

Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
91st MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP (MSG) MEETING
28 June 2024, Friday | 9:00 AM - 12:00 NN | Google Meet

MINUTES OF MEETING

Attendees:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Engr. Romualdo Aguilos	Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)
Mr. Agustus Cesar A. Navarro	Department of Energy (DOE)
Mr. Julius Tabucao	DOE
Mr. Reymark Tablanza	Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
Ms. Maricor Ann D.G. Cauton	Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)
Atty. Ronald Rex S. Recidoro	Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP)
Atty. Odette A. Javier	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co.
Atty. Joan Adaci-Cattiling	OceanaGold Philippines, Inc.
Atty. Francis Joseph G. Ballesteros, Jr.	Philex Mining Corporation
Ms. Beverly Besmanos	Bantay Kita
Mr. Chito Trillanes	Social Action Center—Ecology Desk, Diocese of Tandag, Surigao del Sur
Mr. Glenn G. Pajares	Sectoral Transparency Alliance on Natural Resource Governance in Cebu, Inc.
Ms. Ladylyn Mangada	University of the Philippines Tacloban
Ms. Arlene Sevilla	Tawi-Tawi Regional Agricultural College
	Assembly of Masses and Basic Sectors for Unity and Harmony - Initiatives for Normalization and Advancement for Human Security (AMBUH-INAH)
	Tawi-Tawi Alliance of Civil Society Organizations, Inc. (TACOS)
Ms. Mary Ann D. Rodolfo	PH-EITI Secretariat
Ms. Mary Nicole M. Hilario	PH-EITI Secretariat
Mr. Albert A. San Diego	PH-EITI Secretariat

Ms. Rhea B. Pamatmat	PH-EITI Secretariat
Ms. Rhoda H. Aranco	PH-EITI Secretariat
Ms. Andrea Denise B. Samson	PH-EITI Secretariat
Mr. Amiel De Guzman	PH-EITI Secretariat
Mr. Job G. Besmonte	PH-EITI Secretariat
Mr. Mark Ernest Famatigan	PH-EITI Secretariat
Ms. Aliyah Mae Gozon	PH-EITI Secretariat

Agenda:

- I. Call to order**
- II. Approval of the agenda of the 91st MSG meeting**
- III. Approval of the minutes of the 90th MSG meeting**
- IV. Matters arising from previous meetings**
- V. Main Business**
 - 1. Updates on the 9th & 10th PH-EITI Report
 - 2. Online Reporting in the Extractives (ORE) Tool Revamp
 - 3. 2024 PH-EITI Regional Roadshow
- VI. Other matters**
 - 1. 2024 PH-EITI Regional Roadshow
 - 2. Stakeholder Engagement Committee Membership
 - 3. Highlights of the 60th EITI Board Meeting and Targeted Assessment Update
 - 4. July 2024 Calendar of Activities
- VII. Summary of Agreements**
- VIII. Setting of the Next Meeting**

Proceedings:

I. Call to order

Engr. Romualdo Aguilos of MGB chaired the meeting. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

II. Approval of the agenda of the 91st MSG meeting

The Chair asked the members if there were any items they wished to include in the agenda. Members of the MSG did not comment on the agenda. A representative of ULAP moved to approve the agenda. A civil society organization (CSO) representative seconded the motion. With no objections, the motion is approved.

III. Approval of the minutes of the 90th MSG meeting

The Chair asked whether the Secretariat had already circulated the draft of the 90th MSG meeting minutes for comments. The Secretariat said that the draft minutes had only been sent the night before.

The Chair asked the body if they agree on giving comments within a week. Several representatives agreed, and with no contentions, they moved on to the next agenda.

