

Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
72ND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING
8 October 2021, Friday | 9:00 AM - 12:00 NN | Google Meet

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees

Government	
1. Asec. Ma. Teresa S. Habitan	Department of Finance
2. Dir. Valery Joy Brion	Department of Finance
3. Ms. Charmaine Bagacay-Odicta	Department of Finance
4. Ms. Febe J. Lim	Department of Finance
5. Dir. Anna Liza F. Bonagua	Department of the Interior and Local Government
6. Engr. Romualdo Aguilos	Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB)
7. Ms. Maricor Cauton	Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines

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

Civil Society	
1. Mr. Vincent Lazatin	Bantay Kita
2. Ms. Angelica Dacanay	Bantay Kita
3. Dr. Buenaventura Maata, Jr.	Philippine Grassroots Engagement in Rural Development Foundation, Inc.
4. Dr. Glenn Pajares	Sectoral Transparency Alliance on Natural Resource Governance in Cebu, Inc. (STANCe)

5. Mr. Chito Trillanes	Social Action Center - Ecology Desk, Diocese of Tandag, Surigao del Sur
6. Ms. Aniceta Baltar	Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Governance
7. Prof. Ladylyn L. Mangada	University of the Philippines - Tacloban
8. Dr. Nelson Cuaresma	Concerned Advocates Saving Terrestrial and Marine Ecosystems (COASTLINE), Inc.

PH-EITI Secretariat
1. Mr. Eastword D. Manlises
2. Ms. Mary Ann D. Rodolfo
3. Ms. Mary Jane I. Baldago
4. Ms. Anna Leigh V. Anillo
5. Ms. Zoe R. Jimenez
6. Ms. Katherine Dennise M. Domingo
7. Ms. Rhea Mae G. Bagacay
8. Mr. Albert A. San Diego
9. Ms. Roselyn Salagan
10. Ms. Rhoda Aranco
11. Ms. Erycce Althea Antonio
12. Ms. Andrea Denise Samson

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Proceedings

I. Call to order

DOF Assistant Secretary Ma. Teresa Habitan chaired the meeting. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

II. Approval of the agenda of the 72nd meeting

The Chair sought the approval of the agenda.

A civil society representative motioned for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded and the agenda was approved.

III. Approval of the minutes of the 71st meeting

The Chair asked the Secretariat when the minutes of the previous meeting were circulated.

The Secretariat said that the minutes were sent two days before the 72nd meeting.

The Chair gave the members another week to peruse the minutes and send comments or corrections, if any. If no comment is received, the minutes will be deemed approved.

IV. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Secretariat shared updates on the following matters arising from previous meetings

Criteria for choosing case study areas for the SSM study

- The Secretariat received comments on the proposed criteria for choosing case study areas. The comments have been communicated to the consultant. The consultant will update the Secretariat as to the applicability of the suggested criteria.

Extractives integrity study

- The Secretariat did not receive any comment on the draft TOR for the proposed extractives integrity study. The draft TOR has been submitted to the International Secretariat for comments. On October 5th, the International Secretariat provided initial comments and mentioned that it can allocate up to 20,000 USD for the project.

IP issues involving Philex

- On September 17th, the DOF wrote a formal letter to the MGB requesting a comprehensive response/report on the issues raised by IP groups in Itogon and Tuba in Benguet. The issues pertained to (i) claims for payments following a 2012 mining spill of Philex, and (ii) Philex' alleged charging of SDMP funds against IP royalty payments. The MGB has since replied and the response was shared with BK. Copy of the MGB's response is annexed [here](#).

MICC mining review

- In the 69th meeting, the Secretariat was tasked to request MICC for information on the planned new round of mining audits. The Secretariat has yet to formally ask the MICC for the said information, but the MICC recently shared updates on its initiatives and the status of implementation of EO79. The updates included information on what MICC calls a third phase of mining review which shall commence this month of October. The third phase will cover priority quarry operations across eight regions, and mining sites in BARMM.
- DOF Secretary Carlos Dominguez, who co-chairs the MICC with DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu, ordered the publication and dissemination of "reader-friendly" copies of the report on the first two phases of the MICC mining review. More information about the order can be found [here](#).

