

MINUTES OF 04th MEETING

National Multi-Stakeholder Group Meeting

Fisheries Transparency Initiative

Date: Thursday 25th July 2019
Venue: Blue Economy Department, Oliaji Trade Centre, fourth floor
Time: 1.30 pm

Members present:

1. Mr. Beatty Hoareau, FBOA
2. Mr. Roy Fonseka representing the Private Sector/Leader of the Opposition
3. Mr. Peter Purvis, representing the Industrial Fleet.
4. Mr. Philippe Michaud, National FiTI coordinator/Blue Economy.

Invitee:

1. Mr. Abel Sorry, FiTI focal person.

Members absent:

1. Mr. Jude Talma, Principal Secretary of Fisheries representing the Government.
2. Dr. Marie-Thérèse Purvis, representing the Civil Society of Seychelles (CEPS).
3. Ms. Chantal Ghislain, Honourable Member of the National Assembly.
4. Mr. Grant Heyer, representing the Civil Society of Seychelles (CEPS).
5. Mr. Cyril Bonnelame (Transparency Initiatives Seychelles).

Agenda.

1. Confirmation of minutes.
2. Matters Arising
3. Terms of Reference.
4. FiTI work plan.
5. Financing of FiTI secretariat.
6. Any other Business.

	Points Discussed.	Action by
1.0	<p><u>Confirmation of minutes.</u></p> <p>The minutes of the 03rd NMSG-FiTI meeting was unanimously endorsed by all members present in the meeting.</p>	All.
2.0	<p><u>Terms of Reference for FiTI-NMSG.</u></p> <p>The Terms of Reference for the FiTI-NMSG, which has already been circulated to all members of the NMSG for comments and subsequent approval was discussed during the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Michaud proposed that a clause should be added to the Terms of Reference which would increase NMSG composition from 7 to 12. He also informed the meeting that there is a Cabinet Paper being prepared for this increase in FiTI-NMSG membership.</p> <p>Mr. Michaud also discussed the importance of having alternates for the NMSG in terms of transparency as well as participation and inclusiveness of other stakeholders.</p> <p>All members present gave their consent and approved the Terms of Reference for the FiTI-NMSG.</p>	<p>NMSG members</p> <p>National FiTI Coordinator.</p>
3.0	<p><u>Draft FiTI Work plan.</u></p> <p>The Draft FiTI Work plan prepared by FiTI focal person was circulated during the meeting and each member was given a copy for perusal. It was explained that this exercise is important in the sense that Seychelles needs to have an approved Work Plan (agreed by the NMSG) for its FiTI candidature application.</p> <p>The draft ‘digital copy’ will be circulated for comments and subsequently approved by NMSG.</p>	<p>FiTI focal person. NMSG members.</p>

4.0	<p><u>Financing of FiTI Secretariat.</u></p> <p>Information was given on the latest developments as regards to the Financing of the FiTI secretariat in Seychelles. Mr. Michaud explained that the institutional arrangements and financial mechanisms for receiving funding are being discussed with the World Bank, so as to put in place a mechanism to receive funding for certain activities of the FiTI secretariat. Mr. Michaud also indicated that a \$700, 000 grant has been guaranteed from the Moore Foundation and this will finance the FiTI International Secretariat up to 2021.</p> <p>All members present during the meeting welcomed the positive and new development as regards to the financing and setting up of the FiTI Secretariat.</p>	National FiTI Coordinator.
5.0	<p><u>Registration of the FiTI International Secretariat.</u></p> <p>Mr. Michaud informed the session that the International FiTI Secretariat is expected to be registered as an Association in Seychelles towards the end of this year. Nonetheless, he indicated that there will be further discussions on this aspect and the meeting will be informed accordingly.</p> <p>Mr. Fonseka asked certain clarifications in regards to the self-support of the International FiTI Secretariat-currently based in Seychelles. In his response, Mr. Michaud explained that in the long-term when FiTI gets more members, the International FiTI secretariat will generate more income through membership fees and will be able to self-sustain.</p> <p>.</p>	
6.0	<p><u>FiTI Candidature Application.</u></p> <p>The NMSG gave its approval for Seychelles to move towards becoming a FiTI candidate country and instructed the National Secretariat to proceed with the process.</p>	

6.0	<p><u>Any Other Business.</u></p> <p>Mr. Michaud informed members that the FiTI Cabinet Paper is being finalized and should be submitted for approval soon.</p> <p>Mr. Fonseca stressed on the role of educating the general public on the roles and functions of the FiTI. He stressed on the importance of showing stakeholders and the general public what benefit the FiTI will be playing in their livelihood and business enterprises.</p> <p>Mr. Beatty Hoareau emphasized on the availability and accessibility of information as in how to become a FiTI compliant country.</p> <p>Mr. Michaud explained that detailed information on FiTI is already available on the following website: and the advantages that these bring to FiTI compliant countries to local businesses and investors are also featured.</p>	

Having no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2.30 pm.

The next meeting has been provisionally scheduled for the 22nd August 2019 on the 04th Floor, Oliaji Building, at 10:30am.