IV. Matters arising from previous meetings

	AGREEMENTS	IN- CHARGE	STATUS
90.1	The MSG recommended considering a more effective format for Extractives Transparency Week (ETW), such as allocating more time for resource speakers and covering fewer topics, with a focus on discussing local concerns.	Secretariat	Ongoing

90.2	The MSG agreed to reconcile statistics and definitions of terms with MGB on the count for companies identified for FY 2022 Reporting.	Secretariat	Completed
90.3	The Secretariat to update the MSG on the number of legs for the regional roadshow once the funding source is finalized.	Secretariat	Ongoing
90.4	The MSG agreed to explore the possibility of integrating PH-EITI-related activities to the IEC budget of companies under the SDMP. The Secretariat to conduct discussions with DENR-MGB and COMP.	MSG and Secretariat	Completed
90.5	The MSG approved the logical framework for subnational implementation of EITI in the Philippines. The Secretariat to implement using the framework as basis.	Secretariat	Ongoing
90.6	The MSG agreed to hold onboarding activities for future MSG members.	MSG and Secretariat	Ongoing
90.7	The MSG agreed to gather feedback from CSOs to increase participation in future MSG conferences and PH-EITI activities.	Secretariat	Ongoing
90.8	The GOC to convene, discuss and refine the Feedback Mechanism guidelines, including the initiation and	GOC and Secretariat	Ongoing

	closure of cases.		
90.9	The Secretariat to discuss with the IA the possibility of engaging with another accountant to work on the FY2021 report.	IA and Secretariat	Completed
90.10	The MSG to wait for the ULAP Board decision on SEC chairmanship.	MSG and Secretariat	Ongoing

The Secretariat discussed the matters arising from the 90th MSG meeting held last May 23, 2024.

90.4. The Secretariat explained that they had met with the MGB, its Mine Safety, Environment, and Social Development Division (MSEDD), and COMP. The Secretariat said that the PH-EITI has two options:

- a. Ask the MGB Director to allow companies to charge contributions to EITI from their Information, Education and Communication (IEC) budget of companies.
 - i. The caveat: Amendments to the Social, Development and Management Program (SDMP) can be bureaucratic since companies would have to ensure that the PH-EITI activities qualify as an SDMP activity.
- b. Ask the National Unified Information, Education, and Communication Program (NUIECP) to help PH-EITI's activities.
 - i. The caveat: Since it's already the middle of the year, COMP, which heads the NUIECP, is unsure whether there are funds left for the remainder of the year.

The Secretariat said that the latter option will likely be more suitable for next year.

90.5. The Secretariat reiterated that the framework was already approved.

90.7. The Secretariat said that they have yet to approach the civil society members of the MSG regarding this. A CSO representative assured the Secretariat that it was alright.

90.8. The Secretariat said that a referendum has already been drafted and that the Governance and Oversight Committee (GOC) has an upcoming meeting within the next few days or the second week of July to discuss the finalization of revisions to the feedback mechanism.

90.9. The Secretariat had already discussed the possibility of engaging an Independent Administrator (IA) who can help finish updates to the FY2021 reconciliation report. They clarified that the Secretariat's data team took over and already finished the report, and that a member of the data team will give updates later in the meeting.

The Chair thanks the Secretariat for the updates. He proceeds with the main business.

V. Main Business

1. Updates on the 9th & 10th PH-EITI Report

A member of the Secretariat mentioned that copies of the draft of the Reconciliation Report of the 9th PH-EITI report have been linked in the discussion reference, which have already circulated to members of the MSG. The Secretariat added that the report was still subject to change depending on formatting and layout.

The Secretariat said that the main chapter of the PH-EITI report is now 186 pages long, down from 496 pages. In the updated chapter, there are now seven figures and 43 tables, from the original zero figures and 54 tables.

Of the 11 tables removed from the chapter, three tables from the original draft were also transferred to the annexes since the information was already summarized elsewhere in the chapter or not needed, while the other eight tables were removed due to redundancy or unverifiable data.