SMPC responses to invitations to participate in EITI reporting

- In the 70th meeting, the Secretariat was tasked to share with the MSG responses of SMPC to invitations to participate in EITI reporting. Since 2014, the DOF has been requesting SMPC to participate in EITI reporting and it was only during this reporting cycle that the SMPC made a formal response. Annexed [here](#) is a scanned copy of SMPC's letter to then DOF Secretary Cesar Purisima.
- For the 8th Report, and following comment raised by the MSG during the 70th meeting, the Secretariat has arranged a meeting with SMPC on October 12th.

The Secretariat will encourage SMPC to comply with the other transparency requirements of the EITI Standard such as on beneficial ownership, employment, and gender. In preparation, the Secretariat will review SMPC's latest AFS to see which company and project information are already being disclosed to the public.

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/>.

V. Main Business

1. Updates on Validation

The Secretariat shared the following updates.

September 16th - the Secretariat had an emergency meeting with the civil society constituency to seek clarification on their position on the Philippines' Validation status. The meeting was held following an impasse at the Validation Committee (VC) over the assessment score to be given for the Philippines on Requirement 1.3 on civil society engagement. The Validation report recommended a score of "mostly met" but civil society representatives at the VC are pushing for the downgrading of the score to "partly met", an action that would automatically suspend the Philippines as an EITI implementing country.

The emergency meeting with the Philippines' civil society constituency was attended by:

- Sir Vince Lazatin
- Dr. Glenn Pajares
- Manang Annie Baltar
- Dr. Nelson Cuaresma
- Sir Chito Trillanes
- Ms. Anj Dacanay
- Mr. Eastword Manlises
- Ms. Mary Ann Rodolfo
- Ms. Jane Baldago

In the emergency meeting and in a thread of emails, the civil society representatives communicated varying sentiments about the country's possible suspension with some members saying that a "partly met" score is warranted but an automatic suspension might not be in the best interest of the stakeholders. The constituency expressed openness to the idea of writing to the VC to clarify that it does not seek and it does not see a suspension as warranted and beneficial for the time being.

The meeting concluded with the Secretariat committing to draft for the civil society constituency a proposed letter to the EITI Board communicating the points that have been discussed. The letter has been prepared and submitted to

the constituency and the constituency revised the letter to reflect the tone and tenor that the civil society representatives wished to convey to the Board.

September 22nd - To further help move the discussions at the VC forward, the International Secretariat suggested that the MSG, or the individual constituencies of the MSG, write to the Board to express opposition to the possible suspension of the Philippines.

September 24th - The civil society constituency has gone ahead with its plan to write to the civil society members of the VC.

September 27th - As the civil society constituency already wrote separately to the Board, the Secretariat drafted for the industry and government constituencies a separate communication to the Board, but the DOF and industry representatives decided not to pursue the communication to the Board anymore. On the same day, the Philippines' civil society representative had a meeting with VC civil society members.

September 28th - The VC had a third round of discussion on the Philippines' Validation status.

September 29th - The International Secretariat shared that the VC failed to build a consensus for the fourth time.

October 1st - The International Secretariat met with the PH-EITI Chair to communicate possible ways forward. The EITI Board is scheduled to have its 51st meeting on 20-21 October 2021. The Validation of the Philippines is expected to be one of the agenda items.

An industry representative asked what the consequences will be if the Philippines gets suspended. The Chair answered that there will be recommendations coming from the Board on how to move out of the suspension. That should be the main focus of the work plan for 2022.

2. *Proposed resolution mandating NCIP regional offices to use ORE for IP royalty data submission*

On June 11th, during the 70th MSG meeting, the Secretariat shared the highlights of a May 31st meeting with the NCIP to discuss the (i) optimization of the Online Reporting in the Extractives (ORE) tool for the reportorial requirements of the NCIP that also contain data and information that the PH-EITI needs; (ii) disclosure of copies of Community Royalty Development Plans (CRDP), and memoranda of agreements (MOAs) between IP communities and mining companies. The meeting was attended by NCIP regional directors, and other representatives from NCIP central and regional offices. The Secretariat recapped the highlights:

- The participants relayed the following issues on IP royalty monitoring:
 - Lack of manpower
 - Correct computation of the royalty that must be paid to the community
 - Lack of company coordination with or reporting to regional offices
 - Pending FPIC applications
 - Regions that have no extractive operations
 - Data privacy and data quality

- The NCIP central and regional offices welcomed the idea of using the ORE tool in submitting IP royalty data and other information required by both the NCIP and the PH-EITI. The central office said that it is better that the regional offices, being the ones directly monitoring IP royalty payments, directly submit data through ORE.

