

Meeting 6 Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC)

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Date: Tuesday, July 15th 2009

Venue: Office of the President

Time: 14:00 hrs

Attendance:

Name	Institution
His Excellency President Jagdeo	Office of the President
Minister Robert Persaud	Ministry of Agriculture
Minister Pauline Sukai	Ministry of Amerindian Affairs
Dr. Roger Luncheon	Office of the President
Michael Brotherson	Office of the President
Andrew Bishop	Office of the President
Shyam Nokta	Office of the President
Shereeda Yusuf	Office of the President
James Singh	Guyana Forestry Commission
Hilbertus Cort	Forest Producers Association (FPA)
William Woolford	Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC)
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)
Sydney Allicock	(NRDDB)
Jocelyn Dow	International Institute for Environmental and Development (IIED)
Vanda Radzik	International Institute for Environmental and Development (IIED)
Hymawattie Lagan	Women's Bureau Affairs
Carvil Duncan	Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana (FITUG)
Edward Shields	Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association (GGDMA)
David Singh	Conservation International (CI)
David James	Individual Capacity
Joe Singh	Individual Capacity

Absent/Excused

Indarjit Ramdass	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Absent
Gerry Gouveia	Private Sector Commission (PSC)	Absent
Dr. Dindyal Permaul	Ministry of Agriculture	Absent
Gillian Burton	Guyana Trade Unions Congress (GTUC)	Absent
Alfred King	Youth Representative	Absent
Patrick Williams	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)	Absent
Jean La Rose	Amerindian People's Association	Absent

1. Call To Order

His Excellency President Jagdeo opened the meeting. He made reference to the Agenda and its contents. His Excellency invited the Members whether they want to add anything to the Agenda.

2. Announcements and Correspondence

There were no announcements or correspondence.

3. Minutes of Meeting 5 and Updates since Last Meeting

His Excellency invited the MSSC members to go through the Minutes of Meeting 5 and Updates since Last Meeting. There were no corrections, additions or clarifications.

4. Updates on Sub-National Consultations

Mr. Nokta and Mr. Bishop updated the gathering on the consultations for Regions 6, 7 and 8 and made reference to the Summary Reports from the consultations. Following the presentations, there was extensive discussions where the following points were made:

- The consultation team that visited Kamarang and Kato noted that based on the observed trend in the submission from participants and the comments and positions taken, there was some coercing and prior briefing on what positions to take.
- Reports confirmed that operatives of one indigenous NGO had gone into the communities prior to the consultation meeting and had briefing sessions on the LCDS. However, unlike Regions 9 and 1, no list of questions was provided.
- The IIED Monitors were asked to take note of this and also for the list of questions to be made available to MSSC members.
- One indigenous NGO representative on the MSSC informed that he had received by e-mail from one of the IIED Representatives on the MSSC, a document from the APA indicating positions on the LCDS.
- IIED representative reported that Mr. John Palmer had made a submission to the Norwegians and were also writing to IIED.
- IIED was reminded that at the meeting between His Excellency and Mr. Duncan Mc Queen, Mr. Mc Queen had given an undertaking to correct the inaccuracies on Guyana and the forestry sector in several of the IIED publications.
- GT&T indicated it was willing to install billboards with the LCDS theme and was awaiting guidance on the themes.
- FPA and the GGDMA reported on consultations among their respective members at which representatives of Government made presentations on the LCDS
- Plans by the NRDDDB to convene a Youth Forum were outlined to the MSSC and the budget clarified.
- The Ministries of Education and Youth, Sports and Culture should be engaged to organise children to paint a section of the seawall on climate change and LCDS as was done for Carifesta.
- At the upcoming meeting of the National Toshau's Council, MSSC members are invited to attend and there will be separate sessions on the LCDS.

5. Schedule of Meetings being organised by MSSC Member Organisations

Mr. Nokta informed that several MSSC members organisations were planning fora to which the OCC will be invited to make presentations. Ms. Lagan informed that a forum for women's organisation is being convened and the date will be finalised shortly.

6. Any Other Business

It was agreed that there will be a follow up meeting on Tuesday 21st July 2009 at 14:00hrs at the Office of the President.

A number of key points were made and follow up action identified. This is summarised below.

Key Points	Follow Up
There should be listed on the Agenda "Announcements and Correspondence"	OCC to follow up for next meeting
A plan should be developed for international feedback on the LCDS	OCC to follow up with assistance from CI
A kit should be prepared for media briefing	OCC will confirm dates for media briefing and C.I to assist with media kits
The list of questions that was circulated to the Toshao's to be read at the consultations should be circulated to the MSSC Members	OCC to follow up
There should be one large meeting with all women's organisation and then meetings with the other groups done before the end of the month.	Women's Bureau to follow up
The themes/montage needs to be created for the billboards that GT&T will be sponsoring.	OCC to follow up
Arrange to have children paint montages of their interpretation of climate change on the sea walls	OCC to follow up with Ministries of Education and Youth, Sports and Culture