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# Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative 86TH MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING

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# **Attendees**

Government	
1. Usec. Carlos Primo David	Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
2. Dir. Ma. Pamela Quizon	Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF)
3. Dir. Agustus Cesar Navarro	Department of Energy (DOE)
4. Engr. Romualdo Aguilos	Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB)
5. Ms. Diory Car	DENR-MGB
6. Mr. Reymark Tablanza	Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
7. Ms. Maricor Cauton	Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)

Industry	
1. Atty. Ronald Rex Recidoro	Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP)
2. Atty. Francis Ballesteros Jr.	Philex Mining Corporation
3. Atty. Odette Javier	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co.

Civil Society	
1. Ms. Beverly Besmanos	Bantay Kita - Publish What You Pay Philippines (BK-PWYP)
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. Mr. Glenn Pajares	Sectoral Transparency Alliance on Natural Resource Governance in Cebu, Inc.
6. Ms. Arlene Sevilla	Assembly of Masses and Basic Sectors for Unity and Harmony – Initiatives for Normalization and Advancement for Human Security (AMBUH-INAH)

# **EITI International Secretariat and Open Ownership**

- 1. Atty. Brenda Jay Angeles-Mendoza
- 2. Atty. Emily Manuel

# PH-EITI Secretariat

- 3. Engr. Joshua Miguel Lopez
- 4. Ms. Mary Ann Rodolfo
- 5. Mr. Albert San Diego
- 6. Ms. Rhea Mae Bagacay
- 7. Mr. Job Besmonte
- 8. Ms. Rhoda Aranco
- 9. Ms. Andrea Denise Samson

10. Ms. Mary Nicole Hilario
11. Mr. Amiel De Guzman
12. Mr. Ricardo Evora

# **Agenda**

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# **Proceedings**

#### I. Call to order

Dir. Agustus Cesar Navarro of the Department of Energy (DOE) chaired the meeting. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 8:48 AM.

# II. Introduction of new Bantay Kita National Coordinator

The Chair introduced to the MSG the new Bantay Kita National Coordinator, Ms. Beverly Besmanos.

# III. Approval of the agenda of the 86th meeting

The Chair sought the approval of the agenda.

A government representative moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded, and the agenda was approved.

# IV. Approval of the minutes of the 85th meeting

The Secretariat gave the members more time to peruse the minutes of the 85th meeting and send comments or corrections, if any. If no comment is received, the minutes will be deemed approved. A representative of civil society moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded, and the agenda was approved.

# V. Matters arising from previous meetings

	ITEM	ACTION	IN-CHARGE	STATUS	REMARKS
		From the 85th MSG Mee	eting - May 12, 20	23	
85.1		The Secretariat to circulate updates on the matters arising from the previous MSG meeting that are not yet completed.	Secretariat	Completed	
85.2	FY 2021 Report	The Secretariat to send to COMP the list of non-compliant mining companies that are members of the chamber.	Secretariat	Completed	
85.3	FY 2021 Report	The Implementation Committee to convene and discuss the outline and theme of the 2021 report.	Secretariat	Completed	
85.4	MSG Membership	ULAP to initiate the issuance of a resolution from LGUs hosting extractive operations that acknowledges the union as their official representative to the MSG.		Ongoing	
85.5	Beneficial Ownership	The Implementation Committee to convene and draft a resolution regarding BO and table the discussion for the next MSG meeting.	Implementation Committee / BO Consultant		
85.6	Internal Rules	The Secretariat to circulate the revised Internal Rules.	Secretariat	Completed	
85.7	IPILAN Nickel Corp	The Secretariat to include IPILAN Nickel Corp. issue in the agenda of the next GOC meeting.	Secretariat	Completed	

85.8	Committee Membership	The Secretariat to recirculate the committee membership to the MSG body for reference.	Secretariat	Completed		
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The complete record of MSG decisions and matters arising from meetings can be accessed at <a href="https://pheiti.dof.gov.ph/msg-decisions-and-matters-arising/">https://pheiti.dof.gov.ph/msg-decisions-and-matters-arising/</a>.