- If there would be an orientation on or training in using ORE, it is suggested that all regional offices participate even those that are in areas without extractive operations as officials and personnel are sometimes rotated or reshuffled.

- On the matter of MOA and CRDP disclosures, the NCIP relayed that there is an NCIP resolution that prohibits public disclosure of documents that are in the custody of the Ancestral Domains Office, and these include MOAs and CRDPs.

- The ADO, however, is willing to find a workaround or iron out some concerns in order to comply with the transparency requirement.

- A main concern is getting the consent of the community to disclose copies of the documents.

- During the meeting with NCIP, the following had been proposed as ways forward: (i) review of existing monitoring tool; (ii) issuance of a CEB resolution or any similar instrument that would make it mandatory for NCIP regional offices to submit EITI reports through ORE; (iii) and conduct of training for regional focal persons.

- Updates:
 - August 13th - BK and the PH-EITI Secretariat had a joint but non-exhaustive review of the NCIP Monitoring Tool.
 - September 22nd - Representatives from NCIP central and regional offices went through an orientation and training on the use of the ORE Tool.
 - October 1st - The NCIP shared with the Secretariat the resolution that prohibits the public disclosure of documents under the custody of NCIP ADO. A copy of the resolution is annexed [here](#).

- As a follow through on the ORE orientation and training for the NCIP central and regional offices, the Secretariat drafted a proposed CEB resolution that would

require NCIP regional offices to submit IP royalty data through ORE. The draft resolution is annexed [here](#).

The Chair asked what the legal basis was for ADO not disclosing. A civil society representative also asked for the rationale behind the disclosure not being automatic. The Secretariat presented Resolution A-062 (2011) of NCIP, and answered that there is a line in the resolution that says that NCIP does not want documents owned by IPs and ICCs to be used for illicit activities.

An industry representative suggested going directly to IPOs so that there will be no more issue with confidentiality. Instead of doing it digitally, templates can just be sent and let the IPOs report directly.

A civil society representative asked the Secretariat to send her a copy of the resolution. She volunteered to coordinate with the former NCIP head for explanation on this issue.

An industry representative asked if the resolution addresses the problem when it comes to royalty reporting. He added that the problem is vast inaccuracy and it is a question if digitizing incomplete data solves the variance problem. The resolution must contain something that will solve that problem.

The Chair asked how NCIP gets data from IPs. The Secretariat responded that the data do not come from the IP communities but from the companies since they have all the proof of payments, including deposit slips and other supporting documents.

A civil society representative shared that IPs don't like NCIP to meddle with royalty payments because they cannot withdraw the amount until the regional director signs. He shared a case in Caraga where IPs went to lawyers to file cases against a regional directory for allegedly using power to the disadvantage of IPs. He added that NCIP should look into this matter, and the PH-EITI MSG must look for ways and means to reconcile and resolve the issues.

The Chair asked why the NCIP does not have complete information about royalty payments if the companies inform NCIP on every deposit they make to the IPO accounts.

A civil society representative suggested that there should be a separate discussion on CRDP and payments.

The Chair asked an industry representative if they can solicit experience from companies regarding remittance of royalties to IPs so that it can be discussed at next meetings.

A civil society representative suggested a meeting with the NCIP and IPs to discuss the issue of royalty payment. The Chair tasked the Secretariat to facilitate said meeting.

3. Transparency Awards

The Secretariat recapped that the Transparency Awards are honors given by the MSG to recognize outstanding performance and achievement in the implementation of EITI in the Philippines. The presentation ceremony is usually held during the annual National Conference.

