

## Meeting 28 Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC)

**Date:** Thursday, 20 May 2010

**Venue:** Office of the President

**Time:** 11:00 hrs

### Attendance:

Name	Institution
His Excellency President Jagdeo	Office of the President
Shyam Nokta	Office of the President
Michael Brotherson	Office of the President
Edward Dreyfus	Office of the President
Steven Grin	Office of the President
Gitanjali Chandarpal	Office of the President
Alfred King	Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
Dindyal Permaul	Ministry of Agriculture
William Woolford	Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC)
Indarjit Ramdass	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
James Singh	Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC)
Mimi Fernandes	Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous People (GOIP)
Ashton Simon	The National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF)
Romel Simon	The National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF)
Peter Persaud	The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)
Pamela Mendonca	The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)
Hymawattie Lagan	Women's Affairs Bureau
David James	Individual Capacity

### Absent/Excused

Dr. Roger Luncheon	Office of the President	Excused
Minister Robert Persaud	Ministry of Agriculture	Excused
Minister Pauline Sukhai	Ministry of Amerindian Affairs	Excused
Shereeda Yusuf	Office of the President	Excused
Jocelyn Dow	IIED	Excused
Patrick Williams	World Wildlife Fund	Excused
Joe Singh	Individual Capacity	Excused
Sydney Allicock	North Rupununi District Development Board	Excused
Carvil Duncan	Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana	Absent
Edward Shields	Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association	Absent
Gillian Burton	Guyana Trade Union Congress	Absent
Gerry Gouveia	Private Sector Commission	Absent
David Singh	Conservation International	Absent
Hilbertus Cort	Forest Producers Association	Absent
Vanda Radzik	IED	Absent
Yvonne Pearson	National Toshias Council	Absent
Jean La Rose	Amerindian People's Association	Absent by Choice

## **1 Call to Order**

His Excellency President Bharrat Jagdeo called the meeting to order.

## **2 Announcements and Correspondence**

There was no announcement or correspondence.

## **3 Updates and Reports**

### **Launching of the Revised LCDS**

- 3.1 His Excellency notified members that the revised LCDS will be provided to them for their review and emphasized that the strategy is a work in progress and will continue to be modified. He encouraged members to facilitate a general revision at this stage and stated that the broad areas are covered in the report.
- 3.2 His Excellency indicated that there is strong focus on implementation of the LCDS at this stage.
- 3.3 He informed members that initially a public launching of the revised LCDS was being proposed. However, given that there are not many new elements in the revised strategy, a briefing session will be held instead. He indicated that the briefing would be held on Monday June 24, 2010 at 13:00 hrs and invited MSSC to be present at the event. The meeting agreed that remarks should be provided by representatives of the MSSC and to include the national toshaos council, indigenous organisations, civil society, the private sector, the labour movement and international conservation organisations. His Excellency indicated that he will also provide remarks.
- 3.4 Mr. Simon expressed his satisfaction with the format of the revised LCDS.
- 3.5 His Excellency suggested that each speaker carry a different focus their speech. He indicated that the Office of Climate Change (OCC) should be available to provide technical and administrative support to members of the MSCC who were identified to speak at the press conference.
- 3.6 His Excellency indicated that other stakeholders should be invited to the event along with the MSSC and the Press and that following on from the briefing, the Minister of Finance will provide more details to Parliament on aspects of the LCDS related to the national budget.
- 3.7 Mr. Simon enquired whether flyers could be used to raise awareness on the LCDS and indicated that they should be distributed to communities. His Excellency indicated that the National Tashaos Council (NTC) will be receiving funds soon to enable more outreach sessions and this will allow for more discussion on developments. He indicated that flyers for the coastal and for indigenous communities may have to be produced differently.
- 3.8 Mr. Simon indicated that his organization (the NADF) is trying to augment the work of the NTC and a small proposal is being developed and will be provided to OCC soon.
- 3.9 His Excellency indicated that decisions are still being made with regards to how the FCPF grant agreement will be done. He stated that through the mechanism, resources could be accessed for the NTC.
- 3.10 His Excellency indicated that if there are major issues with the numbers and facts in the revised LCDS, these should be raised. It is important to remember that the document can be updated further. He indicated that members could focus on Chapter 9.

### **Biodiversity**

- 3.11 His Excellency enquired whether a response was received from Evershed.
- 3.12 Mr. Dreyfus indicated that he and Mr. Bishop spoke to Alan Cole. He indicated that the technical work done on biodiversity as part of the EIA for the Amaila project could feed into Evershed's work.
- 3.13 His Excellency indicated that there should be a broad scope focus on the protection of the environment and bio-diversity. He stated that both environmental and commercial aspects need to be considered.
- 3.14 Dr. Ramdass indicated that legislation has been produced for the Trust Fund and Protected Areas.

3.15 His Excellency indicated that there needs to be progress in this area. Dr. Ramdass was asked to follow up on the matter.

#### 4 Any other Business

4.1 Mr. David James requested information regarding the Norway meeting.

4.2 His Excellency indicated that it aims to bring momentum back to REDD to enable an agreement in time for the Mexico conference. This will allow enable bilateral support outside of the UNFCCC process.

#### 5 Close

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:45hrs.

### End of Minutes

A number of key points were made and follow up action identified. These are summarised below.

Key Points	Follow Up
Press conference to be held on Monday June 24, 2010 at 13:00 hrs for the revised launch of the LCDS.	OCC to follow up
Technical and administrative support should be given to the MSCC who were identified to speak at the press conference	OCC to follow up
The flyers on the LCDS for the Coast and for Indigenous communities may have to be produced differently	OCC to follow up
A small proposal is being developed to augment the work of the NTC, which will be provided to the OCC	NADF to follow up
Progress should be made for the legislation for the Trust Fund and Protected Areas	EPA to follow up