



Republic of Seychelles

Ministry of Finance, Trade and Investment

The Minister

11th June 2014

Ms. Claire Short
EITI Chair
EITI International Secretariat
Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

Dear Ms. Short,

Seychelles Application to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

This letter shall serve as the official candidacy application submission from the Government of Seychelles to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.

Enclosed herewith are the following documentation for due consideration;

1. Candidature application
2. Work plan for EITI implementation

In consideration of our application should your office require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Patrick Payet on psf@finance.gov.sc

Thanking you.

Pierre Laporte
Minister



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Seychelles to adopt Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) principles

In its endeavour to strengthen transparency in financial reporting in the extractive sector the Republic of Seychelles will adopt the principles of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI). The country has made significant progress in public sector governance, evidenced by its high ranking in the Ibrahim Governance indicators of African countries and the Government remains fully committed to continue improving governance, accountability and transparency in management of public resources.

The Government of Seychelles recognizes that in the event of a discovery of natural resources, including oil, those resources would belong to the Seychellois people and the wealth derived from such resources should be prudently managed for the benefit of the people and make this sector an important engine for sustainable economic growth that would contribute to sustainable development.

To embark in the process of becoming EITI compliant, the Government will shortly establish a multi-stakeholder group to oversee the process of adherence to the EITI and implementation of its requirements. As a first task, the multi-stakeholder group will be called to work with relevant partners and publish a fully costed work plan, containing measurable targets and a timetable for implementation of EITI.

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Work plan for the Period 2014-2016

Seychelles Petroleum Multi-stakeholder Group

June, 2014

Seychelles EITI Work plan for 2014-2016

About Seychelles

The Republic of Seychelles is a small, middle income island state and an estimated population of 90,846 (2013). Per capita income -- around US\$11,349 (2012) -- is among the highest of the Middle Income Countries (MICs). The economy is small (a gross domestic product of US\$1,031 million in 2012), predominantly service-based, and highly vulnerable to global shocks and climate change due to its small size and geographic particulars.

Seychelles comprises 115 islands spread over 1,374 million sq. km. in the western Indian Ocean, containing 455.3 sq. km. in land area. Ten of the islands are inhabited, and approximately 90% of the population live on the largest island, Mahé (60% urbanized), where the capital and main port, Victoria, is located.

Seychelles has been rebounding from a 2008 macroeconomic crisis and is completing its transition to market-based economic policies. Like other small island states, it potentially faces a middle income trap, having achieved high living standards but with limited opportunities to attain high-income status, due partly by its population constraints.

Developments in the Oil Sector

Hydrocarbons exploration in Seychelles started in the early 1970's following the discovery of thick sedimentary sequences offshore the granitic islands during the International Indian Ocean Expedition in the 1960's. Since then, several oil companies have conducted geophysical surveys and four wells have been drilled with the aim of finding commercial accumulations of hydrocarbons. Although no commercial discovery has been made to date, the results from three wells and data from the geophysical surveys are very encouraging.

Currently there are two companies that have signed Petroleum Agreements with the Government. The Agreement permits to the oil company to explore and if successful, produce oil/gas from the Seychelles Exclusive Economic Zone. The two companies are: Australian based, WHL Energy Ltd and the London-based Afren Plc. Recently WHL has farmed out 75% of its interest to Ophir Energy Plc. Afren completed a 3D seismic survey of 2500 sq.km in early 2013 and Ophir will be acquiring 1500 sq.km of 3D seismic in mid-2014. Both Afren and WHL have drilling commitments in terms of work programme. A third company, Japanese Oil Gas and Minerals Exploration Company, (JOGMEC) has an exploration license with the Government and they completed a 2D seismic survey and a geochemical survey in May 2014.

There are several companies that have expressed interest in the EEZ and a potential discovery may not be too far in the future.

Sector Strategy

Seychelles depends overwhelmingly on petroleum products for energy generation, supplemented by a growing output of renewable energy. Total domestic consumption of petroleum has been rising, to 133,070 Mtons in 2011, of which more than half was used for electricity generation. Imports of petroleum products represent a high percentage of total imports, and the Government is therefore keen on expediting petroleum exploration in its EEZ. A discovery of oil will not only improve security of supply, but will also generate additional revenues to the Government. The Government has revised the legal and fiscal frameworks of the petroleum sector to make it more attractive for international oil companies to explore and exploit hydrocarbons in the EEZ. The government policy objectives are to:

- Promote petroleum exploration in the Seychelles EEZ by putting in place fiscal and regulatory incentives that attract oil companies, expedite exploration and allow an early commercial discovery. This is a priority objective.
- Improve energy security, develop renewable energy and reduce oil price volatility.
- Attract foreign direct investment and stimulate ancillary economic growth in the services and other sectors, generating additional inflows of foreign exchange.
- Ensure transfer of technology and know-how from international oil companies to enable PetroSeychelles to effectively supervise petroleum agreements and manage resources.
- Maximize the economic benefit at minimum risk to safety and the environment.
- Systematically build up a comprehensive data-base on all aspects of petroleum activity in Seychelles. This will entail proper collection, sorting, processing, storage, and dissemination of data.

In order to meet these policy objectives, the Government created a national company, PetroSeychelles, to implement the petroleum policy and strengthen government capabilities in developing petroleum resources in Seychelles.

EITI Objectives

Seychelles has made significant progress in public sector governance, as shown by its high ranking in the Ibrahim Governance indicators of African countries. The Government remains highly committed to continue improving governance, accountability and transparency in the management of public resources. The Government believes that in the event of oil discovery, oil revenues could be substantial given Seychelles' small economy, which may be highly adverse and distortive for the non-oil sector, making it uncompetitive and consigning it to a much lower growth rate. Therefore, Seychelles will need to put in place safeguards against this so-called "Dutch disease" in the form of a revenue management mechanism. The Petroleum MSG feels that the conceptual framework for such a mechanism should already be prepared.

Furthermore, it is in the interest of the Petroleum MSG to establish a legal basis for EITI, so that it becomes a mandatory initiative rather than a voluntary one. The Petroleum MSG believes that building knowledge of the contextual framework of the oil sector will allow it to take an effective role in the development of the sector, which should include the definition of its role to ensure that the environmental safeguards are adequately addressed.

In summary, the main objective of the Seychelles-EITI is to contribute to enhancing oil sector governance through the efficient management of oil revenues for the benefit of present and future generations. Specifically:

- i. Establish a legal basis for the Seychelles-EITI;
- ii. Prepare a feasibility study for a revenue management framework in the event that hydrocarbons are found to be commercially viable; and
- iii. Build MSG knowledge about the oil sector context and revenues in Seychelles.

SEYCHELLES PETROLEUM MSG WORKPLAN 2014-2016

	ACTIVITIES	PRECONDI- TIONS / CHALLENGES	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBLE	PRODUCTS	RESULTS INDICATORS	FINANCING		STATUS
								MDTF (US\$)	GOS (US\$)	
OBJECTIVE 1. SEYCHELLES ENDORSES AND BECOMES AN EITI CANDIDATE COUNTRY										
1	1.1 Prepare sign-up steps for EITI Candidacy		GoS issued an unequivocal public statement of intention to implement EITI	Press Release, June 19, 2013 by Min of Fin & 2014 Budget Speech, Dec. 10 2013	Minister of Finance	Expressed commitment by the President to adhere to the principles of the EITI, as per Press Release & Budget Speech	Seychelles' candidacy to the EITI approved by the EITI Board on, 2014			Met
2		Political will	GoS appointed a high ranking official to lead the implementation of EITI	President appointed Minister of Finance on 19 th March 2014	President	Letter of appointment				Met
3		Political will	GoS committed to work with civil society & companies and established the Petroleum MSG to implement the EITI	March - April, 2014	Minister of Finance	Invitations to stakeholders to join the Petroleum MSG				Met
4			Prepare, gather feedback from stakeholders and approve the Workplan.	May15, 2014	MSG Chair	Work plan published on State House website				Ongoing
5			Prepare and present the application for EITI candidacy before end May 2014	May 30, 2014	Committee Chairman and Minister of Finance	Application sent to the EITI Secretariat on May 30, 2014		Work plan endorsed by MSG		
OBJECTIVE 2. SEYCHELLES ESTABLISHES THE CONDITIONS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE EITI								40,000	15,000	
6	2.1 Establish the conditions for the EITI Secretariat to operate	MSG Chair to operate from Ministry of Finance	Seek place of work and adequate staffing arrangements for Secretariat.	August- October, 2014	Committee Chairman		-Objectives of the work plan can be achieved.	15,000 oper. costs of work- shops	15,000	
7			Apply to the WB EITI Multi- Donor Trust Fund.	July 2014		adequate financing to execute the work plan				