A table of identified projects and companies for the FY 2022 Reporting was also presented:

	Projects	Contract Holders	Operators
Metallic	56	51	21
Non-metallic	59	38	2
Oil and gas	5	5	0
Coal	1	1	0
Total	121	95	23

She mentioned that Semirara is the only project and contract holder that the MGB and DOE identified for coal. The Secretariat continued to read the number of entities for each targeted project that they were able to contact regarding FY 2022 reporting:

Who will report	Unique Project Count
Contract Holder	77
Operator	9
Both	2
To participate next year	1
Non-participating	26
Operator - no response	2
Contract Holder - no response	7
TOTAL	123

The Secretariat explained that the Unique Project Count total is 123 because two projects have three different operators, and for both projects, one out of three operators is non-participating. These two projects and the respective non-participating operators are identified as:

- MPSA No. 233-2007-XIII (SMR) - Alnor Nac's Construction and Development Corporation
- MPSA No. 292-2009-VIII-Amended A - Pacific Prime Metals Resources, Inc.

The Secretariat proceeded to present summary statistics of the FY 2022 Report Tracker for Projects/Companies as of June 26. They noted that the total count of the tracker is 127 because: [1] Two projects have both contract holders and operators reporting (MPSA No. 017-93-IV as Amended 2000 an MPSA No. 197-2004-XI (Amended)) and [2] Two projects have three operators (MPSA No. 197-2004-XI (Amended) and MPSA No. 292-2009-VIII-Amended A).

ORE Nominations for DCOs and ARs

	TOTAL	Metallic	Non-met	Oil & Gas	Coal
Accomplished	95	46	46	3	0
For verification	6	5	1	0	0
Not participating	3	0	1	1	1
Not yet	23	11	11	1	0
TOTAL	127	62	59	5	1

Submission of BIR Taxpayer's Waiver and Sec. Cert.

	TOTAL	Metallic	Non-met	Oil & Gas	Coal
Yes	46	26	19	1	0
Not yet	75	32	38	4	1
BIR Waiver only	3	3	0	0	0
Advance copy	3	1	2	0	0
TOTAL	127	62	59	5	1

A CSO representative asks whether Semirara Mining and Power Corporation is already reporting to PH-EITI. The Secretariat replied that their coal sector will not participate, but their non-metallic sector will.

A government representative said that the reason that their agency does not encourage Semirara's coal sector to report to PH-EITI is because the latter already gets its data from the DOE. Nonetheless, they still intend to encourage Semirara to participate by the next meeting or quarter, since they already sent representatives from the limestone-side of Semirara.

The Secretariat thanks the representative for clarifying. The Secretariat mentioned that they gave options for the companies to comply either through the ORE Tool or through offline forms.

Accomplishments of reporting templates (ORE or offline forms)

	TOTAL	Metallic	Non-met	Oil & Gas	Coal
Validated and submitted	8	6	2	0	0
Ready for validation	2	0	2	0	0
Data entry in progress	46	26	19	1	0
No data entry / offline submission yet	66	29	33	3	1
Offline entries in progress	5	1	3	1	0
TOTAL	127	62	59	5	1

The Secretariat then presented the status of government agencies who participated:

Reporting NGAs as of June 26, 2024

Government agency	Request Letter	Acknowledged	Data submission
BOC	Sent	Yes	Submitted
DOE	Sent	Yes	Submitted
MGB	Sent	Yes	Submitted*
DBM	Sent	Yes	Submitted
NCIP	Sent	Yes	Not yet
PMDC	Sent	Yes	Not yet
PPA	Sent	No	Not yet
BLGF	Sent	Yes	Submitted
BIR	For sending of 1st batch of waivers on July 1 (Monday)		

The Chair asked the body if there were any comments. The Chair was the first to inquire, asking why MGB had an asterisk. The Secretariat reminded the Chair that they are currently reviewing whether specific items under mandatory expenditures have to be included.

A CSO representative noticed that for the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), the message was sent but not acknowledged. She asked whether PH-EITI has a contact in the PPA. The Secretariat replied that communications with the PPA have always been through email. The CSO representative said that aside from the official communications, there should be an informal way of following up.

