



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
National Council of Civic Education and
Development (NaCCED)
21 Steward Street
Freetown

Minutes for OGP SC Meeting 27th July 2022

Time: 1.30pm

Agenda

- Call meeting to Order
- Opening Prayers
- Welcome remarks
- Adoption of last minutes
- Feedback on IRM Report
- Proposed OGP Symposium
- Updates on NAP 4
- AOB

Introduction

Mrs Hannah Hamida Jimmy OGP Coordinator called the meeting to order. The meeting started with individual silent prayers and self-introduction because we few new members from Institute for Governance Reforms, Centre for Accountability and Rule of Law and Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone. Mrs Jimmy in her welcome remarks thanked the SC members for the turn out, reminded them about the agreement during the last meeting to meet after every 6 weeks, she shared the minutes and had few feedbacks from colleagues. She went on to inform colleagues that the Council received the transitional IRM Report for 2019 – 2021 from OGP Global and gave a brief background on rationale of having self-assessments and IRM reports during OGP processes. Mr Kalilu Totangi, the Chairman for the National Council for Civic Education and Development in his opening statement said that our main challenge in the SC is commitment by government partners not attending meetings and that is what we have to work on to improve things.

Feedback on the IRM Report

The Chairman of the National Council for Civic Education and Development, Mr Kalilu Totangi informed colleagues that NaCCED is working very hard to ensure that we have a website that is up and running within a week's time. He further told them that NaCCED will create a link for members of SC to share their updates on NAP implementation on the website. Mr Wilfred Bangura from the Anti Corruption Commission said that we should write letters to the heads of institution to inform and get their approval for the link to their website or news. Mr Kalilu Totangi also recommended that Steering Committee meetings can be hosted on a rotational basis by members. Mr Mohamed Jalloh from the House of Parliament proposed we look at the document and identify the gaps in our co creation and implementation process. Mr Alusine Diamond Suma from Westminster Foundation for Democracy said that all SC members should have a copy of the NAP in their website, he talked about having an OGP app that can have all OGP related reports, minutes. He further said that the report will help us to identify what we are doing that is right, what we have to improve and make more use of technology to work on our lapses. Sahr Kendema from Campaign for Good Governance said that for our own internal consumption lets highlight responsible parties for acting on the recommendations.

OGP Symposium

Mrs Hannah Hamida Jimmy presented the proposed concept for the OGP Symposium. Mr Wilfred Bangura from the Anti-Corruption Commission recommended we have a session on transparency where in the Anti-Corruption Commissioner will make a statement on our progress in terms of fighting corruption. Mrs Lavina Banduah from Transparency International Sierra Leone said the concept is good especially as we still need political support and buy in to the OGP process. Mr Alusine Diamond Suma recommended we hold lectures at university so we target a larger number. Mr Mohamed Baimba Koroma from Sierra Leone Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative said that will limit our target audience and we should also look at the cost implications. He also recommended that the steering committee should comprise two membership from each institutions – the head of the institution and the recommended person to represent in the SC, the recommended staff to represent in the SC will report to the head matters arising in OGP meetings and solicit support from their heads. The proposed date for the OGP Symposium is the 11th of August at the New City Council Hall. This will be confirmed based on availability of the Chief Minister who has been recommended to be the key note speaker for this event.

Action Points

Hannah to Collate all OGP related reports, minutes pictures for the website

Sahr to recommend a global speaker for the session on open elections

Sahr and Diamond to handle publicity and media related activities for the symposium

Updates on NAP Implementation

Extractives Industries and Transparency Initiatives

- Validation of Extractives Industries Transparency Initiatives report. This activity included series of stakeholder consultations and an initial draft will be presented in August
 - Beneficial ownership disclosure is embedded in the Mines and Mineral Development Bill – there will be slight changes in the documentation in terms of reviewing the corporate governance code
 - SLEITI Bill – Due to the current challenge of timely provision of information, this Bill will ensure that companies provide timely data on beneficial ownership.
 - The Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources have developed a contract and a systematic disclosure policy
- The others promised to send in their updates through email.

Open Parliament

- Plans are ongoing for the establishment of a the Parliament /CSO platform
- WFD is working to strengthen such partnership by building capacity of CSO to have dialogue with Parliament – a CSO coordinator has been chosen to lead this process – Network Movement for Justice and Development
- WFD has conducted training on the roles and responsibilities of Parliament and CSO
- Establishment of a joint CSO/ Parliamentary Oversight Committee
- Parliament hosted the selected Parliamentary Committee of Commonwealth

Adjournment

Sahr Kendema moved the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Rev Alusine Diamond Suma

Attendees

1. Hannah Hamida Jimmy – National Council for Civic Education and Development
2. Kalilu Totangi – National Council for Civic Education and Development
3. Ibrahim Jabati – National Council for Civic Education and Development

4. Joseph M Conteh – Justice Sector Coordinating Office
5. Mohamed Jalloh – Parliament
6. Jeremy Ben Simbo – Centre for Accountability and Rule of Law
7. Sheku Ahmed Koroma – Electoral Commission Sierra Leone
8. Alhassan Sesay – Right to Access Information Commission
9. Charles Kamara – Education for All Coalition
10. Ismail Kanu – Institute for Governance Reforms
11. Mohamed Baimba Koroma – Sierra Leone Extractives Industries and Transparency Initiative
12. Rev Wilfred J Bangura – Anti Corruption Commission
13. Rev Alusine Diamond Suma – Westminster Foundation for Democracy – SL
14. Sahr Kendema – Campaign for Good Governance
15. Musa Camara – Campaign for Good Governance
16. Lavina Banduah – Transparency International Sierra Leone
17. Nana Kargbo – Initiatives for Media Development