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8		Commitment with EITI	Assign budget line for EITI in the Appropriations Bill	December 2014	EITI Committee					
9	2.2 Establish legislation for Seychelles EITI		Prepare draft legislation for the conduct of the EITI in country. a. Draft ToRs and hire national / international legal consultant to undertake legal review to identify the legal instrument needed to support EITI implementation. b. Workshop by consultant about legal review and proposed legislation.	TORs November 2014 Hiring March 2015 May 2015 Present bill to Cabinet by October 2015	MSG sub-committee	New legislation that makes the EITI mandatory in Seychelles	–Require and maintain the practice of disclosure of oil sector contextual information and revenue flows. –All companies endorse EITI and disclose payments data	25,000		
10	2.3 Remove legal barriers to EITI disclosure of payments and receipts	Depending on EITI legislation, amendment of SRC Act may not be needed	Propose to enact, where required, changes in Seychelles legislation to enable government and industry full disclosure of payments and receipts.		MSG	EITI Law; other legislation amendments.	–Increased trust by investors.			
11	2.4 Increased accountability of PetroSeychelles	Political will	a. Oversee compliance of PetroSeychelles with the requirements of the Public Enterprise Management Commission (monthly accounts and annual audited financial statements) b. Publication of bulletin incl. financial information easy understanding by the public.	Starting Q4 2014	MSG in coordination with PetroSeychelles	Bulletin of activities and financial summary that is easy to understand by public is posted periodically on the website.	–No. of visits to Petro-Seychelles' website –No of comments received about information provided in bulletin.			
OBJECTIVE 3. PRUDENT USE OF OIL REVENUES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION								55,000		
12	3.1 Feasibility study for a revenue management mechanism	Oil may not be available in commercial quantities.	a. Request WB EI-TAF, CFTC, or other source of financing to undertake a feasibility study.	Q1 2015	MSG	Draft feasibility study & proposed legislation.	Draft legislation approved by Ministry of Finance.	40,000		

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13			b. Organize workshop about countries' experience in coordination with donors.	Q2 2015						
14			c. Draft TORs and hire consultant to do the feasibility study d. Organize 2 workshops by consultant. One on the initial findings and one to discuss draft report. Actively engage government.	Q2 2015 Initial draft by Q3 2015. Second draft by Q4 2015						
	3.2 Understand the implications of oil exploration for sustainable development of a small multiple island state	Ecosystem destruction, overwhelming impact on fragile environment.	a. Undertake in-depth study of the implications of oil extraction for sustainable development in a SIDS and multiple island contexts. b. Seek other donor financing. c. Consultant TORs and hiring. d. Initial report & workshop e. Final Report & workshop f. Seek other donor financing	Q2 2015 Q3 2015 Q4 2015	MSG	Report on the implications of oil extraction for the sustainable development of Seychelles.	Increased public awareness of the implications of oil extraction in Seychelles.	15,000		
OBJECTIVE 4. BUILD SEYCHELLES MSG CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT, COMMUNICATE AND MONITOR EITI								160,000	30,000	
15	4.1 Build stakeholders knowledge about EITI and oil sector issues and revenues		Identify stakeholders needs and develop formal and informal capacity building program		MSG chair					
16		Interest of Committee members in learning.	Workshops for MSG a. Legal framework and fiscal regime of the Seychelles oil sector b. Model Agreement c. Technical aspects of the oil industry x 2 d. Oil industry contracts and negotiation e. EITI Report f. Validation	November 2014 Feb. 2015 March 2015 & July 2015 October 2015 Nov. 2015 – March 2016	EITI Chair and: a. Revenue Commission & PetroSeychelles b. PetroSeychelles c. Oil company d. Expert e. & f. EITI Secretariat	Companies show their commitment with Seychelles EITI MSG able to engage in informed debate and take informed decisions regarding the oil sector		d. 25,000		

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17			Review and update scoping report. Complement contextual information as required by scope of proposed objectives --- ---	Aug. 2014 – May 2015	Depending on subject, CSO, Government agencies, PetroSeychelles or outsource.	MSG has the necessary elements to take decisions regarding the scope of the EITI Report	Scope of the EITI Report defined	5,000		
18			a. Formal training for 5 MSG members at Revenue Watch Institute summer program at University of Ghana or similar opportunities b. 2 guest speakers in areas to be specified	July-September 2015 Feb- Nov. 2015		Acquired knowledge of oil sector and of EITI Standard	No. of civil society organizations, academia & media that attended the training sessions.	40,000 15,000	15,000	
19			Exchanges with implementing countries to promote knowledge sharing. a. 2 coordinators of EITI countries. b. 2 people on 2 observation visits to EITI impl. countries.	February 2015 July 2015		Learn from the lessons learned of other countries		40,000	8,000	
20	4.2 Public awareness raising & sharing of information	Interest of other stakeholders to learn	Awareness workshops in 3 main islands including key stakeholder, including academia and media	4Q 2014 2Q 2015 4Q 2015 1Q2016	MSG	Civil society, academia, and media understand the EITI.	No. of MSG-organized public debates.		15,000	
		Perception of population that oil has been discovered	Organize community consultation forum to manage expectations of the population regarding oil production	Q4 2014	MSG and World Bank	Forum organized	No. of CSO and other organizations attending consultation	15,000		
21	4.3 State institutions understand EITI		Organize briefing session for parliamentarians on EITI and MSG achievements.	2Q 2015	MSG	Parliamentarians understand EITI	No of participants attending the session.			
22	4.4 Raise MSG awareness of environmental implications of oil exploration		Engage Ministry of Environment in 2 capacity building workshops on environmental laws and regulations applied to oil exploration.	October 2014 April 2015	MSG Chair and Ministry of the Environment	MSG able to determine adequacy of environmental legislation				

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23	4.5 Specific civil society initiatives in support of transparency /EITI	Interest by civil society in pursuing small transparency projects	a. Evaluate project proposals by civil society. b. Monitor implementation of small initiatives		MSG MSG			20,000		
OBJECTIVE 5. RECONCILE OIL PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS AND PUBLISH AND DISSEMINATE THE EITI REPORT								45,000	30,000	
24	5.1 Prepare and publish the first EITI Report		Issue TORs for independent Administrator and develop initial data templates	April 2015	Committee	Scope of EITI report includes: a. Beneficial ownership	–Better scrutiny by citizens of oil revenue flows from the oil industry –Transparency Index of TI improved	30,000	30,000	
25			Award contract for 2005 - 2014 EITI Report. Independent Administrator to validate contextual information and reconcile revenue data.	July 2015	MSG Chair	b. PetroSeychelles expenditures c. Discretionary social expenditure				
26			Formal submission of EITI Report for evaluation by EITI Secretariat	Within 18 mo. of Admission to Candidacy	Minister of Finance	d. Environmental legislation e. Area rentals & contribution to education				
27	5.2 Disseminate the results of the EITI Report		Prepare agenda of activities to communicate the EITI and the results of the EIT Report to various interested groups.	January 2015	MSG	Report posted on webpage	No of televised roundtables; radio talk shows, other means	15,000		
OBJECTIVE 6. VALIDATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEYCHELLES EITI WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS MET										
28	6.1 Successful Validation		Assess the choice of validators proposed by EITI Secretariat and select the most qualified.	Q4 2015	MSG	– Validator recruited by EITI Secretariat	Successful Validation of the EITI process in Seychelles by the EITI International Board and award of Compliant Country Status			
29		Inability to present adequate documentation to show meaningful progress	Validator visits country, meets stakeholders.	One month Q1 2016	MSG Chair	Initial Validation Report				
30			Validator submits draft Validation Report to the MSG and receives comments	Q2 2016	MSG	MSG comments and clarifies outstanding issues related to EITI implementation				
31			Final Validation Report sent by	Q3 2016	Validator	Committee has the				

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			the Minister to the International EITI Validation Committee for comments			opportunity to answer and provide further clarification on issues arising during Validation				
32			Minister submits final Validation Report to the EITI International Board	Within 2.5 years of admission to Candidacy		Board evaluates the Report and decides whether or not to award EITI Compliant Country status.				
33	Audit of grant							5,000		
							TOTAL	300,000	75,000	

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SEYCHELLES MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP

May 15, 2014

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1 Open statement on the purpose of the EITI

In its endeavor to strengthen transparency in the management of the extractive industries and the financial reporting of oil revenues, the Republic of Seychelles will adopt the principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). The country has made significant progress in public sector governance evidenced by its high ranking in the Ibrahim Governance indicators of African countries. The Government remains fully committed to continue improving governance, accountability and transparency in the management of public resources.