The Chair noticed there were 46 projects/companies that had already submitted the BIR Taxpayer's Waiver and Secretary Certificate, compared to 26 who had yet to submit [sic]. The table shows 46 who submitted against 75 who have yet to submit. He asked the reason why there are projects/companies who have yet to submit their waivers and SEC Certification. The Secretariat said that some companies explained that the directors are not available to call for a board meeting for the secretary certificate.

A CSO representative sought clarification on the appropriate use of the terms "non-reporting" or "non-participating". The Secretariat said that, at least for their understanding, when a company is non-reporting, it is already counted as

non-participating for the year's reporting cycle.

The same CSO representative asked whether there are any repercussions for those who are not participating in the country report. The Chair reiterated that on part of the MGB, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order 2017-07 is still in effect. Under DAO 2017-07, mining companies are presented with a show cause letter where they are ordered to explain why they are not able to comply with the EITI. The MGB can hold the company's Ore Transport Permit (OTP).

The same CSO representative asked the Secretariat if the said penalty is included in the notice or if companies that are invited to submit the report are informed. The Secretariat said that it is included in all invitations to mining companies.

A CSO representative asked if there was an increase in participation and reporting to EITI. The Secretariat said that there is a figure for company/project participation in the reconciliation chapter of the report.

An industry representative noticed that there were 11 metallic mines who have not yet accomplished their disclosures in the ORE Tool. He asked the Secretariat to flag the 11 companies so that they would be able to identify if any of the companies were part of COMP, and the companies will be followed-up. The Secretariat said that there is already a letter ready to be sent to COMP to request for assistance.

The same industry representative asked whether the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Taxpayer Waiver is the same document, saying that they are allowing publication. The Secretariat said that they are different waivers, and as of the moment, there are two companies that are "incomplete". When asked to elaborate, the Secretariat said that the two companies were able to submit the Taxpayer Waiver, but weren't able to submit the secretary's certificate.

A government representative asked to revisit the earlier concern regarding non-reporting and non-participating companies. He sought clarification regarding companies that report to the DOE, and asked whether a company reporting through the DOE is considered non-reporting or non-participating.

The Secretariat said that the non-reporting and non-participating classifications only apply to companies reporting EITI and not necessarily to companies reporting to DOE. For instance, if a company disclosed to DOE but not to EITI, they would be considered non-participating to EITI.

The same government representative pointed out that this is an issue with them, since the company disclosures to the DOE are being audited by the same. It makes it appear as if the DOE's audit is insufficient. He also said that another issue is that the BIR does not require the submission of a waiver, but EITI made the waiver a requirement.

Responding to the first issue, the Chair said that such a scenario is the same with the MGB (i.e., companies disclose to MGB but also disclose to EITI), yet this is no issue to them because the data has to be reconciled. He also said that the waiver is necessary so that the BIR can look into the revenues paid to the government, which is a prerequisite to the reconciliation process. He added, “di naman pwede i-divulge basta ng BIR yung kanilang revenue.”

The government representative replied that it was as if the waivers were mandatory. He asked the body what is the basis for forcing companies to comply when the BIR itself did not make the waivers mandatory.

The Secretariat said that the reason why the BIR Tax Waivers are required is because there is a clause in the Tax Code that prohibits divulging taxpayer data. The Waiver is there so that the BIR can give PH-EITI the data. It is BIR's requirement for the PH-EITI.

The government representative asked why the waiver was a requirement.

An industry representative explained that mining companies are not compelled, but they are encouraged. He said that nobody is forced to submit the waiver, but they talk to the companies and inform them of the pros and cons of submitting the waiver. He also said that EITI compliance can be an incentive to mining companies, which is why they allow the BIR to give their data to EITI. He added that the waiver is only limited to that.

The government representative noted what the industry representative said.

