractive industries, including information on contracts, licenses, ownership, and state participation. They have demonstrated the contribution of the sector to the economy and overall national development through the disclosure of data on production, export, employment, and gender, among others. Disclosures of data and information on the extractive companies' social and environmental expenditures and projects have likewise shown other benefits host and neighboring communities and local government units receive from extractive projects aside from the mandatory national and local taxes and payments.

¹ The PH-EITI was formed in 2013 through Executive Order No. 147, s. 2013, pursuant to Executive Order No. 79, s. 2012, where the government committed to implement the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) – the global standard for the open and good governance of oil, gas and mineral resources.

Clearly, the PH-EITI has promoted a culture of open data in the extractive industries by engaging both extractive companies and relevant government agencies to proactively publish information that are useful for research, policymaking, informing public debate, and even simple monitoring of the benefits people receive from extractive activities.

The administration of President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos, Jr. seeks to strengthen this culture of open data by ensuring that PH-EITI data is utilized by a broad spectrum of stakeholders. To do this, there is a need to ensure that stakeholders have the capacity to use data, as well as sufficient and functioning spaces for the discussion and analysis of extractive information.

The PH-EITI has established a system for data disclosures and a platform for constructive stakeholder engagement. To make extractive transparency more meaningful, spaces for inclusive and multi-stakeholder extractive governance must be protected, strengthened, and widened.

With the Marcos administration banking on the potential of the extractive sector to drive long-term economic expansion, the inclusive and data-informed governance of the extractive industries becomes more critical than ever.

To support discussions on the foregoing, the PH-EITI will convene extractive stakeholders in a national conference that seeks to, among other things, communicate the key findings of the latest PH-EITI country report, and gather feedback and recommendations on extractive governance reforms that the MSG needs to prioritize towards a more transparent and accountable extractive sector.

Expanding spaces

Over the years, the PH-EITI has conducted annual national conferences that provided a venue for extractive stakeholders at all levels to openly articulate viewpoints on issues and concerns affecting extractive and natural resource governance. The PH-EITI seeks to continue this tradition through the **2022 PH-EITI National Conference**.

With the theme, **Expanding spaces: Deepening data-informed and inclusive governance of extractive industries**, the 2022 PH-EITI National Conference will enable a discussion of how multi-stakeholder spaces for resource governance will contribute to sustainable national development.

The National Conference will be the launching program for the 2020 PH-EITI Country Report. It will be an opportunity for stakeholders to co-create actionable recommendations towards better resource governance and revenue management. This will be done through a town hall type consultative breakout session.

This year’s conference will be graced by **EITI Chairperson and former New Zealand Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Helen Clark** as the keynote speaker. Chairperson Clark will also lead the PH-EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group to a ceremonial recommitment to the pursuit of transparency and accountability in the extractive industries through the PH-EITI.

The conference will also present to the stakeholders the future direction of PH-EITI implementation which shall be governed by a framework that supports inclusive and data informed resource governance.

Around 150 stakeholders are expected to participate in person, while over 300 will join online.

Objectives

At the end of the conference, the stakeholder-participants should have:

1. Raised insights on data and information gathered by PH-EITI on mining, oil and gas, including ongoing and planned initiatives to address issues and concerns in each of the extractive sectors;
2. Provided feedback on actions taken by relevant agencies to the key findings of the previous country report; and,
3. Determined top actionable recommendations and suggestions to sustain efforts and further improve extractive and natural resource governance, utilizing EITI as a platform.

Stakeholder-participants

The target participants include representatives from the following:

Agency	Number of Target In-person Participants
1. National government agencies A. Department of Finance (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bureau of Local Government Finance ● Bureau of Internal Revenue ● Bureau of Customs 	34