Currently, there is only one award category -- the **Excellence in Reporting Award** -- which is the citation given to the companies, national government agency/ies, and local government unit/s that submitted the best reporting templates and posted the least discrepancy after the reporting and reconciliation process of PH-EITI, as conveyed by the Independent Administrator (IA) and approved by the MSG.

On June 14th, the Secretariat submitted to the MSG, for comments and approval, the following mechanics and criteria for the Transparency Awards:

1. There are **six** subcategories: (i) Metallic Mines; (ii) Non-metallic Mines; (iii) Oil & Gas; (iv) National Government Agencies; (v) Local Government Units - Tier 1; and (vi) Local Government Units - Tier 2.
2. There will be three awardees (first, second, and third placers) for each subcategory, except for the Oil & Gas. Only one award each will be given for Oil & Gas since there are only a handful of candidates for the subcategory.
3. Only companies, NGAs, and LGUs that participated in PH-EITI reporting for FY 2019 are qualified to receive an award.
4. For companies, only those with operation during the relevant fiscal year shall be considered for the awards.
5. For LGUs, there are two subcategories: Tier 1 for LGUs with collections above the average amount of all reconciled LGU collections; and Tier 2 for LGUs with collections equal to or lower than the average amount of collections.
6. The Secretariat and the IA will submit nominations for each subcategory based on the mechanics and the criteria. The nominations are reviewed and approved by the MSG as the awarding body.
7. The following are the proposed sets of criteria:

For companies (metallic, nonmetallic, oil & gas)

Disclosures (20 points)

- 3 - Contract
- 3 - Production and export data
- 7 - Beneficial ownership information
- 7 - Gender and employment data (and social and environmental data, if applicable)

Quality of reporting (80 points)

- 30 - Comprehensiveness and quality of data
- 30 - Least discrepancy
- 20 - Timeliness

100 - Total

For LGUs (Tiers 1 and 2)

Quality of reporting (100 points)

- 40 - Comprehensiveness and quality of data
- 40 - Least discrepancy
- 20 - Timeliness

100 - Total

For NGAs

Disclosures (20 points)

20 - Compliance with the relevant major requirements under EITI Requirements 2, 3, 5, 6, 7.2, and 7.3. Two (2) points shall be deducted for every unsatisfied requirement.

Quality of reporting (80 points)

- 30 - Comprehensiveness and completeness of data
- 30 - Least discrepancy
- 20 - Timeliness

The Secretariat requested the MSG to comment or approve the mechanics and criteria by June 30th. With no comment or confirmation received, the Secretariat extended the deadline for submitting comments to July 12th.

On July 9th, the Secretariat received the following suggestions for additional criteria:

- Active presence and participation in PH-EITI activities (including virtual activities)

- Submission of annual publication
- Letter of endorsement on PH-EITI advocacy (endorsement of the PH-EITI bill)
- Provision of any type of material support to PH-EITI activities (e.g. part sponsor for the regular publication of PH-EITI report, invitation for visits to their field sites, and support to other organizations outside the CSR and SDMP)

There was also a suggestion to have a category to recognize civil society organizations that demonstrated outstanding support to the EITI process or have initiatives that promote greater transparency and accountability in the extractives.

On July 27th, the Secretariat submitted to the MSG, for approval, the nominees for the Transparency Awards 2021. The winners were supposed to be announced on July 29th at the National Conference. However, issues on the approval process have been raised. As such, the ceremonies have been deferred to November during the planned Extractives Transparency Week, which will coincide with the anniversary week of PH-EITI.

A civil society representative suggested changing the nomenclature of the awards, saying that the word “transparency” is too encompassing and entails accountability. He added that awards should not be given to members of the MSG.

An industry representative agreed and suggested making it “EITI Awards” instead. In terms of criteria, he added that there should not be any active criteria that companies can do something about because companies tend to be competitive. There should only be passive criteria that will be based on something that the companies have already done. The Chair agreed and said that it is an equity issue.

A civil society representative agrees with the proposal, saying that there is a need to craft a criteria that is fitting to the awards that will be given to complying companies.