# VI. 2023 EITI Standards

As requested during the previous meeting, the secretariat presented a brief update on the 2023 EITI standards. The secretariat requested the International Secretariat to conduct an orientation for the MSG to present a comprehensive update on the standards, which will be scheduled September onwards. The 2023 EITI standards were updated to cover broadly thematic areas, which are:

- **Anti-corruption.** Which includes new provisions to enhance opportunities for countries and companies to use the EITI platform to identify and address corruption risks to the natural resource sector.
- Energy Transition. New provisions support disclosures and public debates on the
  impact of the energy transition by shedding light on relevant policies as well as
  the revenues that countries can expect to receive from their oil, gas, and
  minerals under different market scenarios. Included is the publication of resource
  and reserve estimates for the country. Also, some disclosures on the energy
  transition plots of the country.
- Gender, social, and environmental issues. To help ensure that natural resources are managed in the interest of all citizens, there are strengthened provisions on promoting greater diversity in decision-making and disclosures that consider gender, social, and environmental issues. A key update in the EITI standard is the explicit inclusion of free, prior informed consent (FPIC) as part of its disclosures. The secretariat mentioned that the Philippines is already advanced with that since it's already part of the law.
- Revenue collection. New and refined provisions require more comprehensive and detailed disclosures, which can help countries strengthen their tax base and raise revenues.

During the presentation, the Chair inquired whether the secretariat had been invited by EITI for discussions on energy transition. In response, the secretariat stated that they had not received any invitations. The Chair emphasized the importance of making a presentation about energy transition at the DOE due to the ongoing public discussions and debates in this domain. The Chair highlighted that active participation in these forums is essential to staying informed and up-to-date on matters related to energy transition.

#### VII. Main Business

#### 1. EO 147 amendments

The secretariat proceeded to the main business and presented the amendments to EO 147.

- a. **Beneficial Ownership.** The secretariat presented updates on beneficial ownership. The secretariat discussed that during the Implementation Committee Meeting on July 14, 2023, the following concerns/ questions were raised:
  - "Should extractive companies be required to execute a waiver with regard to data privacy issues?"
  - There should be more comprehensive discussions on BO with the IS and BO experts to identify the appropriate mechanism for BO transparency implementation.
  - There is a need for validation of the BO registry. We should come up with a list of red flags that will justify further investigation into BO disclosures by companies.
  - Coordinate with OE to help with BO workshops.
  - Coordinate with EITI International and review their mechanism for verifying beneficial ownership.
  - Tap non-financial professionals/community as other data sources to verify the data from companies.

The secretariat presented the proposed addition to EO 147, s. 2013, that was discussed during the GOC meeting on July 4, 2023:

"Section 10. Beneficial ownership (BO) transparency. The government, through the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), National Privacy Commission (NPC), PH-EITI, and other relevant offices, shall require the public disclosure of the legal and beneficial owners of all companies holding or applying for extractives licenses and contracts through the issuance of necessary administrative orders or circulars, containing appropriate sanctions or penalties for noncompliance.

In compliance with international commitments, the **PH-EITI** shall **create a transparency page** to publish BO disclosures. The **SEC**, **NPC**, and other relevant **agencies** shall be **required to submit BO information** to PH-EITI to accomplish this purpose: Provided, that the extent of disclosure of personal information of beneficial owners shall only include the **name of beneficial owner**, the **nationality**, **country of residence**, **category**, **and percentage of ownership**, as well as identifying any **politically exposed persons (PEP)**.

The **SEC** shall **require** publicly listed extractive companies, including wholly owned subsidiaries of companies listed on stock exchanges outside of the Philippines, to **disclose the name of the stock exchange filings where they are listed.** 

BO information disclosure shall be **in consonance with the prevailing data privacy laws and regulations** in the country."

As instructed to the Secretariat, EITI IS and Open Ownership were invited to address concerns of the MSG regarding the Beneficial Ownership (BO) provision.

A representative from the IS said that they do not intend to provide comments on the draft but instead provide some reminders from the perspective of the EITI International Secretariat, as well as their requirement on beneficial ownership and what the corrective actions are with respect to the validation and Requirement 2.5.

#### "Beneficial ownership (Reg 2.5) – corrective actions

• In accordance with Requirement 2.5 and to prepare for the second phase of Validation of Requirement 2.5 from January 2022 onwards, the Philippines is required to establish an enabling legal environment for the public disclosure of beneficial ownership information and to publicly

disclose the legal and beneficial owners of all companies **holding or applying** for extractive licenses and contracts.

