

## Meeting 13

### Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC)

#### Meeting 13

**Date:** Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009

**Venue:** Office of the President

**Time:** 14:00 hrs

#### Attendance:

Name	Institution
His Excellency President Jagdeo	Office of the President
Shyam Nokta	Office of the President
Andrew Bishop	Office of the President
Shereeda Yusuf	Office of the President
James Singh	Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC)
William Woolford	Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC)
Edward Shields	Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association
Indarjit Ramdass	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Ashton Simon	The National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF)
Mimi Fernandes	Guyana Organisation of Indigenous People (GOIP)
Jocelyn Dow	International Institute for Environmental and Development (IIED)
Vanda Radzik	International Institute for Environmental and Development (IIED)
Carvil Duncan	Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana (FITUG)
Gillian Burton	Guyana Trade Unions Congress
Gerry Gouveia	Private Sector Commission (PSC)
David Singh	Conservation International (CI)
Hymawattie Lagan	Women's Affairs Bureau
Alfred King	Youth Representative
Joe Singh	Individual Capacity
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
Michael Brotherson	Office of the President	Excused
Dr. Dindyal Permaul	Ministry of Agriculture	Excused
Hilbertus Cort	Forest Producers Association (FPA)	Excused
Patrick Williams	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)	Excused
Pamela Mendonca	The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana	Excused
Peter Persaud	The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana	Excused
Sydney Allicock	North Rupununi District Development Board	Excused
Jean La Rose	Amerindian People's Association	Absent by Choice

## **1. Call to Order**

Mr. Shyam Nokta indicated His Excellency will be joining the meeting shortly and the meeting should proceed.

## **2. Announcements and Correspondence**

- 2.1. Mr. Nokta informed the MSSC that Minister Persaud, Minister Sukhai, Mr. Hilbertus Cort, Dr. Dindyal Permaul, Dr. Patrick Williams, Ms. Pamela Mendonca and Mr. Peter Persaud have been excused from the Meeting.
- 2.2. Ms. Vanda Radzik informed that Mr. Sydney Allicock has asked to be excused from the Meeting.
- 2.3. Mr. Nokta informed the MSSC that there were three correspondences:
  - i. The Office of Climate Change received from Mr. Rustum Bulkan on behalf of the Wood Sub-Sector of the Guyana Manufacturing and Services Association Ltd. comments on the LCDS.
  - ii. Ms. Vanda Radzik followed up with Global Witness on the collaborative efforts of IIED and Global Witness in arranging a forum for His Excellency in London.
  - iii. A translation into Makushi of the LCDS was received from Minister Sukhai.

## **3. Minutes of Meeting 12**

Mr. Shyam Nokta invited the MSSC members to go through the Minutes of Meeting 12. The following corrections identified:

- i. At the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> line in Point 2.6 there is a typo. It should be “has” instead of “have”.
- ii. The numbering of the sub-heading Announcements and Correspondence is incorrect.
- iii. The last line of Point 2.6 should be corrected.
- iv. In the point 4.1, a response should be added.
- v. In point 5.8 the name of the magazine should be mentioned.
- vi. In the 4<sup>th</sup> line of Point 6.1, it is the 9 components of the RPP not MRV.
- vii. It should read “Presentation of the Readiness Report” not the R-Plan.
- viii. Before the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of Point 2.11 there should be another sentence stating that comments made are not necessarily those of the OCC.

The minutes were verified as true and correct by Mr. Carvil Duncan and seconded by Mr. Alfred King.

## **4. Matters Arising from Minutes**

- 4.1 Enquiry was made to Point 2.8 regarding issues which needed to be looked at in more details and in so doing to examine the existing legislation (Amerindian Act, forestry and mining legislation) and whether an Action Plan should be developed. Mr. Nokta indicated that the MSSC will urge the entities MoAA, GFC, GGMC, to move this forward. The MoAA was identified to coordinate this.
- 4.2 The IIED representatives indicated they will continue to follow up with Mr. Duncan Mc. Queen on the adjustments to the report as well as following up with Global Witness on organising the Press Briefing with the President when he is in London.
- 4.3 It was reported that the organised by the Private Sector was interactive and informative and touched on a number of broader national issues as well as the LCDS. While it was recognised that there were some reports in the media on the event, the private sector was encouraged to issue its own release as well as to formally submit its views on the LCDS.

