



**Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)  
National Multi-Stakeholder Group (NMSG)  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
**Time:** 10h30am  
**Venue:** Department of Blue Economy, Maison Collet, Victoria

<b>Members in Attendance</b>		
<b>Special Invitee</b>	Mr. Jean-François Ferrari	Minister of Fisheries and Blue Economy
<b>Members Present</b>	Mr. Philippe Michaud	Chair
	Hon. Wallace Cosgrow	Member of the National Assembly (MNA) United Seychelles Opposition
	Marie-Therese Purvis	S4S
	Ms. Wilna Accouche	Green Island Foundation
	Mr. Rodney Nicole	Belombre Fishermen Association
	Mr. Muditha Gunatilake	AFPES
	Mr. Antoine Marie Moustache	Nature Seychelles
<b>Observers</b>	Ms. Nathanielle Morel	Blue Economy
	Ms. Betty Victor	Seychelles Fishing Authority
	Mr. Yannick Memeé	FiTI International Secretariat
	Ms. Kim Samy	FiTI National Secretariat
	Ms. Daniella Larue	2022 FiTI Report Compiler
<b>Online Attendee</b>	Mr. Selwyn Edmond	Seaward Co Ltd.
	Ms. Stephanie Radegonde	Department of Fisheries
	Ms. Fatime Kante	Transparency International Seychelles
	Mr. Louis Bossy	Chairman of the Fishing Boat Owners Association (SFBOA)
<b>Members Absent</b>	Honorable Regina Esparon	The Linyon Demokratik Seselwa Party (Government Party).
	Mr. Roy Clarisse	Principal Secretary for the Department of Fisheries
	Mr. Cyril Bonnelame	Transparency Initiative Seychelles
	Mr. Gervais Verlaque	Student
	Mr Anthony Savy de St. Maurice	General Manager at Aquarius Shipping Agency Limited

**Welcome Notes:** Chairperson, Mr. Philippe Michaud called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. A warm welcome was extended to all participants.

## **1. Agenda Setting:**

The meeting agenda was accepted with the addition of inviting the Minister

## **2. Welcome of Minister**

2.1 Minister of Fisheries and Blue Economy, Mr. Jean-Francois Ferrari was welcomed by the Chair and was presented FiTI Report 2022.

2.2 The Minister thanked the NMSG members for their hard work and active participation.

## **3. Confirmation of minutes:**

3.1 The minutes from the previous meeting held on April 2024 were reviewed and approved.

3.2 Dr. Purvis proposed to have the minutes of the meeting circulated within one week of the FiTI NMSG Meetings.

## **4. Presentation by Mr. Yannick Memee**

4.1 Presentation on FiTI Validation Process

4.2 Corrective Actions: Increase in Public access to information, exemplified by the launch of the new Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) and new publications on the government website for Fisheries.

4.3 Next steps:

- Evidence Compilation: The Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) should compile evidence
- Annual Work Plan for 2024: if not possible work, summarize what has been achieved/ explanation for the absence.
- Regarding Corrective Action 4: This information should be mentioned online.

### **Action:**

- The FiTI secretariat has already worked on several corrective action points. Will need to set up a meeting to discuss this further.
- To share the Validation Process PPT with the NMSG Members.

## 5. Activities Undertaken

5.1 The Chair briefly mentioned the following activities which had taken place:

- 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024: The Chair spoke on FiTI during the **Sustainable Tuna Association (STA) Conference** on Transparency within the Indian Ocean Tuna fishery- a collaborative approach to fight illegal fishing and ensure long-term tuna stocks.
- 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024: **Bonjour Seychelles Programme** aired on the occasion of **Tuna Week**.
- 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Meeting with Vice President, Designated Minister, PS, BE, PS of Finance, and SFA on OGP FiTI Commitment.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024: Presentation of FiTI to Cabinet
- The circulation of FiTI 2022 report to all national stakeholders.
- Letters and FiTI report have been forwarded to respective Ambassadors, NGOs, VP, Unisey, and so on.
- 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024, Press Conference on FiTI report.

## 6. Terms of Reference ‘ToR’

6.1 Certain members had circulated their comments but complained that their comments had not been acknowledged. There seemed to have been confusion in emails and the National Secretariat did extend an apology.

6.2 The Comments will be discussed with the FiTI International Secretariat to receive their contribution. Once received and compiled, the draft will be circulated.

6.3 To confirm the post of the representative from the Information Commission as a member of the FiTI NMSG group.

### **Action:**

Will need to recruit a central person to focus on FiTI, EITI, and OGP actions.

## 7. In-Person Workshop

7.1 Participation in Fishery Transparency and Policy-Making.

- Wednesday 26th to Thursday 27th June 2024, at CEPS conference room, room 208, Orion Mall, Victoria.

This workshop was for the FiTI *NMSG Members only*. The goals of the workshop were to create detailed recommendations to the national government regarding increasing and improving participation in Fisheries Transparency, to create a shared vision, and to create general recommendations.

**Action:** All members were invited to attend the In-Person workshop.

#### 7.2 In-Person Training: Participation in Fishery Transparency and Policy-Making.

- Friday 28th June 2024 from 9 am to 12:30 pm, at Maison Collet, 2nd floor, conference room no.144.

This workshop was for other *government workers engaged in participation*. The goal of the workshop was to provide national government representatives with an overview of the participation status quo, current needs, ideal scenarios, and concrete recommendations based on the outcomes of the NMSG In-person workshop.

**Action:** Required only 4 government officials to present. Invitees were from Finance, Fisheries, BE Policy, and NBS.

### 8. AOB

#### 7.1 Sea Cucumber Fishing

- To be discussed in the next meeting

#### 7.2 SFA Reporting and Work Plan

- Require meeting with CEO SFA. The task will be fulfilled by Chair and Ms. Morel.

### 9. Concluding Strategic Items and Actions

#### 8.1 Identify a liaising person for the Implementation of recommendations at SFA.

- Ms. Betty Victor proposed to Mrs Tresa Bastienne Assistant Manager, PR & Communication officer of SFA.

Action: The Chair will draft a letter to the SFA.

### 10. End of Meeting: adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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Mr. Philippe Michaud

Chair

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Ms. Kim Samy

National Secretary to the Board