- Information about the identity of the beneficial owner should include the name of the beneficial owner, the nationality, and the country of residence, as well as identifying any politically exposed persons, in accordance with Requirement 2.5.d.
- Publicly listed companies, including wholly-owned subsidiaries of companies listed on stock exchange outside of the Philippines, are required to disclose the name of the stock exchange and include a link to the stock exchange filings where they are listed, in accordance with Requirement 2.5.f.iii.
- The Philippines could **consider** expanding beneficial ownership disclosures to **other segments** of the extractive industries value chain, for instance from extractive-industry service providers.

# Systematic disclosures of extractive industry data

• Systematic disclosure of beneficial ownership information by the **SEC** is a clear opportunity to streamline transparency, if legislation is amended to enable the SEC to make its beneficial ownership register publicly available.

# *Industry engagement (p.17)*

- Tax information is confidential in the Philippines, but PH-EITI collects waivers from companies that enable the disclosure of information on revenues, as well as beneficial owners.
- The approach has helped overcome barriers to EITI reporting, but it makes disclosures reliant on companies' willingness to disclose data, as the government cannot make unilateral disclosures of tax or beneficial ownership data.
- For the mining sector, DENR has introduced an **administrative order** that compels companies to disclose information to the EITI or face sanctions.

# EITI Standard: Reliability of BO information (Reg. 2.5e)

• The MSG should assess any existing mechanisms for assuring the reliability of BO information and agree on an approach for corporate entities within the scope of Req. 2.5(c) to assure the accuracy of the BO information they provide.

• This could include requiring companies to (a) attest the BO declaration from through sign-off by senior management team or senior legal counsel, or (b) submit supporting documentation.

# EITI Standard: Access to BO information (Reg. 2.5a)

• Where BO information is already public available, the EITI Report should include guidance on how to access this information"

A representative from the industry and the Implementation Committee raised concerns on the implementation of the Beneficial Ownership information, verification, and validation. He suggested looking into the IS best practices and to identify the real purpose of BO implementation in the country. He stated that a registry is not the only way to do it. An alternative is to monitor "red flags" to motivate the investigation of a company, rather than collecting "useless" data.

The Chair agreed and stated that the real issue is in declaration. He also raised the concern of cross-jurisdiction and that it would cost a lot of money. He believes that BO is a good idea, but expensive and hard to implement.

A representative from the IS reiterated that the 2.5 standard requires a public register to be disclosed. If the publication of the current register is removed, then the Philippines will no longer be compliant because the SEC register is not yet set up. The IS is happy to foster further discussions in capacity building sessions to capacitate stakeholders in utilizing data. They are also eager to share more information in another forum. The representative also stated that ideally, there should be a feedback mechanism, so that the public can monitor discrepancies in data, for example.

An industry representative asserted that the SEC does not require disclosure of BO and it should be left at that because she believes that the security and privacy concerns outweigh the transparency concerns. With respect to transparency, BO should be disclosed on a case-to-case basis. If there really is a need for disclosure, it should be left to the regulators; EITI is just a transparency platform without police power.

The Chair stated that there should be more discussion at the committee level regarding the BO.

 Composition of the MSG - During the previous MSG meeting, there was discussion on the composition of the MSG particularly on the representation of ULAP as the official representative of the LGUs. The secretariat mentioned that ULAP has sent a position paper and board resolution that was requested from them, and asked ULAP to present the documents.

A representative from ULAP presented the documents to the MSG, they mentioned that the resolution provides why ULAP is the recognized representative of the local government unit to sit in the multi-stakeholder group of the PH-EITI. Subsequently, they proceeded to the presentation of the position paper wherein it was emphasized that there are two legal bases which allows ULAP to sit as part of the PH-EITI MSG.

#### Executive Order No. 79, s. 2012

INSTITUTIONALIZING AND IMPLEMENTING REFORMS IN THE PHILIPPINE
MINING SECTOR PROVIDING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES TO ENSURE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESPONSIBLE MINING IN THE
UTILIZATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Section 9 of Executive Order No. 79, issued in 2012, which establishes the Mining Industry Coordinating Council (MICC) in lieu of the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Economic Development Cabinet Clusters, definitively and unambiguously designates the National President of ULAP as a Member of the Council, acknowledging its mandate as the league of all leagues of local government units (LGUs) and local government officials.

In fact, the membership of ULAP in the PH-EITI MSG is a direct result of its involvement with the MICC.