Another civil society representative suggested that CSOs in the MSG should not be given awards anymore because they are involved in the crafting of criteria. In terms of the mining companies, he added that it would be good to include in the criteria the publications that companies produce every year.

An industry representative said that, if there will be a category for recognizing civil society organizations, it would really be inappropriate if Bantay Kita would be involved in the judging. If the MSG can have direct interaction with other CSOs, then the MSG can have a basis to judge without Bantay Kita being in the mix.

A civil society representative agrees and said that the judging should involve looking on the ground for CSOs who really work.

A civil society representative suggested studying more on how to call the awards. She also added that she finds it unethical that the ones who craft the criteria can get the awards themselves. The awards should be given to others.

The Secretariat said that if the MSG has a consensus on the name of the award (EITI Awards), then it can be adopted. Regarding the awards for the NGAs, it is either the category for NGAs be removed altogether or let them be recognized because there are only a few of them.

The Chair suggested that the name of the awards be changed to “PH-EITI Awards”. A civil society representative agrees and said that there can just be specific awards under it.

A civil society representative pushed for the creation of an awards committee. MSG members should still be allowed to join as long as they are not involved in the committee and in the crafting of criteria to avoid conflict of interest.

Another civil society representative said that it will be good if nominations are submitted at least two month before the formal judging.

Another civil society representative suggested that becoming members of the MSG should be recognized differently. There could be some sort of citation but not essentially an award for performance on transparency.

An industry representative sees no problem with MSG members receiving an award as long as there is no objection from the MSG. The Chair also clarified that it is the independent administrator (IA) who provides the list of nominees so the MSG is not involved in determining who met the criteria, but just in the crafting of criteria.

A civil society representative suggested that the deliberation and implementation of the proposed award category for CSOs be postponed to next year so that there will be sufficient time to study and develop the criteria. Other civil society representatives agreed.

The Secretariat summarized the discussion -- the MSG agreed to rename the awards to “PH-EITI Awards”, with the same mechanics and criteria. There will be specific awards for CSOs, but will be deferred for next year to give time for the drafting of criteria. Regarding the awards for members of MSG, the MSG agrees that this can be solved by the IA making the shortlist subject to MSG deliberation. The Secretariat proposed the creation of different TWGs per category to further eliminate risks of conflicts of interest.

4. Progress on implementing the 2021 work plan

The Secretariat recapped that the MSG in its 65th meeting on January 15th the following priorities for the MSG's work plan for 2021:

- Systematic disclosure
- Contract and BO transparency
- Expanded coverage of nonmetallic mines
- IP royalties
- Gender inclusion
- Small-scale mining sector

The foregoing priorities have been implemented with a budget of PHP 13.3 million and a manpower of 18 pax by the end of September, not yet including 7 consultants. Majority of the events and activities have been held online due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

The work plan was divided into 10 main programs. Updates on each program are as follows:

1. Validation

- Preparations began in February
- Validation process commenced on April 1st
- Final Validation report released on July 7th
- Validation Committee had three rounds of deliberation and is currently at an impasse
- 51st Board Meeting on 20-21 October 2021

2. Systematic disclosure

- Mainstreaming feasibility study
 - Initial findings of the study were presented to the MSG in April.
 - A series of stakeholder consultation meetings was held in May and June.
 - The proposed mainstreaming action plan was presented to the public during the National Conference in July.
 - Final copy of the study was submitted to the MSG on September 7th and was deemed approved by September 17th
 - The study will be published on the PH-EITI website by next week and shall serve as references for the development of the work plan of the MSG for 2022.
- Online Reporting in the Extractives
 - Enhanced to address technical concerns raised by users in the previous reporting cycle.
 - Transfer of maintenance to DOF CMIO is ongoing.
 - BO data collection is finally incorporated in the system.
 - NCIP regional offices have been granted access to ORE for data submission.

