

MINUTES OF 05th MEETING

National Multi-Stakeholder Group Meeting

Fisheries Transparency Initiative

Date: Thursday 12th September 2019
Venue: Tender Board, Maison de Mahe Building
Time: 10.30 am

Members present:

1. Mr. Jude Talma, Principal Secretary of Fisheries representing the Government.
2. Mr. Beatty Hoareau, Fishermen Boat Owner's Association (FBOA)
3. Mr. Roy Fonseka representing the Private Sector/Leader of the Opposition
4. Mr. Philippe Michaud, National FiTI coordinator/Blue Economy.
5. Ms. Chantal Ghislain, Honourable Member of the National Assembly.
6. Ms. Gabriela Gonthier, Youth Representative

Invitee:

1. Ms. Fatime Kanté (on behalf of Mr. Abel Sorry, FiTI focal person).

Members absent:

1. Dr. Marie-Thérèse Purvis, representing the Civil Society of Seychelles (CEPS).
2. Mr. Grant Heyer, representing the Civil Society of Seychelles (CEPS).
3. Mr. Cyril Bonnelame (Transparency Initiatives Seychelles).
4. Mr. Peter Purvis, representing the Industrial Fleet.

Agenda.

1. Endorsement of Minutes of fourth Meeting.
2. Matters Arising
3. Endorsement of Workplan
4. Preparation for the FiTI Mission
5. Any other Business.

	Items of Discussion.	Action by
	<p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>Mr. Philippe Michaud- FiTI National Lead chaired the meeting, which started at 10:30am.</p> <p>He welcomed and thanked all members present (most specifically the new members) for attending the meeting.</p> <p>He informed the members that the NMSG requested that the committee be extended so that it becomes more representative of all the activities around the fisheries sector.</p> <p>He highlighted that this request came from recommendations from previous meetings.</p> <p>He further stated that FiTI is still in its early stages in Seychelles and that members are expected to be more focused and organised once the International FiTI Secretariat will be established in Seychelles.</p> <p>In the meantime, all members will be kept abreast of what is happening under this initiative.</p>	
1.0	<p><u>Endorsement of Minutes of fourth Meeting.</u></p> <p>All members present endorsed unanimously the Minutes of the 04th NMSG-FiTI meeting.</p>	All members
2.0	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p>	
2.1	<p>Terms of Reference for FiTI-National Multi-Stakeholder Group.</p>	Focal Point
2.1.1	<p>The Terms of Reference for the FiTI-NMSG, which have already been endorsed by all members, will be circulated to all members who wish to have a copy.</p>	
2.1.2	<p>Mr. Michaud also discussed the importance of having alternates for the NMSG in terms to increase transparency as well as participation and inclusiveness of other stakeholders. He thanked Mr. Beatty Hoareau for being the first alternate in attendance, attending on behalf of FBOA.</p> <p>The FITI NMSG has been enlarged from 7 to 12 members.</p>	Focal Point

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2.2	Financing the FiTI International Secretariat The FiTI is fortunate to have received around 700,000USD from Moore Foundation to get FiTI off the ground.	
2.2.1	Seychelles is discussing with the World Bank on projects and programmes for the FiTI International Secretariat. The institution is also willing to support Seychelles FiTI financially.	
2.2.2	There is a need for advocacy in other countries.	
3.0	<u>Endorsement of Workplan</u> All members endorsed the Workplan as proposed	
4.0	<u>Preparation for the FiTI Mission</u> Mr. Sven Biermann the Executive Director for FiTI will be in Seychelles next week (for 4 days). During his stay in Seychelles, he is expected to: - Follow up with Registry in order to register the FiTI International Secretariat as an Association, if everything goes according to plan.	
4.1	Mr. Sven Biermann will conduct several interviews during the week that he will be in Seychelles, for the recruitment of the FiTI Administrative Assistant and attend meetings with the Departments of Finance and Economic Planning, Ambassador of Germany, Attorney General and FiTI members who might be available for the meeting.	
4.2	The German Government has been supportive to Mr. Sven Biermann, so he will be taking the opportunity to extend his appreciation during their visit in the country and maybe establish a greater cooperation with them in the near future.	
4.3	The Administrative Assistant for FiTI who will be recruited will work in close collaboration with the Executive Director for the FiTI International Secretariat.	

5.0	<u>Any Other Business.</u>	
5.1	The World Bank is very keen in getting countries like Madagascar to join FiTI.	
5.2	NMSG members think that the FiTI initiative should also be promoted by the Civil Society Organisations.	
5.3	A FiTI Communication Plan will be developed next year.	
5.4	A website will be finalised in 2020 in order to make FiTI information (reports, legal fisheries acts etc...) accessible to all.	

Having no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11.15 am.