2. Online Reporting in the Extractives (ORE) Tool Revamp

The Secretariat said that they have been working towards revamping the ORE Tool. This was because of the issues that surfaced with the current platform. Based on the consultation with the DOF Central Management Information Office (CMIO), the issues stem from the system being updated. The Secretariat explained that the ORE Tool was outsourced with a consultant back in 2018 or 2019, then the maintenance was eventually transferred to the DOF CMIO. The DOF CMIO recommended that the ORE Tool be resolved of all its bugs and issues.

The Secretariat went on to describe the issues of the ORE Tool, to wit:

- **Tediousness**
 - Reporting entities with two or more projects need to create separate ORE profiles for each project, with each profile having the same set of forms.
 - Given that some of the required data are not available on a per project basis (only on a per company basis), users are confused on how to properly fill out the forms. Some companies were unable to fully participate in PH EITI reporting due to this issue.
- **Extracting data**
 - Extracted data from the ORE tool is disorganized and requires further data cleaning, which delays Reconciliation work.
 - ORE tool data cannot be extracted into Excel format on a per-company basis.
- **Outdated system**
 - The outdated and different build of the ORE tool presents a significant obstacle for the CMIO as it hampers their ability to make necessary system updates, fix bugs, and provide additional enhancements to the user interface and performance.
- **Data Loss**
 - File attachments of reporting entities were not registered in the storage drive of the ORE tool.
 - There is no autosave feature when entering data.

- Incidences of sudden system shutdown
- **Malfunctioning**
 - Unresponsive buttons like the “Export to PDF” option for users
 - The user interface is often stuttering or lagging.
 - ORE Tool login - “Forgot Password” is not working
 - Reports of inaccessible forms despite having user access permission
- **Limited Features**
 - Limited features and flexibility to create and modify forms for admin users.
 - There is no option for multiple file downloads of the attachments of reporting entities.
 - There is a limited file size for uploading documents.
 - Reporting entities are unable to view their attached files.

The Secretariat said that the proposed ORE Tool v2.0 hopes to resolve all bugs and issues of the current tool. From the slides:

- **New System**
 - The new system will resolve all the existing bugs and issues in the current tool. It will help fast track the reporting, simplify the workflow, and avoid sudden data loss. This will also ease maintenance and system enhancement in the future.
- **Form Restructure**
 - Restructuring will address the tediousness of filling up the forms. The administrators will have more freedom in modifying the forms suitable for each reporting group. It will also help to provide more organized data extraction.

The Secretariat presented the timeline for the ORE Tool v2.0.

Activity	Period
MSG Approval	2nd Quarter 2024
Initial project start	3rd Quarter 2024
Estimate project completion	4th Quarter 2024
Pilot test and roll-out	1st Quarter 2025

They clarified, however, that it appears that the MSG approval will reach the 3rd Quarter 2024 instead of the 2nd Quarter 2024, since it would still have to be discussed at the MSG's Implementation Committee (IC).

The Chair thanked the Secretariat for presenting details regarding the new ORE Tool. He concurred with the points, citing that some companies have been complaining due to the duplication (even triplication) of forms.

The Chair asked if PH-EITI has the budget for revamping the ORE Tool. The Secretariat said that since the effort is in-house, it will be under the budget of the DOF CMIO.

An industry representative suggested that the ORE Tool could have a public interface so that the data could be accessible to the public via phone. He said that if the ORE Tool is the back-end where the data is inputted, there should also be a front-end.

The Chair said that what the industry representative was describing may be PH-EITI's target for mainstreaming. However, this goal might take a while to achieve due to the limitations of the current portal. He asked the Secretariat whether this was correct, and the Secretariat concurred.

The Secretariat said that options on what the ORE Tool could look like can be discussed in the IC. One of which is the option to use the data gathered from the audit report of DOE to be reconciled with the company's external auditor. To add to that, it has to be discussed with the IC first to consider cost-effectiveness.