The Government of Seychelles recognizes that in the event of a discovery of natural resources, including oil, those resources will belong to the Seychellois people and the revenues derived from such resources should be prudently managed for the benefit of the people and to make this sector an important engine for sustainable economic growth that would contribute to intergenerational development and poverty reduction.

The Government has established a Multi-stakeholder group --with representatives from Government, civil society and oil companies-- to oversee the process of becoming an “EITI candidate country” and to embark in the implementation of the EITI requirements. As a first task, the multi-stakeholder group has prepared and published a fully costed work plan, containing measurable targets and a timetable for implementation of EITI.

1.1 Objectives

The main objective of the Seychelles-EITI is to contribute to enhancing oil sector governance through the efficient management of oil revenues for the benefit of present and future generations. Specifically:

- i. Establish a legal basis for the the Seychelles-EITI;
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- iv. Ensure that there is proper transparency in communicating to all stakeholders.

2 Roles, rights and responsibilities of the MSG

Members of the multi-stakeholder group should have the capacity to carry out their duties and liaise with their constituency groups. The main responsibilities of the MSG are:

i. Maintain sustained political commitment of the Government and adequate financing

Maintain adequate political commitment of the Government to EITI, and maintain the engagement of all stakeholders to ensure a robust EITI process. The MSG is instrumental on ensuring adequate financing to fulfill the EITI work plan objectives and successful EITI reporting.

ii. Identifying the objectives of the workplan and developing the path to achieve them

The objectives are to be aligned with EITI principles and reflect national priorities for the oil sector. The wokplan is expected to be the result of consultations with key stakeholders; and must include the scope of the reporting (contextual information and data on payments and revenues). The activities must be time bound and financed and have measurable indicators and must be fully costed.

iii. Assessing and removing barriers to EITI implementation

The MSG is expected to identify and address any legal, regulatory, or administrative barriers, as well as capacity constraints, and take steps to remove them.

iv. Defining the scope of the EITI Report and data templates

Decide the scope of the overall EITI process, including the comprehensiveness of the contextual information, the types of payments and revenues to reconcile (or audit), and what companies and government institutions will participate. The Committee should also prepare initial data templates, for review by the Independent Administrator.

v. Appointing the Independent Administrator

The multi-stakeholder group is required to approve the terms of reference and appoint the Independent Administrator to reconcile company payments and government revenues. The Independent Administrator may also contribute to the preparation of parts of the contextual information of the Scoping Study and/or validate that information, depending on the terms of reference determined by the multi-stakeholder group.

vi. Approving of anual workplans, EITI Reports and Annual Activity Reports and their publication.

The Annual Report of the previous year must be published by July 1st of the following year.

vii. Raise public awareness about the EITI and the results of the EITI Report

The multi-stakeholder group is expected to effectively carry out communication and dissemination activities to raise public awareness about the EITI as well as promote public dialogue around the results of the EITI Report.

viii. Appoint the Validator and approve the final Validation Report

The choice of validation firms is to be provided by the EITI International Secretariat. The Committee to engage in the validation process, review the draft of the Validation Report; approve the final Report and act on the final decisions thereon delivered by the EITI Board.

2.1 Responsibilities and functions of the MSG

The Government of Seychelles maintains the Petroleum Multi-Stakeholder Working Group (MSG) that is chaired by the Ministry of Finance Representative. The members of the MSG are:

- The Principal Secretary- Department of Finance
- The Central Bank Governor
- The Commissioner of the Seychelles Revenue Commission
- The Legal Adviser, Seychelles Revenue Commission
- 1 Representative from the Attorney General’s Office
- 1 Representative from the Ministry of the Environment (appointment expected)
- 3 Representatives from the the Liaison-Unit of Non-Governmental Organizations of Seychelles, LUNGOS
- 1 Additional representative (to be appointed by LUNGOS)
- 1 Representative from the Private Sector
- 1 Representative of SCCI
- The CEO of Petro Seychelles
- 2 Representatives from the international oil companies active in Seychelles

2.2 Responsibilities of the MSG Chair

The specific responsibilities of the MSG Chair are:

- i. Preside the meetings of the Seychelles Petroleum MSG
- ii. Represent the Seychelles Petroleum MSG at meetings of the EITI Board, or other national or international events;
- iii. Oversee the adequate execution of the workplan;
- iv. Ensure the implementation of any decisions reached by the MSG to ensure compliance of the workplan;
- v. Call ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the MSG;
- vi. Ensure the distribution of documents needed for meetings at least a week in advance;
- vii. Ensure the publication of press releases and reports that are easy to understand by the public;
- viii. Oversee the prompt processing of disbursement requests that the MSG approves for the execution of workplan activities;
- ix. Facilitate the work of the Independent Administrator and the Validator;
- x. Ensure that minutes are properly recorded and filed;
- xi. Ensure periodic update of the Seychelles-EITI webpage and the regular publication of minutes, revised workplans, EITI Report, Validation Report and all other relevant documentation;
- xii. Others to be defined by the MSG.

2.3 MSG subgroups

- 2.3.1 The MSG may decide that particular issues should be developed by a sub-committee. Each sub-committee will have a leader, responsible for the coordination of the particular task. The sub-committee may decide to invite outside experts.

2.4 National Secretariat

- 2.4.1 The Petroleum MSG has decided not to establish a national EITI secretariat office for the time being, and will assess the need for it in the future should the work plan be revised and more activities become necessary. Instead a technical working group will be established for additional work that will be needed by the MSG.

2.5 Code of conduct

- 2.5.1 **Integrity.** In our work, we abide by ethical principles, through honest behavior, adhering to the principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.
- 2.5.3 **Excellence.** We contribute with our greatest efforts to achieve the objectives of the Seychelles-EITI, using the resources efficiently and optimizing the quality of our work.
- 2.5.4 **Commitment.** Our commitment with the Seychelles-EITI implies compliance with the Constitution, the law, the EITI Standard and the present TORs, doing more than is expected of us, to achieve the proposed objective.
- 2.5.5 **Probity.** We are honest in our work and reject any personal advantage that could be obtained directly or through another individual.
- 2.5.6 **Transparency.** We carry out our activities in a transparent way, which implies that our acts are in principle of public nature.
- 2.5.7 **Conflicts of interest.** We avoid situations in which the personal interests may appear to be in conflict with the compliance of our duties and functions in the Seychelles Petroleum MSG. We are committed to avoid activities or receive benefits of incompatible nature with our duties that could affect the good name and prestige of the Petroleum MSG or the public trust.
- 2.5.8 **Confidential Information.** Information considered confidential in our work will be strictly treated as such. We will not allow the improper use of such information for the purpose of obtaining any personal benefit.

3 MSG membership

3.1 Nominations and terms of membership

- 3.1.1 The Seychelles Petroleum Multi-Stakeholder Group consists of 15 members:

6 members from Government
3 members from the NGO coalition LUNGOS
2 members from the private sector
1 additional member to be appointed by LUNGOS

1 member from PetroSeychelles
2 members from the international oil companies

- 3.1.2 Members are elected by their constituencies for an initial period of 2.5 years, and may be replaced by their own constituencies, or reelected for additional periods of two years each. Members may appoint alternates if unable to attend meetings. This decision should be notified to the MSG Chair ahead of a scheduled meeting.

3.2 Observers

- 3.2.1 Representatives of national institutions, bilateral or multi-lateral agencies and diplomatic missions may be invited to attend the meetings of the MSG and may participate in the discussions, but will not be able to have a right to vote.