The ULAP representative mentioned that the ULAP participation in the MICC has granted it a platform to engage with policy making and decision-making processes related to mining. Highlighting that, as a natural progression, ULAPs membership in the PH-EITI MSG stems from this role in the MICC, demonstrating their commitment to transparency and accountability within the extractive industries.

They proceeded to Executive Order No. 351, s. 2004

# Executive Order 351, s. 2004

RECOGNIZING THE UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES
(ULAP) AS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF ALL THE LEAGUES OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AND LEAGUES AND FEDERATIONS OF
LOCAL ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS

Executive Order 351, issued in 2004, acknowledges the ULAP as the overarching entity representing all the associations of LGUs as well as leagues and federations of local elected and appointed officials in the Philippines. This recognition establishes ULAP's role as the coordinating organization for these entities within the local government structure.

They further emphasized that those recognitions establish ULAP's role as coordinating organization for the LGUs. In conclusion the ULAP representative hoped that the documents they provided can be sufficient legal basis and solidifies their position as representative of the local government units, particularly those hosting mining activities to represent them in the PH-EITI MSG.

The Chair asked the MSG to clarify the issue of ULAP membership, whether they should be classified as a government entity, a private organization, or an NGO, or more of classification.

In response, the ULAP representative said that ULAP is a non-government entity but they have a quasi government function, because members of their board are in the local government. And part of its function is primarily government related and they sit as members of various technical working groups, councils and boards to represent the local government units.

A representative from the Civil Society clarified that the issue is not about the membership but the problem to be resolved is to what constituency should ULAP belong.

ULAP responded that they represent the local government units.

Representatives from the Civil Society expressed that if ULAP has presented documents which solidify their representation of the LGUs to the MSG, then they have fulfilled necessary requirements.

A representative from the Civil Society asked that since ULAP represents LGUs, barangays, municipalities, and provinces, if conflicts arise between the constituencies, where do ULAP stand?

In response, ULAP as an umbrella organization in cases of dispute of leagues arranges negotiations and dialogues with parties involved. In such instances when both parties are unable to reach a compromise, that's when the authorities get involved.

ULAP further discussed their process in addressing the issues in the LGUs.

The MSG agreed to include ULAP in the government constituency representing LGUs, for adoption in the EO147 amendments.

#### 2. Stakeholder Engagement

# a. Progress updates

The secretariat gave a brief progress update on Stakeholder Engagement, the secretariat convened a meeting with the Civil Society representatives on August 8, 2023 to discuss action points for requirement 1.3 in the corrective actions. During the meeting the following action points were agreed to be included in the existing work plan.

**Establishment of Grievance Mechanism** was referred to the Governance Oversight Committee (GOC) for piloting in the 85th MSG meeting last May 12, 2023. During the meeting the following improvements to be included in the work plan were requested by the civil society:

- a. Clearly defining the objectives and remedies that can be given by the grievance committee so as to manage expectations on PH-EITI. This could involve: capturing narratives from impacted sectors to inform EITI reporting; providing a platform for restorative approaches to grievance resolution; and providing inputs leading to the development of policy recommendations.
- b. The establishment of complaint desks to accommodate stakeholders with no internet access.
- c. Opening of grievance process to multiple language options.
- d. Possible support for cases that might require legal assistance.

The secretariat also gave updates on the grievance cases received.

The Secretariat requested that the MSG to approve this action point as part of the Work Plan.

Establishment of a TWG to Develop a Protocol to Address Redtagging in Mining Communities. The secretariat has already taken preliminary discussions with PNP and DND regarding the protocol to address redtagging in mining communities. Both have confirmed interest to work on a protocol, but requested an initial proposal from PH-EITI. The PH-EITI Secretariat has also opened a conversation with the Legal Rights and Natural Resource Center (LRC), a member organization of BK, for the possibility of technical support in developing the said protocol. LRC registered interest to support the initiative, but will work through BK. The civil society constituency also registered support for the initiative, but noted that this process should be started with a trust-building process. The civil society recommended the following:

- Inclusion of the PNP and AFP in PH-EITI events, on a case-by-case basis, to facilitate trust-building
- Creation of a "TWG to Address Resource Conflicts" that will take charge of developing the protocols addressing redtagging. AFP, PNP, and CHR shall be invited to be part of said TWG.

The Secretariat requested the MSG to:

- (1) include this action point as part of the Work Plan to address redtagging concerns stated in the 2021 Validation Report.
- (2) delegate this item to the appropriate committee for further deliberation.