A CSO representative agreed that the revamped ORE Tool can be helpful with mainstreaming. She asked to include it in the targets of the PH-EITI's subnationalization program. She suggested that one or two Local Government Units (LGUs) can pilot the usage of the portal and that the portal's link be included in the LGU website so that they would have a sense of ownership to PH-EITI's efforts.

The Secretariat said that this is Item #1 of the Subnationalizing Extractives Transparency - Ushering Participatory Governance (SET-UP-GO) project of the PH-EITI.

An industry representative recalled the previous discussion on reconciling data from projects/companies that coordinate with DOE. He said that while it is expected to be

0%, data disclosures are still important because other agencies have to be involved. This is so data can be reconciled with agencies such as the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and BIR, among others.

3. 2024 PH-EITI Regional Roadshows

The Secretariat said that one of the agreements discussed in the previous MSG meeting is an update on the number of legs of the regional roadshow. From seven legs, the PH-EITI Secretariat now proposes three—one in each island region.

Cluster	Regions Covered	Venue	No. pax	Proposed Dates
Luzon	I, CAR	Baguio	200	August 7-9
Visayas	VII	Cebu	200	August 27-29
Mindanao	X	Surigao	200	September 18-20

Aside from the regional roadshow, there will also be four minor events, which are Stakeholder Consultations & Community Visits.

Venue	No. pax	Proposed Dates
Zambales	75	August 12-13
Palawan	75	September 4-5
Butuan	75	September 23-24
Bicol Region`	75	October 3-4

The Secretariat explained that due to logistics and a limited budget, only six MSG members can join each leg of the Regional Roadshow, while there are only three representatives each leg of the Stakeholder Consultations & Community Visits.

The Secretariat presented the event calendar:

Regional Roadshows

Date and event	Description
Day 1 Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with MENREs, P/MRB's and NCIP	The Focus Group Discussion is designed to generate perspective from stakeholders on how it is implemented in extractive communities, the barriers encountered in the implementation, and the strategies that can be replicated and sustained. The result of the discussion of P/MRB's and NCIP would be used as input in developing a framework.
Day 2 Regional Roadshow	The PHEITI's participation in roadshows serves to raise awareness, build capacity, facilitate dialogue, and foster collaboration among stakeholders towards achieving greater transparency and accountability in the extractive industries in the Philippines.
Day 3 Community Outreach	The PH-EITI's community outreach strives to engage affected mining communities, introducing the extractives transparency at the subnational level (subnationalization). It aims to prepare the locals about their role in the natural resource governance at the grassroots level, fostering their involvement in decision-making processes and empowering them to participate effectively in local governance.

Stakeholder Consultation & Community Visits

Date and event	Description
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The Secretariat said that they had already met with USAID RESPOND and Urban Connect, who pledged the following:

- The Luzon cluster of the Regional Roadshow in Baguio
 - Banquet and Meals
- Stakeholder Consultation and Community Visit in Butuan
 - Banquet and Meals
- Stakeholder Consultation and Community Visit in Palawan
 - Hotel Accomodation
 - Banquet and Meals

DOE also pledged to the PH-EITI, and the Secretariat proposed to allocate their pledge to the two remaining Regional Roadshows (Cebu and Surigao). The Secretariat said that they have scheduled a meeting with the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) for the details of the program subject for the MSG's approval.

The Chair thanks the Secretariat for presenting.

An industry representative asked whether the proposal was considered to hold the Luzon leg of the Regional Roadshow in Nueva Vizcaya. The Secretariat confirmed that it was indeed considered, but to access USAID RESPOND's financial support, the roadshow can only be held in Baguio.

Another member of the Secretariat said that DOF Undersecretary and PH-EITI Focal Bayani Agabin suggested that Nueva Vizcaya may still be included, but due to time constraints, the Nueva Vizcaya leg might be held in December.

The industry representative asked if it was more costly to hold the Regional Roadshow in Nueva Vizcaya than in Baguio. The Secretariat clarified that to access the financial support, the Regional Roadshow must be held in USAID RESPOND and Urban Connect's specific supported provinces.