- Extractives Data Generator
 - Datasets went through several rounds of updating and verification with the help of interns.
 - Datasets have been divided into the following categories: (i) National Payments; (ii) Subnational Payments; (iii) Social and Environmental Expenditures; (iv) Economic Contribution; (v) Social Development and Management Program; (vi) Oil & Gas and Coal Sales Data
 - Last round of updating and verification for the year is now ongoing.
- Open Data Portal
 - PH-EITI datasets have been shared with the DICT Open Data Portal. PH-EITI's Open Data Portal page is accessible at <https://data.gov.ph/?q=dataset/extractives-data-0>
- Open Government Partnership / Participatory Governance Cluster of the Cabinet
 - Completed all deliverables for 2021
 - Participated in the Open Government Week in May as one of the presenters, where PH-EITI's data management tools have been shared to the public.
 - Participated in the pre-SONA events of the Cabinet.

3. Integrity

- Contracts
 - All oil & gas and coal contracts have been published on the Contracts Portal
 - MSG discussed the definition of contract annexes and the materiality of exploration contracts
 - Mining licenses have been published on the Contracts Portal
- Beneficial ownership
 - MSG agreed that public disclosure of BO data will remain non-compulsory for the 7th and 8th reporting cycle
 - 35 or about half of projects that participated in the 7th Report have consented to the publication of their BO data
 - An extractives BO register have been published on the PH-EITI website containing information on companies that consented to publication
 - The Philippines has been selected as beneficiary of the Opening Extractives Programme (OEP); A planning workshop was conducted with relevant agencies and stakeholders to draft the initial plan for the implementation of the OEP in the Philippines
- IP royalty payments
 - Consultation with the NCIP has been organized to find ways to improve IP royalty monitoring and public disclosure
 - NCIP central and regional offices went through ORE orientation and training
 - A resolution mandating NCIP regional offices to submit IP royalty data through ORE has been prepared and presented to the MSG

- Data analysis
 - Cross-referencing of available BO data with information found on company contracts as suggested by the EITI guidance note on BO transparency is ongoing
 - A draft TOR for a proposed extractives integrity study has been submitted to the MSG for comments; copy of the TOR has been submitted to the International Secretariat for possible funding

4. Gender inclusion

- A TWG on gender has been formed
- An RTD on gender and a learning session on gender principles have been organized; a specific output is the review of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, and suggested gender-based provisions. The activities respond to the recommendations of the scoping study on Women in Large Scale Mining. An asynchronous session is set in the last week of October to continue the exercise, which also includes a list of capacity building programs needed by extractive stakeholders.
- Gender disaggregated employment data collected through ORE have been analyzed and the results described in the 7th Report; data will be presented during the Extractives Transparency Week

5. Report production

- 7th Report
 - Key findings presented to the public during the National Conference in July
 - Final drafts approved by the MSG on September 10
 - Regional data from the report have been presented to subnational stakeholders during the OnLearn
 - Final consolidated and laid out copy will be published by end of October
- 8th Report
 - Reporting cycle commenced on September 1st
 - Now covers around 31 nonmetallic mines
 - Aside from the usual contextual information and reconciliation chapters, a study on SSM has been included

6. Stakeholder engagement

- 8 MSG meetings, 1 special meeting, all with quorum
- Meeting with CeMAP ahead of the Validation consultations
- Timely conduct of the National Conference, with around 400 participants
- EITI orientation for BARMM-MENRE
- 5 OnLearn clusters including participants from BARMM
- PH-EITI support to Bantay Kita for Project DATA; presented the NCIP Monitoring Tool in an RTD in Benguet

7. Legislative advocacy

- Draft position paper
- Participated in the HOR Committee on Natural Resources hearing
- Constant communication with Congress

8. Communications

- New website co-developed with the DOF CMIO
- Publication of issues and concerns raised in stakeholder engagement activities as committed by the DOF under the OGP
- Creation of TED-Ed type knowledge video materials is ongoing: (i) Contract transparency; (ii) Beneficial ownership transparency; (iii) Social and environmental expenditures; (iv) Employment and gender; (v) Open data. Three of five materials are now in production proper.
- Publication of annual progress reports for July 2018 to December 2019, and January to December 2020
- Drafted concept note and TOR for a planned journalism fellowship workshop

9. Resource mobilization

- Submitted funding proposal to The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)
- Submitted funding proposal to USAID

10. Secretariat management

- Hired four (4) new members of the PH-EITI Secretariat to support work on communications, stakeholder engagement, and report production
- Successfully engaged consultants necessary for the implementation of PH-EITI programs and initiatives.