#### Issuance of a Selection Process for CSO Representation in Mining Local Special Bodies.

- BK submitted a draft CSO selection process to the PH-EITI Secretariat.
- In a meeting with Sec. Yulo of DENR, PH-EITI inquired of the DENR's openness to adopt the CSO selection process, once such issuance is developed and endorsed by the MSG. Sec. Yulo registered her interest.
- The civil society constituency agreed on the following working timeline for the development of CSO selection process:
  - Aug Submission of draft issuance to committee where this item will be endorsed.
  - Sept-Oct Development of issuance; opening to consultations
  - Oct-Dec Submission of draft issuance to DENR

The Secretariat hereby requests the MSG to:

- 1. Include this action point as part of the Work Plan to address concerns on obstacles to civil society participation at the subnational level, as stated in the 2021 Validation Report.
- 2. Delegate this item to the appropriate committee for further deliberation.

#### Inclusion of Labor Sector in EITI Process

- The civil society raised the need to facilitate the inclusion of the labor sector in the EITI process,
- The PH-EITI Secretariat has explored labor groups that can be tapped for inclusion. One such network, the Network of Mining Unions & Workers' Representatives, a formation convened by ILO to push for just transition in mining communities, has registered interest.

The Secretariat hereby requests the MSG to:

- (1) Include this action point as part of the Work Plan to address concerns on the openness of civic space, as stated in the 2021 Validation Report.
- (2) delegate this item to the appropriate committee for further deliberation.

# **Conduct of Participatory Resource Governance Workshops**

 The civil society constituency proposed conducting virtual training sessions on Mining Governance for various barangays, municipalities, or provinces. This approach will also serve as an avenue to introduce PH-EITI at the grassroots level.

The Secretariat hereby requests the MSG to:

- (1) include this action point as part of the Work Plan.
- (2) delegate this item to the appropriate committee for further deliberation.

# b. SE Committee Chairpersonship / Vice Chairpersonship

In the MSG Resolution No. 4, Series of 2022, it was stated that the DILG is the chair of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee.

The secretariat proposed a shift in chairperson / vice chairpersonship, as DILG faces constraints in attending meetings due to demanding schedules.

The chair asked the secretariat to flash members of the committee and instructed the secretariat to check with Dir. Anna if she can delegate the chairpersonship, otherwise it should be discussed with the committee members.

# c. Stocktaking of Actions to address civic space concerns

# 3. Creation of TWG for PH-EITI 10th Anniversary

The secretariat requested the creation of TWG to oversee the implementation of activities for celebrating the 10th anniversary of PH-EITI both the roadshow and then the national conference. The secretariat presented proposed plans for the roadshow and National Conference.

The chair instructed the secretariat to put dates on the event since it's already fast approaching, and mentioned that it should be presented to the Stakeholder Engagement Committee. The secretariat responded that since there's an issue convening the SEC, creation of a TWG would be more feasible. The secretariat then proceeded to outline the program for the National Conference. However, a civil society representative expressed concerns about the suggested awards night as part of the event. In response, the secretariat explained that due to the sensitive nature of the awards night, these concerns would be addressed once the TWG is established.

# 4. Recomposition of MSG Committee Membership

The secretariat proposed that committee's should atleast have 2 representatives from each constituency, this approach aims to ensure that meetings can proceed in the absence of 1 member. A civil society representative recommended re-signing up. The secretariat is tasked to re-send committee membership form to the MSG.

# VIII. Other Matters

# 1. FY 2021 Country Report

The secretariat gave updates on the production of the FY 2021 Country Report. During the second Implementation Committee meeting held on **July 14, 2023**, the secretariat presented the outline and theme for the report.

An industry representative suggested including a subsection in the Reconciliation chapter,

explaining and reconciling the differences in reported data from PH-EITI, and MGB and DOE. The Chair agreed.

