

MINUTES OF 2nd MEETING

National Multi-Stakeholder Group Meeting

Fisheries Transparency Initiative

Date: Monday 10th December 2018

Venue: Blue Economy Department, Oliaji Trade Centre, fourth floor

Time: 11am

WELCOME BY FiTI NATIONAL LEAD

The second meeting was held on Monday 10th December at the Oliaji Trade Centre and was chaired by Mr. Michaud who is the National FiTI Lead.

The following members attended:

1. Mr. Grant Heyer, Civil Society (CEPS)
2. Mr. Roy Fonseka representing the Private Sector/Leader of the Opposition
3. Mrs. Marie-Thérèse Purvis, representing Civil Society (CEPS)

Invitees:

1. Mr. Philippe Michaud, FiTI National Lead and Special Adviser on Blue Economy to the Vice President
2. Ms. Fatime Kante, Economist, Department of the Blue Economy

Absent with apologies

1. Mr. Jude Talma, Principal Secretary of Fisheries representing the Government
2. Ms. Chantal Ghislain, Honourable Member of the National Assembly
3. Mr. Julio Morón, OPAGAC
4. Mr. Keith Andre, FBOA

A. ENDORSEMENT OF LAST MINUTES OF MEETING

Members had no additional comments, so the Minutes was endorsed by the ones that were present. Ms. Kante was advised to reach out to the other members who were absent and to get their final endorsement before the next meeting.

B. TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

Members agreed to submit comments by e-mail by mid- January 2019.

The following propositions were put forth:

- All members should have an alternate in the event that they cannot attend meetings
- Transparency International should be included as a Permanent Observer

C. FiTI BOARD MEETING

Mr. Michaud attended the FiTI Board meeting which was held in Germany early December 2018.

The meeting focused on:

- The different policies which will be in place under FiTI initiative and
- the date by which the transfer of the International FiTI Board will be finalised.
- Mr. Fonseka wanted to know how FiTI would help the Seychelles Trade?

AOB/Way forward

1. Mr. Michaud informed members that the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference took place in November 2018 in Kenya and that President Faure spoke of FiTI in most of his speeches. One of the bilateral meetings with Norway was qualified as fruitful as the latter expressed interest in financing FiTI.
2. In October 2018, Seychelles also made a commitment at the Ocean Conference held in Bali. Vice-President Meriton participated as a Panelist in a forum where he spoke of Transparency.
3. There's a great possibility that the World Bank might create a new fund called PRO BLUE which will be funded by International donors
4. Members proposed that SFA's participation/involvement in FiTI will be vital, especially with regards to the Secretariat.
5. The next meeting is planned for Monday 28th January 2019 at 11am.

Having no other matter to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at noon.