4 MSG operations and proceedings

4.1 Frequency, notice of meetings and quorum

- 4.1.1 The MSG will meet monthly ordinarily. The MSG Chair, may, however call extraordinary meetings as often as required. In both cases, there will be at least a week advance notice. Meetings may be called via email and phone. Members will be required to respond confirming their attendance or, in case of absence, the name of their Alternate.
- 4.1.2 The agenda and related materials will be sent to the members at least 5 working days prior to a meeting. Comments to documents may be presented to the EITI Chair's office via email up to two working days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- 4.1.3 The minimum quorum to hold a meeting will be 7 members, with at least two members from each constituency –government, civil society (at least one member) and private sector, and companies.
- 4.1.4. Any member of the MSG has the right to table an issue for discussion.

4.2 Decision-making

- 4.2.1 The decision-making process will be inclusive throughout implementation, with each constituency being treated as a partner.
- 4.2.2 The MSG shall make every effort to take decisions by consensus. In case of disagreement, a decision will be taken by simple majority vote, with at least two members from each of the three sectors represented –government, civil society and oil companies-- including at least one member from civil society.
- 4.2.3 Decisions between MSG meetings may be taken via email. The MSG Chair may give at least two days advance notice to the MSG members to react.

4.3 Record keeping

- 4.3.1 The MSG must keep written records of its discussions and decisions.
- 4.3.2 The minutes of the MSG meetings will be drafted by the office of the EITI Chair. They will circulate via email to the MSG members, and comments will be requested to be sent via email up to at least a day prior to the following meeting. Minutes of the last meeting will be read and signed during the following meeting of the MSG.



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Sports*

Wednesday 28th May 2014

Mr. Patrick Payet
Principal Secretary
Ministry of Finance
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REF: EITI

Dear Mr. Payet,

This is to confirm that the EITI Civil Society representatives are finalized as follows:

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Warm regards

Steve Lalande
Chief Executive Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Elizabeth Charles, Director General, External Finance Management
Ministry of Finance

FROM: Hilda Harnack, Consultant, Sustainable Energy, Gas, Oil, and Mining (SEGOM)

DATE: October 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Minutes of meeting with Seychelles Civil Society

Ms. Hilda Harnack, World Bank Consultant visited Victoria from September 30 to October 11, 2013 to assist the Government in the preparation of the EITI scoping study and agree on a road map for preparation for EITI Candidacy by May 2014. The objectives of the mission were to: (i) discuss the Principles and Requirements of the EITI Standard, in particular, the requirements for the preparation of the Seychelles EITI Report; (ii) define the information needed from the various institutions for the EITI scoping study; and (iii) agree with the Government on the next steps leading to Seychelles' EITI candidacy.

During this visit, the mission met with relevant stakeholders –Government, PetroSeychelles and civil society umbrella organization LUNGOS, to inform them about the EITI Standard and its reporting requirements.

A meeting with civil society umbrella organization LUNGOS took place on October 9, 2013. The objective of the meeting with LUNGOS was to make a presentation about the EITI Standard, highlight the importance of civil society participation, and discuss the next steps for Seychelles to prepare for EITI candidacy. Representatives from nine civil society organizations and one from the National Assembly attended this meeting. The media was present during the entire session.



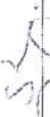

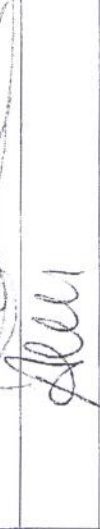





Issues discussed at the meeting with LUNGOS

1. There is a high level of interest by the Government, civil society umbrella organization LUNGOS, and PetroSeychelles to join EITI. The Government has shown a high commitment to transparency in the management of public finances and wishes to be highly transparent in the management of potential oil revenues.
2. LUNGOS recommends introducing a law making EITI mandatory for Government and companies, and to deepen government commitment to transparency.
3. The Representative from Alliance for Women's Development was interested in knowing how civil society has contributed to EITI in other countries and what it has accomplished, and would have liked to see factual evidence through videos or printed articles.
4. The representative from the NGO Sustainability for Seychelles, observed that the EITI Principles should include at least one related to compliance of the oil industry with environmental norms, a topic that is of utmost importance for Seychelles.
5. What are the advantages for Seychelles of becoming an EITI member country, and what are the advantages for civil society.
6. How EITI has benefitted member countries.
7. Steps for Seychelles to prepare for EITI candidacy.

The mission agreed to further discuss the involvement of civil society in other countries during a future visit. The list of attendees is shown in the annex.

LUNGOS Meeting the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)

Date: Wednesday 9th October 2013 Time: 1400-1600 hrs

Name	Organisation	Sign
Rosemary Elizabeth	Women in Action and Solidarity WASO	
Lucienne Sofala	light against my path LAMP	
Frank	World Bank	
Doreen Nancy	PDM	
Franchiska Mannoin	PDM	
Lise Church	Friends of Seychelles F.O.S	
Cesaire Valente	Advance of Solidarity for the family AFF	
Michèle Martin	Sustainability for Seychelles SfS	
Serge Violetta	Social Affairs	
Maria-Thérèse Parris	S 4 S & Workers Committee Sustainability for Seychelles	

PETROLEUM MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2014

Introduction

The first meeting of the Petroleum Multi-Stakeholder Group was held on April 21, 2014 at the PetroSeychelles meeting room.

The following members of the Petroleum MSG attended the meeting:

- Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary for Finance, MSG Chair (MoFTI)
- Mr. Eddy Belle, Chief Executive Officer, PetroSeychelles
- Ms. Caroline Abel, Governor, Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS)
- Mr. Steve Lalande, Chief Executive Officer, LUNGOS
- Ms. Jennifer Morel, Commissioner, Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)
- Ms. Aurore Arcambal, Legal Advisor, Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)
- Mr. George Robert, State Counsel, Office of the Attorney General (AGs)
- Mrs. Doreen Bradburn, Consultant, Corvina
- Mr. Oliver Bastienne, Country Manager, Ernst & Young (SCCI)
- Ms. Farah Jules, Senior Office Assistant, Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)

Objective

The objective of the meeting was to initiate the process of developing the MSG Work plan, the fourth land last sign-up step for EITI Candidacy. Ms. Hilda Harnack, World Bank consultant assisted the MSG in its discussions.

Discussions

Considering that several members were hearing about EITI for the first time, Mrs. Harnack started by giving an introduction to the EITI. She then made a presentation about the process of building the Seychelles work plan. The following materials were used to conduct the meeting: **Guidance Note 2:** Developing an EITI Work plan; and the work plans of Trinidad and Tobago, Ghana and Solomon Islands.

To guide the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) in developing the Seychelles EITI objectives, the MSG members were asked to link these objectives to the EITI principles and national priorities. The MSG members were divided into 4 groups of 3, and were asked to write down the objectives that would be aligned with the principles. Each group gave their contribution and the initial objectives were identified.

The structure of the work plan of the three above-mentioned countries was evaluated and an initial template was proposed for Seychelles.





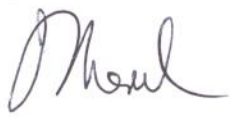





The MSG identified the capacity to manage the environmental implications of oil exploration as an area of interest, but they needed to have a better understanding of the issues and the effectiveness of the legislation. In that sense, it was decided that the Ministry of the Environment should be invited to the next meeting of the MSG.

The importance of adequate management of oil revenues was identified as an objective. Even though Seychelles is not yet producing hydrocarbons, Mr. Eddy Belle, CEO of PetroSeychelles indicated that it is not premature to consider establishing a framework for management of oil revenues ahead of production.

Mr. Steve Lalande, CEO of LUNGOS suggested that establishing a legal framework for the Seychelles EITI should be a priority, to ensure the government and companies' commitment to transparency.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Signed by:

Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary of Finance Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)	
Mr. Eddy Belle, Chief Executive Officer PetroSeychelles	
Ms. Caroline Abel, Governor Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS)	
Mr. Steve Lalande, Chief Executive Officer LUNGOS	
Ms. Jennifer Morel, Commissioner Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)	
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Ms. Farah Jules, Senior Office Assistant Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)	

PETROLEUM MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 22, 2014

Introduction

The Seychelles Petroleum Multi-Stakeholder group organized a meeting with representatives from the two oil companies: AFREN PLC and WHL, on 22nd May 2014, at 9:15 a.m., at the Conference Room, 2nd Floor of the Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment. (MoFTI). The following members of the Petroleum MSG attended the meeting:

- Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary for Finance, MSG Chair (MoFTI)
- Mr. Patrick Samson, Senior Geologist, PetroSeychelles
- Ms. Caroline Abel, Governor, Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS)
- Ms. Jennifer Morel, Commissioner, Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)
- Ms. Aurore Arcambal, Legal Advisor, Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)
- Mr. George Robert, State Counsel, Office of the Attorney General (AGs)
- Mr. Oliver Bastienne, Country Manager, Ernst & Young (SCCI)
- Ms. Fatime Kante, Economist, Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)
- Mr. David Rowbottam, Managing Director, WHL Energy Ltd.(via Skype)
- Mr. Charles Antelme, Regional Manager External Relations and EHSS, Afren EAX (via Skype)

Absent

- Mr. Eddy Belle, Chief Executive Officer, PetroSeychelles (with apology). Mr. Patrick Samson attended on his behalf.
- Mr. Steve Lalande, Chief Executive Officer, LUNGOS (out of the country)

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Patrick Payet, Chair of the Petroleum Multi Stakeholder Group (MSG) and Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, who organized a video call conference, by Skype, of the Petroleum Multi Stake-holder Group and the new elected members, AFREN Plc. and WHL Energy Ltd.

