

Papua New Guinea Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (PNGEITI)

Technical Working Group Meeting #4

30 September 2014, Exxon Mobil PNG Limited Office

The purpose of the meeting was to review the work plan and mark against activities that has been achieved, in progress and not started yet.

During the discussions of the work plan, these points were raised.

1. Government Funding Allocation for 2014. Government to provide the acquittals of how much been spent so far.
2. Circulate the criteria used for the selection process of the head of national secretariat as well as the shortlisted candidates. The MSG will approve the shortlisted candidates and also appoint an interview panel.
3. There still concerns about the roles of the national coordinator and head of national secretariat. It was explained by the government team that national coordinator will be a public servant and will oversee the national secretariat while the head of secretariat will be administer the day-to-day operations of the secretariat.
4. The CSOs requested how they can access the allocated K2.5 million for this year to carry out awareness. It was explained to them to submit a budgeted workplan to the Department of Treasury. They also requested the national secretariat to sponsor a member of the CSO to attend the Mining and Petroleum Conference in Sydney.
5. The CSOs updated the meeting on the progress of setting their office. This office will coordinate all their work. They have a draft constitution in circulation for comments and the office a coordinator is expected to be set up and recruited respectively by February next year.
6. There was also issue raised on PNG not meeting the deadline because of the progress of the how work being done to date. It was suggested to inform the EITI International Secretariat early that PNG might not be able to meet the deadline set.
7. There was also issue on the participation of government agencies, especially DPE and request the national secretariat to liaise with DPE to get someone participating in EITI.
8. The meeting was advised the Donald will chair the MSG meeting which is scheduled for 7 October 2014 at Lamana Hotel, from 10am-12pm.

Discussion Among Government Team

9. Proposed to have a one day workshop for Government agencies to be facilitated by the Andrew from the World Bank on what information is required from each Government agencies. Venue proposed: Loloata Island