As of the end of September, about 60% of the activities included in the work plan have been completed. For more details, the copy of the 2021 work plan progress matrix can be accessed [here](#).

VI. Other matters

1. Updates on stakeholder outreach activities

Online Learning on Extractives (OnLearn) 2021

On September 27 to October 1, the PH-EITI held this year's Online Learning on Extractives (OnLearn), the virtual edition of the annual PH-EITI LGU Roadshow. OnLearn is a series of regional forums that are meant to bring the EITI platform closer to local government units and communities where extractive operations are located. This year's series was designed to gather information on priority capability needs of leaders and members of community organized groups, including indigenous peoples, to strategically participate in the EITI process and create meaningful impact in the management of their communities' natural resources.

There were a total of five (5) OnLearn clusters or sessions, and each ran for 2.5 to 3 hours. Participants include representatives from the national and local government; executives and personnel of extractive companies; members of mining associations;

members of civil society organizations, indigenous people organizations, and the academe.

Day No.	Leg/Cluster	Provinces Covered	Date	Turnout
1	Southern Mindanao and BARMM	Lanao, Magindanao, Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga, Davao De Oro	September 27, 2021	35
2	Caraga	Agusan Del Norte/Sur, Surigao Del Norte/Sur	September 28, 2021	66
3	Visayas	Leyte, E. Samar, Bohol, Cebu	September 29, 2021	55
4	North & Central Luzon	Zambales, Pangasinan, La Union, Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela	September 30, 2021	80
5	Southern Tagalog	Palawan, Batangas, Rizal	October 1, 2021	53

The contents and dialogues on each OnLearn session were tailored for specific clusters. Included in each session were presentations on the cluster's portion on the key findings of the 7th PH-EITI Country Report; Social Development and Management Program (SDMP); and issues and concerns that were raised in previous stakeholder engagements. Open forums and workshops were also conducted that were aimed to encourage the participants to utilize extractives data from PH-EITI reports and to strengthen PH-EITI's activities at the local level.

The Chair commended the Secretariat for the success of the OnLearn sessions. The Secretariat acknowledged the industries and the CSOs for their assistance on the logistics and other requirements of the event.

A civil society representative suggested the creation and development of PH-EITI online application.

2. Technical working group meetings

The Secretariat brought up the scheduling of the TWG meetings.

- Transparency Awards
- EO 147 amendment
- Theory of change, mainstreaming, and subnationalization

The Secretariat will send messages to the MSG members regarding the schedule of the meetings. The Chair encouraged MSG members to coordinate with the Secretariat for concerns regarding these TWGs.

3. Additional matters

- A civil society representative acknowledged the response of MGB regarding the issues in Benguet that were discussed in the previous MSG meeting.
- A civil society representative proposed for the inclusion on next meeting's agenda a presentation on Bantay Kita's study on the coal industry.
- A civil society representative proposed for future discussions on the renewal of contract OceanaGold Corp.
- A civil society representative recommended the dissemination of findings of MICC. The Chair tasked the Secretariat to ask MICC regarding the findings that can be shared. The Secretariat said that the findings of MICC, as well as the impact of the Mandanas ruling on LGUs hosting extractives, will be included in the Extractives Transparency Week.
- The Secretariat discussed the Theory of Change (ToC), and used EITI Tanzania's ToC as an example. The Secretariat made recommendations for the establishment of the ToC of PH-EITI.
- The Chair welcomed and introduced DOF SERG Director Valery Joy Brion to the PH-EITI MSG. Beginning November 2nd, Director Brion will be assuming the role of PH-EITI alternate focal person and chair of the MSG.
- The Secretariat, on behalf of the MSG, acknowledged the Chair for her contribution to EITI work. A civil society representative, on behalf of other CSOs, presented a certificate of commendation to the Chair. An industry representative commended the Chair for all her efforts and sacrifices for EITI work.

VII. Setting of the next meeting

The 73rd MSG meeting will be on November 12, 2021 (Friday).

VIII. Adjournment

With no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.