Objectives

The objectives of the meeting was to:

- (i) Welcome the new members to the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG)
- (ii) Invite the MSG members to provide their comments on the minutes of the meetings held on April 21, 23 and 28.
- (iii) Review and endorse the EITI workplan
- (iv) Agree and endorse the Petroleum MSG Terms of Reference (TORs).
- (v) Comment and endorse the EITI Candidature Application

Agenda

9:00	Welcome remarks and presentation of new and initial members Progress to date of Seychelles efforts to comply with the EITI sign-up steps
9:30	Approval of Minutes of the MSG meetings – Minutes of the MSG meeting of April 21, 2014 – Minutes of the MSG meeting of April 23, 2014 – Minutes of the MSG meeting of April 28, 2014 – Comments – Signing
10:00	Review of the draft Petroleum MSG-EITI Terms of Reference – Model TORs – Seychelles TORs – Discussion – Agreements and endorsement of the TORs
11:00	Coffee Break
11:15	Review of the draft Seychelles-EITI Workplan – Requirement 1.4 and Guidance Note 2 : Developing and EITI Workplan (5 min) – The Seychelles EITI Workplan (priority objectives and activities) – Discussion – Agreements and endorsement of the Workplan
12:30	Next Steps – Presentation of application package to the EITI Board Closing remarks

Discussions

1. Mr. Payet thanked everyone for being present and welcomed the new representatives from the two oil companies, AFREN Plc and WHL Energy Ltd, to the Petroleum Multi Stakeholder Group.
2. The Chair extended his apology for Mr. Steve Lalande, CEO, LUNGOS and Mr. Eddy Belle, CEO, PetroSeychelles who could not be present. Mr. Patrick Samson as mentioned above attended on his behalf.
3. The MSG members and Mr. Charles Antelme, Regional Manager External Relations and EHSS, AFREN EAX and Mr. David Rowbottam, Managing Director, WHL Energy Ltd briefly introduced themselves.

4. Mr. Payet asked members for their comments on past minutes of the MSG meetings of the 21st, 23rd and 28th April 2014. There were no comments, so the minutes were then approved.
5. Mr. Payet then presented the Work Plan and stressed on the willingness of the Ministry of Finance to work with Civil Society. He stated that Civil Society's participation is vital; they need to promote awareness about oil sector issues with the help of the government.
6. Mr. Rowbottam wanted to know how the workplan will be funded. The Chair indicated that the funding will come from the World Bank and from the government and that on the long run, when we become a Candidate of EITI, we will be able to ask for grants from donors.
7. Mr. Antelme and Mr. Rowbottam suggested to the MSG to organize a community consultation forum before finalizing funding.
8. The LUNGOS representatives were absent; however, they have been deeply involved in the preparatory meetings. They sent some comments about **objective 3** which were well received and commented by members. The members feel that the actions proposed should be phrased as follows "Undertake in-depth study of implications of oil extraction for sustainable development in a SIDS". The timeline was also proposed to be by Q2 of 2015 and responsible by the MSG.
9. Mr. David Rowbottam wanted the Group to make sure to have a clear phasing program in the Environmental Legislation. The representative from AG's office, Mr. George Robert, advised that a timeline by October 2015 can be achievable.
10. Mr. Charles Antelme proposed that the MSG gets other countries with expertise in the EITI, to join and participate in the workshop(s) that MSG will organize in the future.
11. Members will have to sign the attendance sheet after every meeting. In the case of Mr. Antelme and Mr. Rowbottam: they will have to provide an electronic signature.
12. The Chair presented the TORs with the committee.
13. Ms. Caroline Abel proposed having a Technical Committee on the long run to do the background work/ additional work of the MSG. So far we have Ms. Fatime Kante as the liaison person from the Ministry of Finance, Trade and Investment, gathering the EITI documents and making sure the minutes of meeting are completed. This suggestion was broadly accepted and will be discussed in future meetings.
14. Members felt that the objectives ii.) in the TORs, need to be amended and incorporate that proper framework should be put forward after the feasibility study is completed.
15. In addition to include an objective for communication transparency.









Endorsements of the Workplan, TORs and Candidature Application

The Workplan and the TORs were approved and endorsed by the Petroleum Multi-Stakeholder Group. The Candidature Application was not discussed during this meeting but comments will be requested from the members by **Tuesday 27th May 2014**.


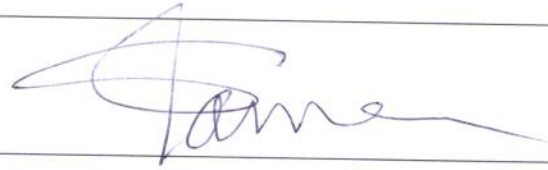

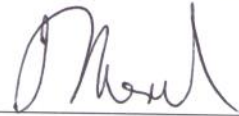





Closing

Mr. Patrick Payet (Chair of MSG) thanked the members for making a special effort to be there and the two oil companies for joining the meeting through Skype call. Having no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10.45-am.

Attendance List

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Mr. Charles Antelme				(skype)
Mr. David Rowbottom				(skype)

Signed by:

Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary of Finance Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)	
Mr. Patrick Samson, Senior Geologist PetroSeychelles	
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Mr. George Robert, State Counsel Office of the Attorney General (AGs)	
Mr. Oliver Bastienne, Country Manager Ernst & Young (SCCI)	
Mrs. Doreen Bradburn, Consultant Corvina	
Mr. Charles Antelme, Regional Manager External Relations and EHSS AFREN East African Exploration (EAX)	
Mr. David Rowbottam, Managing Director WHL Energy Ltd	
Ms. Fatime Kante, Economist Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)	

PETROLEUM MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2014

Introduction

The second meeting of the EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) was held at the PetroSeychelles headquarters, on Wednesday 23rd April 2014 at 9:45 am.

The following members of the Petroleum MSG attended the meeting:

- Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary for Finance, MSG Chair (MoFTI)
- Mr. Eddy Belle, Chief Executive Officer, PetroSeychelles
- Ms. Caroline Abel, Governor, Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS)
- Mr. Steve Lalande, Chief Executive Officer, LUNGOS
- Ms. Jennifer Morel, Commissioner, Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)
- Ms. Aurore Arcambal, Legal Advisor, Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)
- Mr. George Robert, State Counsel, Office of the Attorney General (AGs)
- Mrs. Doreen Bradburn, Consultant, Corvina
- Mr. Oliver Bastienne, Country Manager, Ernst & Young (SCCI)
- Ms. Fatime Kante, Economist, Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)

Objective

The purpose of the meeting was to conclude the identification of priority objectives for the Seychelles EITI and the activities leading to the compliance of those objectives. The meeting was facilitated by Mrs. Hilda Harnack, World Bank Consultant.

Mrs. Hilda Harnack began by informing the MSG that the meeting with LUNGOS representatives to discuss the EITI work plan, held the day before, was successful, having identified similar objectives as those identified by the MSG on its first meeting of April 21, 2014.

Discussions

1. Based on the initial priority objectives identified on April 21, a draft work plan for 2014 – 2016 was distributed to the MSG members for their review.