The industry representative expressed concern that if other organizations determine where the Regional Roadshow should be, it may not align with PH-EITI's objectives. But the Secretariat assured that it was still aligned since Baguio-Benguet was part of the original proposal for the Regional Roadshow. It just so happens that Undersecretary Agabin suggested that the Nueva Vizcaya leg be moved to December, should there still be time for it.

Another industry representative said that should the Nueva Vizcaya leg continue, hopefully it wouldn't be held in December since it would be a busy month since many projects and deadlines are due that month. They are open to scheduling it next year instead.

The Chair asked the industry representative about the mining summit held in Tuguegarao. The industry representative said that they invited MGB Regional Director Mario Ancheta and Ronald Barnacha of Bantay Kita, who did a presentation. The Chair expressed regret because the summit could have been an opportunity for a stakeholder forum.

A civil society representative suggested that it would be better to include Dinagat Islands in the Regional Roadshow's Mindanao Leg in Butuan. She added that perhaps Bantay Kita will have an opportunity to collaborate activities with PH-EITI if ever, so that the objectives of both groups can be met.

VI. Other matters

1. Stakeholder Engagement Committee Chairmanship

A representative from ULAP said that she is waiting for the ULAP Board's approval regarding the chairmanship of the SEC, but they are keen on heading the committee.

2. Highlights of the 60th EITI Board Meeting and Targeted Assessment Update

A representative from the Secretariat said that she and Usec. Agabin attended the 60th EITI Board meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, which was attended by 50 countries.

She highlighted the Board's decision on the validation of PH-EITI's targeted assessment. During the meeting, they were asked to exit the venue as the Board deliberates the status of the Philippines. The Philippines achieved a moderate score in the validation. She congratulated the PH-EITI MSG and Secretariat for their efforts in achieving the score. She said that SET-UP-GO and the PH-EITI's commitment to the Open Government Partnership (OGP) helped improve the score. She pointed out that the next validation period is on July 1, 2026.

The Secretariat briefly talked about the topics that were discussed during the PH-EITI National Coordinators meeting, such as the role of EITI in energy transition and the Extractives Global Programmatic Support (EGPS) III. She mentioned that the World Bank took a different approach than expected. Instead of funding the regional roadshow, they committed to funding Extractives Transparency Week (ETW).

She mentioned that PH-EITI received additional funding due to the Climate Change Commission (CCC). The next course of action would be to carry out a scoping study about greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of the extractives industry and eventually carry out activities. She said that it is part of the Implementation Committee's (IC) agenda to discuss the Term of Reference (TOR) of the consultant for this matter.

3. July 2024 Calendar of Activities

The Secretariat presented the calendar of activities.

Date/Time	Activity
July 2, 2024 (06:00 PM)	Summary Data Template Training for National Secretariat
July 19, 2024 (no time yet)	Post-targeted Assessment Activity (MSG Members)

July 24, 2024 (3:00-4:30 PM)	Beneficial Ownership Training for MSG Members and Extractive Companies
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VII. Summary of Agreements

Agreements	In charge	Timeline
The MSG agreed to give members one week to comment on the minutes of the 90th MSG meeting.	MSG	June 28, 2024 - July 5, 2024
The Secretariat to update the MSG on the request to NUIECP to fund the stakeholder engagement activities.	Secretariat	2024-2025
The Secretariat to reach out to the PPA to follow-up on pending documents for their action.	Secretariat	
The Secretariat to send to COMP the list of companies that are yet to accomplish disclosures through the ORE Tool	Secretariat	
The Secretariat to recompute the roadshow budget to try and integrate including Dinagat Islands	Secretariat (Stakeholder Engagement Committee)	
The Secretariat to convene the SEC and IC to discuss pressing committee concerns.		

VIII. Adjournment

The setting of the next meeting was skipped. With no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.