Agency	Number of Target In-person Participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bureau of Treasury ● Securities and Exchange Commission B. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mines and Geosciences Bureau ● Environmental Management Bureau C. Department of Energy (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Energy Resource Development Bureau ● Energy Policy and Planning Bureau D. Department of Interior and Local Government (4) E. Department of Budget and Management (2) F. Department of Information and Communications Technology (1) G. National Economic Development Authority (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mining Industry Coordinating Council (2) H. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (2) I. National Privacy Commission (1) J. Commission on Audit (1) K. Philippine Ports Authority and regional offices with extractives reporting (1) L. Philippine Statistics Authority (1) M. BARMM Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE) 	
<p>2. Extractive Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Metallic (30) - Non-metallic (18) - Oil and Gas (3) - Coal (3) 	54
<p>3. Luzon and Manila based LGU hosting extractive activities (Rizal, Bulacan, Batangas, Zambales, Makati, Mandaluyong, Taguig, Muntinlupa)</p>	16
<p>4. Civil society organizations (25)</p>	25
<p>5. Luzon and Manila based Indigenous Peoples Organizations from extractive host and neighboring communities (5)</p>	5
<p>6. Senate and House of Representatives (6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senate Economic Planning Office (SEPO) - Senate Tax Study and Research Office (STSRO) - Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department (CPBRD) 	6
<p>7. Academic Institutions & Student Organizations (10)</p>	10

Agency	Number of Target In-person Participants
8. Development partners (WB, USAID, OGP)	3
9. Media Partners	2
sub-total	154
10. Manila-based MSG (24) A. Industry - 6 B. NGAs- 16 C. CSOs- 2	24
11. Secretariat (plus 3 Ushers) - 20	21
Total	200

Provisional program

10 mins	9:00 - 9:10	<i>National Anthem Invocation</i>
5 mins	9:10 - 9:15	<i>Acknowledgement of Guests and Participants</i>
10 mins	9:15 - 9:25	<i>Welcome remarks</i> Hon. Benjamin E. Diokno Secretary, Department of Finance
10 mins	9:25-9:35	<i>Opening remarks and introduction of keynote speaker</i> Hon. Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
10 mins	9:35 - 9:45	<i>Keynote speech</i> Rt Hon. Helen Clark Chairperson, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Former Prime Minister, New Zealand
15 mins	9:45 - 10:00	<i>MSG recommitment ceremony</i> Rt Hon. Helen Clark and MSG members
15 mins	10:00 - 10:15	<i>Key findings of the 2020 PH-EITI Report</i>

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Philippines

10 mins	10:15 - 10:25	<i>Break</i>
10 mins	10:25 - 10:35	<i>Framework for future direction</i> Eastword D. Manlises PH-EITI National Coordinator
30 mins	10:35 - 11:05	<i>Lightning talks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Inclusivity in natural resource governance● Cost and benefit of the extractives● Royalty fund management● National wealth management● Mainstreaming extractives reporting process and utilization of data
30 mins	1:00 - 1:30	<i>Crafting recommendations to deepen data-informed and inclusive EI governance (Breakout session)</i> Part 1 - Raising concerns on natural resource governance affecting constituency <i>Five (5) groups composed of representatives from the industry, NGAs, and civil society organizations</i>
70 mins	1:30 - 2:40	<i>Crafting and selecting priority recommendations to deepen data-informed and inclusive EI governance</i>

Part 2 - Crafting recommendations to address concerns of stakeholders

- 10 mins 2:40 - 2:50 *Exhibit, networking, and break*
- 20 mins 2:50 - 3:10 *Presentation of top actionable recommendations*
Moderators: Dr. Glenn Pajares
 Chairperson, Sectoral Transparency Alliance in Natural Resource Governance in Cebu (STANCE), Inc.
- Atty. Joann Adaci-Cattiling**
 President, OceanaGold Phils. Inc.
- 10mins 3:10 - 3:20 *Response of the government and closing remarks*
Maria Cielo D. Magno
 Undersecretary, Department of Finance
 Chair and Focal Person, Philippine EITI
- 10mins 3:20 - 3:30 *Evaluation*
Group Photo
Announcements

Proposed budget

Quantity	Unit	Article/Merchandise/Specification	Unit Price (PHP)	TOTAL (PHP)
Banquet and meal requirements				
30	pax	November 6: Dinner (ingress)	2,000.00	60,000.00
200	pax	November 7: AM Snacks, Lunch <i>(with conference amenities, breakout rooms, and contingency for additional requirements - i.e, power charges for any technical equipment, possible extension of hire period, etc.)</i>	3,500.00	700,000.00