The following objectives were discussed and agreed upon:




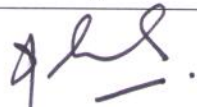
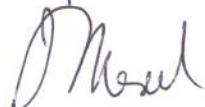





- i. Seychelles endorses and becomes an EITI candidate country
- ii. Seychelles establishes the conditions to institutionalize EITI
- iii. Prudent Use of oil Revenues for sustainable development and poverty reduction
- iv. Build Seychelles MSG Capacity to implement, communicate and monitor EITI
- v. Reconcile oil payments and receipts and publish and disseminate the EITI report.
- vi. Validate the implementation of Seychelles EITI with all requirements complied

The MSG proceeded then to identify and agree on the activities necessary to meet those objectives.

2. An outline of the MSG TORs was presented and discussed. A draft of this TOR was to be developed for the evaluation and the approval of the Petroleum MSG in a subsequent meeting.
3. Mr. Steve Lalande, CEO of LUNGOS, raised the question of whether civil society is remunerated in other countries for their participation in the EITI meetings. Ms. Harnack gave examples of the practices in other countries, concluding that each country treats this issue differently.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.30 am.

Signed by:

Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary of Finance Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)	
Mr. Eddy Belle, Chief Executive Officer PetroSeychelles	
Ms. Caroline Abel, Governor Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS)	
Mr. Steve Lalande, Chief Executive Officer LUNGOS	
Ms. Jennifer Morel, Commissioner Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)	
Ms. Aurore Arcambal, Legal Advisor Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)	
Mr. George Robert, State Counsel Office of the Attorney General (AGs)	
Mrs. Doreen Bradburn, Consultant Corvina	
Mr. Oliver Bastienne, Country Manager Ernst & Young (SCCI)	
Ms. Fatime Kante, Economist Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)	

PETROLEUM MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2014

Introduction

The Seychelles Petroleum Multi-Stakeholder group organized a meeting with representatives from the Government, civil society and companies, on 28th April 2014, at 3:00 p.m., at the LUNGOS meeting room. The following members of the Petroleum MSG attended the meeting:

- Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary for Finance, MSG Chair (MoFTI)
- Mr. Eddy Belle, Chief Executive Officer, PetroSeychelles
- Mr. Steve Lalande, Chief Executive Officer, LUNGOS
- Ms. Jennifer Morel, Commissioner, Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)
- Ms. Aurore Arcambal, Legal Advisor, Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)
- Mr. George Robert, State Counsel, Office of the Attorney General (AGs)
- Mr. Oliver Bastienne, Country Manager, Ernst & Young (SCCI)
- Ms. Fatime Kante, Economist, Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)

Participants

- Mr. Bernard Elizabeth, Chief Executive Officer, Seychelles Credit Union (SCU), LUNGOS
- Ms. May Vel, Secretary on the Executive Committee, NATIONAL CONSUMERS FORUM (NATCOF)
- Mr. Nirmal Shah (Dr.), Chief Executive Officer of NATURE SEYCHELLES
- Mr. Jacques Kouï, Secretary of Board, LUNGOS
- Mr. Jules Hoareau, Member Of Citizen Democracy Watch Seychelles (CDWS)
- Mrs. M.Nella Azemia, Chairperson, LUNGOS
- Mrs. Florence Memee, Chairperson, LES LI VIV
- Mrs. Noella Gonthier, Director of CARE
- Mrs. Rosemay Elizabeth, Programme Manager/Coordinator at WASO/Commissioner Socio Economic LUNGOS
- Mr. Ronny Arnephy, Representative of HASO
- Mr. Nicholas Rainer, Writer for TODAY
- Mrs. Marie-Therese Purvis, Chair of Board of Sustainability For Seychelles (S4s), Environment Natural Resources Commission Of LUNGOS

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Patrick Payet, Chair of the Petroleum Multi Stakeholder Group (MSG) and Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Finance.

Objective

The objective of the meeting was to (i) inform key stakeholders about the Government intention to join the EITI and the activities underway to fulfill the initial sign-up steps, and to (ii) present the initial version of the EITI workplan and invite people to provide their comments.

Agenda

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| 15:00 | Welcome remarks
<i>Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary for Finance, Ministry of Finance, Trade and Investment and Chair of the Petroleum Multi-stakeholder Group.</i> |
| 15:05 | Recent Developments in the Oil Sector of Seychelles
<i>Mr. Eddy Belle, CEO, PetroSeychelles</i> |
| 15:15 | Review of the EITI Standard, EITI Candidacy Requirements and Preparation of the EITI Work plan.
<i>Mrs. Hilda Harnack, Consultant, Oil, Gas, and Mining Department, World Bank</i> |
| 15:25 | The Seychelles EITI Work Plan 2014-2016
<i>Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary for Finance, Ministry of Finance, Trade and Investment and Chair of the Petroleum Multi-stakeholder Group.</i> |
| 15:50 | Civil Society Role in the Seychelles EITI
<i>Mr. Steve Lalande, CEO, LUNGOS</i> |
| 16:00 | Discussion |
| 16:30 | Closing remarks
<i>Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary for Finance, Ministry of Finance, Trade and Investment and Chair of the Petroleum Multi-stakeholder Group.</i> |

Discussions

1. Mr. Payet (The Chair) went through the Work Plan and stressed the willingness of the Ministry of Finance to work with Civil Society.
2. Mr. Elizabeth, Chief Executive Officer at Seychelles Credit Union (SCU) suggested that we should request people with no background on EITI to read the work plan and understand it.
3. Mrs. Purvis, Chair of Board of Sustainability for Seychelles (S4s), Environment Natural Resources Commission of LUNGOS expressed her concern in not being familiar to EITI and she needed more clarification in this context.
4. Civil Society's participation is vital; they need to promote awareness with the help of the government.

5. The dialogue issue needs to be considered in order for the people to understand what is going on in this field.
6. Participants have faced difficulty in getting the right information at the right time. Contextual information is needed.
7. Through dialogue, most of the participants believed that proper information would be received.
8. LUNGOS needs to be well represented and well informed to effectively perform its role within the MSG...
9. Mr. ... commented that the environment is an area of great importance and concern when it comes to the impacts of petroleum exploration. The MSG should organize a meeting with the Ministry of Environment to sort out the critical environmental issues. So far this has not been realized. The EITI could work closely with the Ministry of Environment.
10. Mr. Elizabeth recommended to the Government to select a representative from the Youth Organisations and from the Ministry of the Environment.
11. The Government agreed to appoint two additional representatives to the MSG: one representing the Youth and another from the Ministry of the Environment.

Closing

Mr. Patrick Payet (Chair of MSG) thanked everyone for their participation. Having no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4.35-pm. The MSG was invited to attend the next meeting in order to validate the Seychelles Petroleum Multi-Stakeholder Workplan 2014-2016.

Signed by:

<p>Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary of Finance Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)</p>	
<p>Mr. Eddy Belle, Chief Executive Officer PetroSeychelles</p>	
<p>Mr. Steve Lalande, Chief Executive Officer LUNGOS</p>	
<p>Ms. Jennifer Morel, Commissioner Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)</p>	
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<p>Ms. Fatime Kante, Economist Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)</p>	

PETROLEUM MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 28, 2014

Introduction

The Seychelles Petroleum Multi-Stakeholder group organized a meeting, on 28th May 2014, at 1:30 p.m., at the Conference Room of the Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment. The following members of the Petroleum MSG attended the meeting:

- Mr. Patrick Payet, Principal Secretary for Finance, MSG Chair (MoFTI)
- Mr. Eddy Belle, Chief Executive Officer, PetroSeychelles
- Mr. Steve Lalande, Chief Executive Officer, LUNGOS
- Mrs. Marie-Thérèse Purvis, Chair of Board of Sustainability For Seychelles (S4s), Environment Natural Resources Commission Of LUNGOS
- Mrs. Doreen Bradburn, Consultant, Corvina
- Ms. Jennifer Morel, Commissioner, Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC)
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- Mr. George Robert, State Counsel, Office of the Attorney General (AGs)
- Mr. Oliver Bastienne, Country Manager, Ernst & Young (SCCI)
- Mr. David Rowbottam, Managing Director, WHL Energy LTD (via Skype)
- Ms. Fatime Kante, Economist, Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment (MoFTI)

Absent

- Ms. Caroline Abel, Governor, Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS) was on overseas mission.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Patrick Payet, Chair of the Petroleum Multi Stakeholder Group (MSG).

Objective

The objective of the meeting was to validate the minutes of the 22nd May 2014, get comments from LUNGOS representatives, endorse the TORs and present the EITI Candidature Application.

