

Meeting 9 Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC)

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Date: Tuesday, 4th August 2009

Venue: Office of the President

Time: 14:00 hrs

Attendance:

Name	Institution
His Excellency Sam Hinds (ag)	Office of the President
Michael Brotherson	Office of the President
Shyam Nokta	Office of the President
Shereeda Yusuf	Office of the President
Dr. Dindyal Permaul	Ministry of Agriculture
Pradeepa Bholanath	Guyana Forestry Commission
Hilbertus Cort	Forest Producers Association (FPA)
William Woolford	Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC)
Indarjit Ramdass	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Ashton Simon	The National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF)
Pamela Mendonca	The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)
Peter Persaud	The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)
Mimi Fernandes	Guyana Organisation of Indigenous People (GOIP)
Jocelyn Dow	International Institute for Environmental and Development (IIED)
Alfred King	Youth Representative
Hymawattie Lagan	Women's Affairs Bureau
Carvil Duncan	Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana (FITUG)
Edward Shields	Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association (GGDMA)
Gerry Gouveia	Private Sector Commission (PSC)
Patrick Williams	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
Joe Singh	Individual Capacity
David James	Individual Capacity

Absent/Excused

Minister Robert Persaud	Ministry of Agriculture	Excused
Minister Pauline Sukhai	Ministry of Amerindian Affairs	Excused
Dr. Roger Luncheon	Office of the President	Excused
Andrew Bishop	Office of the President	Excused
David Singh	Conservation International	Excused
James Singh	Guyana Forestry Commission	Excused
Vanda Radzik	IIED	Excused
Sydney Allicock	North Rupununi District Development Board	Absent
Gillian Burton	Guyana Trade Unions Congress	Absent
Jean La Rose	Amerindian People's Association	Absent by Choice

1. Call To Order

His Excellency President Sam Hinds (a.g) opened the meeting.

2. Announcements and Correspondence

Mr. Nokta informed that Dr. David Singh has been excused from the Meeting. There was no correspondence.

3. Minutes of Meeting 8

His Excellency invited the MSSC members to go through the Minutes of Meeting 8. The following corrections were identified:

- Minister Sukhai's name was misspelt on the Attendance list
- The APA should be recorded as Absent by Choice.
- Under Key Points, #1 should be adjusted to reflect that a Scorecard should be developed to serve a comparison between World Bank Safeguards and the standards set by the MSSC for the LCDS Process.

The minutes were verified as true and correct by Dr. Permaul and seconded by Mr. Peter Persaud.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

- 4.1 An enquiry was made as to the link between the land demarcation process for Amerindian lands and the LCDS. Several MSSC members provided responses and elaborated this link, making reference to the Opting In by Amerindian titled communities when they are ready to do so and the views expressed during the sub-national consultations.
- 4.2 It was reported that the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs has completed 2 of the 5 translations of the LCDS Factsheet to Amerindian languages. The view was offered that when complete, this is a significant achievement for Guyana and it should be recognised. Also, that there should be a public handing over and launch.

5. Updates and Reports

Awareness Sessions

- 5.1 Mr. Michael Brotherson updated the Committee on the proposal from The Guyana Post Office to deliver a flyer when delivering mails at a cost of \$3.50 per flyer delivered. It was proposed that the flyer be attractively designed. Ms. Dow indicated she will assist the OCC in preparing the flyer.
- 5.2 Mr. Brotherson informed that since the last meeting, there were 5 awareness sessions, three of which members of OCC presented - Progressive Youth Organisation at Xenon Academy, Rotary Stabroek, and Forest Products Development Marketing Council. These reports were circulated to MSSC Members. There are some requests still pending – a school on East Coast through Mr Dwarka of OP, the Scouts Jamboree and National Youth Forum. He informed that the OCC is continuing awareness activities as outlined in the Update report.
- 5.3 Mr. Woolford and Mr. Shields provided an update of the consultation between President Jagdeo and the mining community, organised by the GGDMA and GGMC noting it was a very interactive session and which afforded the opportunity to clarify some misconceptions. President Jagdeo agreed to meet with the miners in a few months to discuss issues specific to mining.
- 5.4 Mr. Shyam Nokta updated the members on the National Toshos Council Meeting Session at the Guyana International Conference Centre for which one day was set aside for discussions on the LCDS and which also was a very good interactive session with over 60 speakers offering views on the LCDS.

Press Release

- 5.5 A draft Press Release which had been prepared by the OCC was reviewed by the MSSC and finalised. It was noted that some MSSC members had already provided comments. The MSSC noted that this Release was coming at the half-way point of the 3 month period identified for consultations and awareness and also at the time when the sub-national consultations were complete.

Jingle

- 5.6 The jingle prepared by Dave Martins was presented to the MSSC. There was general consensus that the theme of the jingle should be '*Transforming the Economy while combating Climate Change*' and there should be more focus on the LCDS. It was agreed that Mr. Martins should be given an opportunity to revise the jingle. Also, the OCC should pursue with GT&T the developing of a song with the involvement of the participants of the recently held jingle competition.

6 Any Other Business

- 6.1 The suggestion was made that a contingency plan should be developed should the decisions coming out of Copenhagen not be favourable to the LCDS implementation and securing funds and a technical team should work on this.

There being no other business, It was agreed that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th August 2009 at 14:00hrs at the Office of the President.

End of Minutes

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

Key Points	Follow Up
Scorecard to be developed to serve a comparison between World Bank Safeguards and the standards set by the MSSC for the LCDS Process.	IIED
Ministry of Amerindian Affairs to complete remainder translations of the LCDS Factsheet to Amerindian languages.	OCC to follow up
The updated report on Amerindian land issues and the demarcation process should be made available to the World Bank representatives and also posted on the LCDS web site.	Ministry of Amerindian Affairs to provide and OCC to follow up
Press Release to be edited based on MSSC review comments and sent out	OCC to follow up
The jingle needs to be redone with lyrics specific to the LCDS	OCC to follow up with Dave Martins
GT&T should be contacted about creating a song.	OCC to follow up