30	pax	November 7: Dinner (<i>conference debriefing</i>)	2,000.00	60,000.00
Guest room accommodation				
15	rm-night	Single/Double Standard Room with breakfast November 6-7,2022 (<i>including ingress</i>) (<i>for Focal and Alternate Focal, Secretariat and Resource Persons</i>)	5,000.00	150,000.00
Airline ticket requirements (MSG members, PMRBs)				
30	pax	R/T Luzon (10 pax)	8,000.00	80,000.00
		R/T Visayas (10 pax)	10,000.00	100,000.00
		R/T Mindanao (10 pax)	12,000.00	120,000.00
Other requirements				
5	set	Exhibit booth set-up	25,000.00	125,000.00
		Lights and sounds, audio visual equipment, LED screen, projector screens, boom mic, teleprompter, photo and video coverage	150,000.00	150,000.00
		Webinar / online related expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00
		Emcee / host	20,000.00	20,000.00
20	pcs	Plaques/trophies for PH-EITI Recognition Ceremony	3,500.00	70,000.00
20	pcs	Tokens for the Resource speakers and guests	1,500.00	30,000.00
200	pcs	Production and printing of ID badges, lanyards, pens, backdrop, conference kits	500.00	100,000.00
TOTAL				1,785,000.00
<i>to be funded from PH-EITI Fund FY 2022</i>				650,000.00
<i>for funding request</i>				1,135,000.00

Proposed Schedule of Rt Hon. Helen Clark				
Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact Person
Day 0 November 6 (Sunday)	3:35 PM (Melbourne) ²	Arrival of Rt. Hon Helen Clark	NAIA Terminal:	Note: Airport Committee for LO - MR Co-LO - AT
	4:55 PM (Brisbane)			
	5:05 PM (Sydney)			
	45 mins	Immigration, Quarantine, and Airport protocol	NAIA	
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner with PH-EITI Focal Person and Secretariat	Wolfgang Steakhouse / New Zealand Embassy / Hotel Restaurant / TBD	PD-EITI Secretariat NZ Embassy
	9:00 PM -	Travel from restaurant to hotel	Hotel: TBC	
Day 1 November 7 (Monday)	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Meeting with SBED / Huddle before the meeting with the President	at Casa Roces Malacanang Compound	
	10:00 AM - onwards	Courtesy call with the President With SOF or PH-EITI Focal Person //	Malacañang Manila	mro@malacanan.gov.ph Back channel: Presidential Management Staff (PMS) -thru- Dir. Ed Balauag, 0917 527 4566

² Connecting flight to Manila.

Proposed Schedule of Rt Hon. Helen Clark

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact Person
		Senate President House Speaker		ed.balauag@pms.gov.ph
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Travel time (Manila to Quezon City)		
	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch and Bilateral Meeting with NCIP Chair Capuyan	NCIP Quezon Avenue, Quezon City	chairperson.external@n cip.gov.ph
	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Travel time (Quezon City to Makati City)		
	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Visit to the New Zealand Embassy	Zuellig Building, Makati City	
	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Travel time (Makati City to Taguig City)		
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner and Bilateral Meeting with DOE Sec. Lotilla	Department of Energy Energy Center, Merritt Road Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City 1634 Metro Manila,	Ronald Conquilla (EA of Sec. Lotilla) rvconquilla@gmail.com

Proposed Schedule of Rt Hon. Helen Clark

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Contact Person
			Philippines.	
	9:00 PM - Onwards	Travel back to hotel		
Day 2 November 8 (Tuesday)	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	PH-EITI National Conference with a sideline meeting with DENR Sec. Loyzaga	TBA	PH-EITI Secretariat
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch with NatCon Participants		
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Intramuros Tour with BTr Shopping (optional)	Intramuros, Manila	
	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Preparations	Hotel	
	5:00 PM - Onwards	Pre-departure preparations	NAIA	
	9:10 PM (Melbourne) ³ 10:45 PM (Sydney)	Flight back to Oakland	NAIA	

³Connecting flight to Oakland.