Agenda

- 13:30
- ↓ Approval of Minutes of past MSG meetings
 - ↓ Approval of TORs and Workplan
 - ↓ Presentation of the EITI Candidature Application

Discussions

1. The MSG Chair, Mr. Patrick Payet thanked and welcomed the members for being present.
2. A Skype call was organized in order to facilitate communication with Mr. David Rowbottom, Managing Director of WHL Ltd.
3. Mr. Payet (The Chair) then went through the Work Plan with the members of the MSG.
4. Mrs. Purvis, Chair of Board of Sustainability for Seychelles (S4s), Environment Natural Resources Commission of LUNGOS, gave an explicit explanation on her comments in **Objective 3** “Understand the implications of oil exploration for sustainable development of a small multiple island state”, which was previously modified by the MSG. Her original version was then re-included.
5. Mr. Oliver Bastienne, Country Manager of Ernst and Young, wanted to know if Ms. Fatime Kante has included past comments in the Workplan.
6. Ms. Fatime Kante, Economist, Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment, ensured that the letter of appointment date will be included after clarifications with the Minister and confirmed that those comments did figure in the updated Workplan.
7. Mr. Steve Lalande, CEO of LUNGOS, introduced the three representatives of LUNGOS:
 - Mrs. Marie-Thérèse Purvis (Chair of Board of Sustainability for Seychelles (S4s), Environment Natural Resources Commission of LUNGOS),
 - Mr. Jude Fred (The Youth Representative) who was not present but will be present in the next MSG meeting and
 - Mr. Steve Lalande, himself.
8. Mr. Eddy Belle, CEO of PetroSeychelles ensured that he will provide an updated version of the section “Developments in the Oil Sector” introduction of the Workplan and send it to Ms. Kante for perusal and circulate to the MSG.
9. MSG proposed to have future meetings once a month but not on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which seem to be the busiest days for the members. This will be finalized by in the next MSG meeting or through email.
10. The MSG is still waiting for the Ministry of Environment to appoint a representative to join the MSG.
11. Ms. Fatime Kante e-mailed a draft of the Candidature Application to the MSG. The Chair asked for MSG to peruse, comment and endorse the Application by 30th May 2014 or Monday 2nd June 2014 the latest.

The date for the next MSG meeting was not decided, but the Chair will choose and inform the members accordingly.

Closing

Mr. Patrick Payet (Chair of MSG) thanked everyone for their participation. Having no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2.10-pm.

CHAPTER 201

REGISTRATION OF ASSOCIATIONS ACT

[16th May, 1959]

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

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Short title.
3/23/1976.

1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Associations Act.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act-

“association” means two or more persons who have agreed to contribute by their knowledge, energy, fortune or other lawful means or by a combination of any of such means towards the attainment of a common object which shall not be pecuniary gain to themselves and which shall not be contrary to law, morality and public policy and, where the context so requires, means a registered association:

Provided that mutual aid societies which may be formed for the purpose of providing assistance in a variety of forms to their members, their families and dependents shall be deemed to be association;

“officer” means any chairman, treasurer, secretary or member of the committee of management of an association or an auditor of the association;

“Registered association” means an association registered under this Act;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Associations appointed under this Act;

“Secretary”, in relation to an association, includes any officer of the association or other person performing the duties of secretary.

Incorporation:
Registration
Essential.

3(1) A registered association shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, and power in its Corporate name to acquire, hold, and dispose of property, Movable or immovable, and generally to do all such acts and Things as bodies corporate may do and perform.

It shall sue and be sued in its corporate name and service of Process on the secretary of the association shall be deemed to Be service on the association.

(2) No association shall be a body corporate unless its Secretary causes it to be registered in the manner hereinafter Provided.

4(1) The secretary of an association seeking registration under This Act shall make application in writing to the Registrar in that behalf and shall furnish to the Registrar the following items Information certified true under his hand, that is to say:-

Applications for registration and disposal thereof. S.I. 95/1975. 3/23/1976.

- (a) The name, place of office and objects of the association;
 - (b) The name, occupations and addresses of the officers and Members of the association for the time being;
 - (c) The resolution of the members of the association appointing the officers;
 - (d) The rules of association.
- (2) The Registrar, after considering the application and information furnished by the secretary, may-
- (a) Register the association by entering its name in a register to be known as the Register of Associations (hereinafter referred to as “the register”) and deliver to the applicant a certificate in the form set out in schedule A; or
 - (b) request as a condition precedent to registration that the books of the association be kept in English or French or Creole and that any alterations which, in his opinion, is necessary be made to the rules of the association; or
 - (c) refuse registration.

The Registrar shall advise the applicant of his decision by registered letter in every case:

Provided that within two months of date of the Registrar’s letter, an appeal shall lie to the Minister against a decision of the Registrar under either paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) of this subsection.

5(1) The rules of every association seeking registration under this Act shall contain provision in respect of the several matters mentioned in schedule B, and shall, on the association being registered, become the rules of the registered association.

Rules. 3/23/1976.

(2) Where not less than three-fifths of the total number of members of any registered association are present in person or by proxy at a general meeting of members of the association convened in that behalf, it shall be lawful for two-thirds of the number of members present in person or by proxy at such meeting to add to, alter or otherwise amend the rules of the association:

Provided that a certified copy of the minutes of proceedings Held at such general meeting shall be submitted to Registrar, and that no addition to, alteration or amendment of, the rules of the association shall have effect except with the approval of the Registrar signified under his hand in the form set out in schedule C.

(3) A copy of the rules so approved shall be filed with the Registrar.

Membership of
Minors.

6(1) The rules of a registered association may provide for the Admission of a person under twenty-one years of age as a member

(2) Anything to the contrary in any enactment notwithstanding, any such member may, if he is over sixteen years of age by himself, and if he is under that age by his parent or guardian, execute all instruments and give all acquaintances necessary to be executed or given under the rules:

Provided that such member shall not be an officer of the association and shall not have the right to vote.

Rights of
Members.

7(1) Every registered association shall deliver to every member on Payment of a sum of one rupee, a copy of the rules of the association.

(2) Every registered association shall supply gratuitously to every member or person interested in its fund, on his application, either-

(a) a copy of the last annual return of the association; or

(b) a copy of a balance sheet or other document duly audited containing the same particulars regarding the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of the association which are contained in the annual return.

8. A member or person having an interest in the fund of a registered association may inspect the book at all reasonable hours at the registered office of the association, except that the person shall not, unless he is an officer of the association, or is specially authorized by a resolution of the association to do so, have the right to inspect the loan or debit account of any other member without the written consent of that member.

Inspection of books.

9 (1) Anything to the contrary in any enactment notwithstanding a member of a registered association, not being under the age of sixteen years, may, by writing under his hand delivered at or sent to the registered office of the association, or made in a book kept at that office, nominate a person to whom any sum of money payable by the association on the death of that member, shall be paid at his decease.

Power of member to dispose of sum payable at his death by nomination.

(2) The person so nominated must not be an officer or servant of the association, unless that officer or servant be the husband, wife, father, mother, child, brother, sister, nephew or niece of the nomination.

(3) A nomination so made may be revoked and varied in writing in a manner similar to that provided in subsection (1) by any similar document under the hand of the nominator, delivered, sent, or made as aforesaid.

(4) The marriage of a member of an association shall operate as a revocation of any nomination theretofore made by that member under this section.

10. The rules of any association may require all or any of those officers who are appointed to any office involving the receipt or management of monies collected on behalf of the association, before they take upon them the duties devolving upon their office, to become bound with one or more sureties for the just execution of such office, and for rendering a true account according to the rules and regulations of the association. The bonds shall be filed with the Registrar without fee and in case of forfeiture shall be handed over to the treasurer or other appropriate officer of the association for such suitable legal action as may be deemed advisable. Such bonds shall not be subject to stamp duty.

Sureties.

11. The rules for the time being of any registered association shall bind the association and every member thereof and any person claiming through such member to the same extent as if such member or person has subscribed his name thereto:

Provided that no person shall be made liable for debts contracted after he has ceased to be a member of the association.

12(1) The secretary of every registered association shall, before the thirty-first day of January in each year, or when and as often as so requested by the Registrar, furnish to the Registrar, a return of the name and addresses of the officers of the association, and an audited account of the yearly revenue and expenditure, and of the assets and liabilities, of the association in such form as the Registrar may require:

Provided that any change occurring in the place of office or Among the officers of a registered association shall, from time, be notified to the Registrar within fourteen days of such change.