## **5. Updates and Reports**

### **Awareness Sessions**

- 5.1 Mr. Shyam Nokta informed the Committee that C.I & Iwokrama have concluded their three part dialogue series on the LCDS held on 20 August 2009, August 24 and 26. The OCC provided support for each of the sessions.
- 5.2 Awareness sessions were held with Caribbean youths at the Scouts Jamboree held at the Sophia Exhibition Centre and the National Youth Forum held at the Guyana International Conference Centre. At both events President Jagdeo was present. Reports from these sessions have been circulated to MSSC members for review.
- 5.3 Mr. Carvil Duncan informed the MSSC that the Berbice awareness session held by FITUG was a success with almost 100 attendees and Mr. Andrew Bishop made a good presentation. Mr. Duncan indicated there will be another session in Essequibo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Other Updates**

- 5.4 It was reported that the GGMDA has informed the MSSC that they have discussions with a research team in preparing a report on the mining sector with priority given to the LCDS and this will be prepared within 10 weeks. Also, GGMC has provided digital copies of the reports from their outreach/awareness sessions with miners on the LCDS and these have been posted on the LCDS website.
- 5.5 IIED has informed the MSSC that a draft of their report will available by 7<sup>th</sup> September and will be circulated to the MSSC to review and to answer a questionnaire. IIED is also working on the Scorecard to be developed to serve a comparison between World Bank Safeguards and the standards set by the MSSC for the LCDS Process.
- 5.6 Mr. Shyam Nokta stated that the proposal from the I-NGOs and Mr. David James for awareness and outreach activities in Regions 7 & 8 has been approved and the OCC will be working with the team on logistics and other details.
- 5.7 Mr. Shyam Nokta reported that the LCDS website was hacked a few hours after the comments section was added to the website. The site has since been fixed and security for the website was tightened.
- 5.8 Mr. Andrew Bishop updated the MSSC on the negotiations by the UNFCCC. Mr. Bishop indicated that initial discussions have started on agreement for a baseline.

### **Media**

- 5.9 An article on Guyana and climate change has since been prepared and despatched to the Dutch magazine for publication.

### **Jingle**

- 5.10 The jingle prepared by Dave Martins has been sent to GINA for airing and is being aired.

### **Web Site**

- 5.11 The website is continuously updated and included all reports from the consultations and awareness sessions, key documents, and articles and letters in the media on the LCDS.

### **Others**

- 5.12 The radio/TV spots are on-going.

## 6 Any Other Business

- 6.1 His Excellency invited the Indigenous NGOs and Mr. David James on the MSSC to be present in Lethem during the opening of the Takutu Bridge. The OCC is to work with Mr. Ashton Simon to facilitate this.
- 6.2 It was pointed out that the two reports from FAO Consultancy and CIFOR should be circulated to the MSSC for review.
- 6.3 The articles by *REDD Monitor* was brought to the attention of the MSSC and it was discussed that a response should be made.
- 6.4 His Excellency indicated that following meeting, there will be another Committee formed to start revising the LCDS. H.E identified the members as follows: Mr. Andrew Bishop, Mr. Shyam Nokta, Mr. Michael Brotherson, Mr. David James, Mr. James Singh, Ms. Pradeepa Bhonaulth, Mr. William Woolford, Mr. Joe Singh, Ms. Vanda Radzik, Ms. Jocelyn Dow and one representative from the 3 I-NGOs.

There being no other business, the meeting was concluded.

### End of Minutes

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

Key Points	Follow Up
The sound bites of the Dinner held by the Private Sector should be reviewed and aired on television	Gerry Gouveia to follow up
The Private Sector should issue a release on the Dinner as well as provide formally its views on the LCDS	Gerry Gouveia to follow up
The logistics of the I-NGOs should be arranged so that they are in Lethem on the 14 <sup>th</sup> September	OCC and I-NGOs to follow up
A consolidated report from the awareness sessions held by CI-Iwokrama will be done and submitted by next week	CI to provide
Scorecard to be developed to serve a comparison between World Bank Safeguards and the standards set by the MSSC for the LCDS Process.	IIED to follow up
The IIED will circulate their draft report on the 7 <sup>th</sup> September and Questionnaire to MSSC members.	IIED to follow up
The article written by <i>REDD Monitor</i> should be responded to	IIED to follow up
The two reports from FAO Consultancy and CIFOR should be circulated to the MSSC for review	OCC to follow up