#### 2. Endorsement to Committees

The secretariat endorsed to the MSG the following proposed projects for inclusion in the work plan:

#### Subnationalization

Policy imperatives (From PDP 2023-2028)

- Develop value-adding activities and downstream industries of the mining sector
- Implement appropriate tax regime for extractive industries and pollution
- Design participatory governance
- Enhance ecosystem resilience

# Strategic context

- Continuing concerns over LGU and community's fair share of wealth from extractive industries
- Concerns on shrinking civic space and community involvement in the extractives value chain
- Concerns on environmental degradation due to unregulated mining
- Limited participation of non-metallic mines, artisanal and small-scale mining, and quarrying in EITI processes
- Cumbersome processes of data reporting and utilization

# 4 workstreams of subnationalization:

- Extractives policy reform
- Empowering local special bodies
- Expanding civic participation and sectoral inclusion
- Grievance mechanism

#### Updates:

- The PH-EITI submitted the Subnationalizing Extractives Transparency Ushering Participatory Governance (SET-UP-GO) as a commitment to the PH-OGP 6th National Action Plan (NAP).
- Draft process for selection of CSO organization representatives in the MMT and MRFC.

# PH-EITI Digitalization

Consultation and discussion with relevant departments, offices, agencies and MSG

- 1. Introduced digitalization to MSG Implementation Committee.
- 2. Discussed with development partners such as USAID for possible support/collaboration.
- 3. DOF-CMIO committed to support the in-house system development of the platform.
- 4. Discussion with DENR Sec. Yulo-Loyzaga
  - a. DENR to facilitate the creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) to determine project timeline, communications, and deliverables.
  - b. Craft Memorandum of Agreement between relevant agencies.

# PH-EITI Energy Transition

#### Progress:

- 1. Workshop: Energy Transition, Contracts and Fiscal System for Oil and Gas by Dr. Pedro van Meurs on 07/10-13/2023
- 2. Pre-work on Critical Mineral Energy: Gathering of critical mineral roadmaps on Nickel, Chromite, Cobalt and Copper (based from the DTI's record)
- Collaborative efforts with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) 17/18/2023
  - For approval and sending: letter requesting for consultant on the Energy Transition
  - b. Concept Note on Energy Transition
- 4. Accelerating Renewable Energy: Challenges and Opportunities on 08/22/2023
  - a. Draft of Masterslides

# Ways forward

- 1. Round-table discussions and consultations (Aug-Sep 2023)
- 2. Partnership in the PH-EITI Roadshows (Oct 2023)
- 3. Partnership in FORGE PH (Nov 2023)
- 4. Development of the Extractive Industry Energy Transition Roadmap (Q3-Q4 2023)
- 5. Technical assistance in climate and energy reporting (continuing)
- 6. Technical assistance in embedding Just Energy Transition (JET) in PH-EITI processes (continuing).

An industry representative raised concerns about the MSG not being discussed and consulted on activities, programs and plans relating to subnationalization and energy

transition.

The Chair suggested to the Secretariat to create an inventory of issues or items presented in NatCon so the MSG can prioritize.

# IX. Setting of the next meetings

The Secretariat presented the following schedule for the next MSG meetings and activities:

September 15, 2023	Special MSG Meeting
November 28, 2023	87th meeting
November 28-30, 2023	ETW and FORGE PH
December 15, 2023	MSG Christmas Party

# X. Summary of Agreements

Agreements	In-Charge	Timeline
The MSG has agreed to include ULAP in the government constituency as representative of LGUs, for adoption in the EO147 amendments.	agreement	
The Secretariat is instructed to include in the subnational program the discussions on conflict resolution between different LGU levels.		
The Secretariat to support capacity building initiatives on mining governance as part of the subnationalization program.		
The MSG has agreed to refer the discussion on beneficial ownership (BO) to the Implementation Committee (IC).	agreement	
The MSG has agreed to update the work plan to address corrective actions to Requirement 1.3.	agreement	
The Secretariat has been instructed that a timeline be incorporated into the upcoming tasks for the 2023 roadshow.		

The Secretariat to consult the Chair and Vice Chair of the Stakeholder Engagement (SE) Committee about the plans for the 10th PH-EITI Anniversary.		
The Secretariat to prepare the parameters for the Recognition Ceremony of the National Conference.		
The Secretariat is instructed to circulate a new signup form for committee membership.	agreement	
In the reconciliation chapter of the FY2021 report, the Secretariat is instructed to include an explanation about the difference of data from PH-EITI and MGB/DOE.		
The Secretariat is instructed to submit the draft of the FY2021 country report by the second week of September 2023.		
The Secretariat to prepare an inventory of issues vb in previous stakeholder activities, and identify which issues still need addressing. The Secretariat is instructed to circulate such a list to the MSG.		

# XI. Adjournment

With no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm.