

Meeting 47 Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC)

Date: Thursday, 1st November 2012

Venue: Office of the President

Time: 10:10 hrs

Attendance:

Name	Institution
His Excellency President Ramotar	
Minister Ashni Singh	Ministry of Finance
Minister Robert Persaud	Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment
Shyam Nokta	Office of the President
Andrew Bishop	Office of the President
Kapil Mohabir	Office of the President
Shereeda Yusuf	Office of the President
George Jervis	Ministry of Agriculture
Rickford Viera	Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC)
Pradeepa Bholanath	Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC)
Hilbertus Cort	Forest Producers Association (FPA)
Indarjit Ramdass	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Ronald Webster	Private Sector Commission
Edward Shields	Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association (GGDMA)
Carvil Duncan	Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana (FITUG)
Derrick John	National Toshaos Council
Peter Persaud	The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)
Pamela Mendonca	The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)
Ashton Simon	The National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF)
Hymawattie Lagan	Women's Affairs Bureau
David James	Individual Capacity

Absent/Excused

Former President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo	Individual Capacity	Excused
Dr. Roger Luncheon	Office of the President	Excused
Minister Leslie Ramsammy	Ministry of Agriculture	Excused
Minister Pauline Sukhai	Ministry of Amerindian Affairs	Excused
Alfred King	Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports	Excused
Paulette Bynoe	University of Guyana	Excused
Jocelyn Dow	Civil Society	Excused
Yvonne Pearson	National Toshaos Council	Excused
Rommel Simon	The National Amerindian Development Foundation	Excused
Colin Klautky	Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous People	Excused
George Norton	Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous People	Excused
James Singh	Guyana Forestry Commission	Excused
David Singh	Conservation International	Excused
Vanda Radzik	Civil Society	Excused
Michael Williams	North Rupununi District Development Board	Excused
Patrick Williams	World Wildlife Fund	Excused
Joe Singh	Individual Capacity	Excused
Gillian Burton	Guyana Trades Union Congress	Absent
Jean La Rose	Amerindian People's Association	Absent by Choice

Invitee

Nikolaus Oudkerk	Office of the President
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1. Call to Order

His Excellency President Ramotar called the meeting to order.

2. Announcements and Correspondence

2.1 There were excuses from Minister Ramsammy, Minister Sukhai, Mr. R. Simon, Ms. Radzik, Ms Dow, Mr. King, Dr. Bynoe, Dr. Singh, Mr. Klautky, Ms. Pearson, Mr. Williams, Mr. Singh and Dr. Norton.

2.2 The new acting Commissioner for the GGMC, Mr. Rickford Vieira was welcomed to the MSSC.

2.3 There was no correspondence.

3. Remarks by His Excellency President Ramotar

3.1 President Ramotar stated that there are several updates since the last MSSC Meeting as follows:

3.1.1 Although, it was agreed that there be an MSSC on the third Wednesday of each month, there was no meeting as scheduled in October due to unforeseeable events. But, in order to maintain the order of meetings, this meeting was scheduled. The next meetings will be as previously agreed.

3.1.2 At the last meeting it was agreed that the PMO will update the MSSC on the LCDS projects and this was done with the circulation of a matrix to MSSC members.

The IDB is in Guyana this week to further the progress on the Amaila Project.

The Micro and Small Enterprise (MSE) project is currently in its review period and is posted on the GRIF website.

3.1.3 Work is presently being done on the LCDS Addendum where a second wave of LCDS projects will be identified based on the LCDS.

3.1.4 There is continued work with Norway for Guyana to receive the third payments for services. The independent audit report is being finalised and will be presented to the MSSC for review. It is noted that Guyana has recorded a lower rate of deforestation than the last reporting period. This is significant, as this is a 15-month period. There is continued progress on EU FLEGT, EITI Land Use Planning and Amerindian Land Titling and Demarcation.

3.1.5 There is continued stakeholder awareness and engagement particularly with Amerindian communities.

3.1.6 There are efforts being made to strengthen the MSSC as the body has a critical role to play in the LCDS.

3.1.7 Regarding international updates, the UNFCCC COP 18 will be held in Qatar in November-December 2012. There has been some progress on REDD+ but it has been slow.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) has agreed that South Korea will host the next meeting for which former President Jagdeo has been identified as Chair. This is a big step for Guyana.

The commitment of developed countries providing US\$100B by 2020 seems distant. The pledges for emissions targets for 4 degree pathway have been lacking.

Guyana will actively continue to participate and push for adaptation and conservation of its forests while advocating deeper cuts in emissions. It will forge ahead with the LCDS and the agreement with Norway.

4. Minutes of Meeting 46

4.1 The Minutes should reflect the MSSC's concerns and discussions on the participation of other trade union representatives.

Motion to adopt the Minutes was moved by Mr. Peter Persaud and seconded by Ms. Pradeepa Bholanath.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

5.1 There was no matter arising from Minutes No. 46.

6. Updates and Reports

Congratulations to former President Jagdeo

The MSSC congratulated former President Jagdeo on his election as the First Chair of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).

Acknowledgement to the OCC

- 6.1 The staff of the Office of Climate Change (OCC) was lauded for their work on distributing packages to the MSSC, which included the LCDS in focus newsletter. It was suggested that these materials be circulated to the Hinterland communities.

Events in the US

- 6.2 The meeting noted the recent effects of Hurricane Sandy and His Excellency President Ramotar indicated that condolences were sent.

7. Any Other Business

OCC Presentation to PSC

- 7.1 The meeting was informed that the OCC, through Mr Nokta, made an excellent presentation to the Board members of the Private Sector Commission (PSC). It was indicated that there has been positive feedback on the presentation.

8. Close

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10:45 hrs.

End of Minutes