(2) Non compliance with the provisions of subsection (1) shall be an offence, and the secretary of the registered association concerned shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five rupees for every day during which the default continues.

13. Any person may-

- (a) on payment of a fee of two rupees inspect the rules of any association in the custody of the Registrar;
- (b) on payment of a fee of three rupees, obtain a certificate of registration of any association;
- (c) on payment of a fee of three rupees per page of part of a page, obtain a copy or extract of the rules of an association or of any other document or part of any other document which the Registrar may reasonably deliver to be certified by the Registrar.

14. Where not less than three-fifths of total number of members of any registered association are present in person or by proxy at a general meeting of the members of two-thirds of the number of members present in person or by proxy at such meeting to decide that such association-

- (a) shall be dissolved and thereupon it shall be dissolved and all the property of that association shall become vested in the Registrar who shall sell or otherwise deal with such property so as to meet; as far as possible, all the debts and liabilities of the association, and then transfer the remaining property, if any, to such registered association or other charitable institution as may have been designated in the decision made at the general meeting that the association be dissolved or, in the absence of such designation, to such registered association or charitable institution as the Minister may select; or
- (b) shall be amalgamated, either wholly or partially, with any registered association:

Provided that the person who last held the office of secretary of The dissolved association shall within one month of its dissolution furnish to the Registrar a certified copy of the minutes of proceedings held at such general meeting, a detailed statement of the assets and liabilities of association together with a declaration signed by him that the provisions of this Act have been complied with.

Non compliance with this proviso shall be an offence and the secretary of the registered association concerned shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees and to imprisonment not exceeding six months:

Provided also that the decision to amalgamate shall be of no effect without the approval of the Registrar signified under his hand in the form set out in schedule D.

15(1) The Registrar-

- (a) may, if he has reasonable grounds to believe that the registration of an association under this Act has been obtained by fraud or mistake, or that a registered association exists for an illegal purpose, or has willfully infringe any way misapplied its funds, or is not functioning; and
- (b) shall, up the written application of one-tenth of the total number of the member of a registered association,

call for all accounts, books and documents relating to such association and institute an inquiry into the affairs and conduct of such association, whether relating to matters which occurred before or after the coming into force of this Act, and may hear evidence on oath in connection with such inquiry.

(2) The provision of section 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act shall, for the purpose of such inquiry, apply mutatis mutandis.

(3) The Registrar shall thereafter draw up and forward a report of his findings, together with his recommendations, to the Minister who may make such order in the matter as he may think fit.

(4) Without prejudice to the provision of the preceding subsections, The Registrar may at any reasonable time, either by himself or through An officer deputed by him in that behalf. Check the book of any registered Association and its bank and cash balances.

(5) Any person who-

(a) for the purposes of obtaining the registration of association willfully make any statement or furnishes any information to the Registrar which is false in any material particular, or

(b) being an officer of an association is a party to or assists in the conducting of association for any purpose other than those provided by the rules thereof ; or

(c) being an officer of an association willfully infringes any of the rules of the association,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees.

16(1) The Registrar may, when and as often as he may deem necessary, call upon the secretary, or treasurer or other office-bearer of any association, to produce to him at such time and place as he may determine any book or document in the custody of such secretary, treasurer or other office-bearer, as the case may be.

(2) Non-compliance with the provision of subsection (1) shall be an offence and the secretary, treasurer, or other office-bearer concerned shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees and to imprisonment not exceeding three

months.

17(1) In the event of the Registrar being satisfied, as the result of any investigation into the affairs and conduct of a registered association, that the association should be struck off the register, he shall, with the approval of the Minister cause a notice to be served upon the secretary of the association informing him that he intends to strike the association off the register for reason to be set out in the notice.

(2) The association may, within a period of two months after the receipt by its secretary of such notice from the Registrar appeal to the Supreme Court against the decision to order the striking of the association off the register and show cause why the name of the association should not be struck off, and on any such appeal the Supreme Court may make such order as it shall think fit.

(3) If within two months of the receipt by the secretary of an association of the above mentioned notice from the Registrar, the association has not appealed to the Supreme Court, or if any appeal made by the association under subsection (2) has been dismissed, the Registrar shall strike the association off the register.

18. On the striking of an association off the register, all the property of that association shall become vested in the Registrar who shall use such property towards meeting, as far as possible, all the debts and liabilities of the association and then transfer the remaining property, if any, to such registered association or charitable institution as the Minister may select.

19. The President may appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registrar of Association and may, for the purposes of this Act appoint other persons to assist him.

20(1) To meet the expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes of this Act, every registered association shall pay to the principal Secretary of the Ministry of Finance on or before the fifteenth day of March in every year such percentage of the profits of the association for the preceding year not exceeding one half per centum as shall be fixed by the Registrar.

Provided that no such contribution shall be payable by an association whose profits for the previous year does not exceed one thousand rupees:

Provided further that it shall be lawful for the Registrar to exempt any association from the payment of such contribution if, in his opinion, undue hardship would result from such payment.

(2) Any contribution due by an association may be sued for and recovered by the Registrar by civil action.

21. A certificate under the hand of the registrar as to the name of the officers and members of the association and as to any other fact required by this Act to be registered shall be sufficient evidence of the facts stated therein unless the contrary be shown.

22. Subject to the proviso to the definition of “association ” in section 2, this Act shall not affect the provisions of any enactment relating to-

- (a) companies or partnership (including “ societies ”) of any nature;
- (b) co-operative societies;
- (c) trade unions.

23. Every default under this Act constituting an offence, if continued, shall constitute a new offence in every week during which the default continues.

24. The Minister may make regulations for carrying the provisions of this Act into effect and more particularly, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, may make regulations adding to, altering or amending the schedules to this Act.

SCHEDULE A

(Section 4)

I hereby certify that the (name of association)
association has this day been registered under the provisions
of the Registration of Association Act.

Date this Day of19....

.....

Registrar

SCHEDULE B

(Section 5)

Matters to be provided for by the rules of associations registered under the Act-

1. the corporate name and place of business of the association;
2. the objects of the association;
3. the admission, rejection, and removal of members;
4. the mode of holding meetings and the right and mode of voting at such meeting;
5. the appointment and removal of members of the committee of management and of auditors;
6. the investment of the funds, if any, the keeping of accounts and the audit of such accounts at least once a year.
7. the inspection of the book of the association by any person having an interest in the funds of the association;
8. the fines and forfeitures which may be imposed on any members of the association.

SCHEDULE D

(Section 5)

I do hereby certify that these rules amending the rules of the.....(name of registered association) were made in compliance with the procedure laid down in the Registration of Association Act, and have been approved by me.

Date this.....day of19....

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Registrar

SCHEDULE D

(Section 14)

I hereby certify that the..... Association and
the..... Association, being associations registered
under the provisions of the Registration of Association Act, have
been amalgamated in accordance with provisions of section 14
of the Act.

Date this day of 19.....

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Registrar

Civil society learns how to manage natural resources' revenues

18-October-2013



Representatives from different civil society movements met recently to learn more about how countries which discover natural resources like oil, gas, metal and minerals should manage revenues generated from them in a transparent and accountable manner.

These natural resources belong to a country's citizens and their extraction can lead to economic growth and social development. However, when poorly managed as is the case in many countries it has too often led to corruption and even conflict.

More openness around how a country manages its natural resource wealth is necessary to ensure that these resources can benefit all citizens.

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global coalition of governments, companies and civil society working together to improve openness and accountable management of revenues from natural resources.

The EITI was launched in 2002 and since then has been endorsed by 39 countries across the world.

The Minister of Finance, Trade and Investment, Pierre Laporte has already made a public statement for Seychelles to join the EITI to strengthen its governance in the upstream

petroleum sector.

There is a deadline under the current Development Policy Operation (DPO) between the World Bank and the government for Seychelles to submit its EITI candidacy by May 2014.

Hilda Harnack, a World Bank consultant in the field of the EITI, has been assigned with the task of helping with the development of the EITI scoping study for Seychelles.

Ms Harnack has extensive experience with the EITI implementation in a number of countries and she is currently in the country to meet different stakeholders as part of the study. She has already met Petro Seychelles to review and discuss the requirements for the EITI implementation and last Thursday she met representatives of the civil society.

In her presentation on the EITI and its standards, Ms Harnack told the audience that transparency can only lead to accountability if there is understanding of what the whole process is all about and public debate about how the country's resource wealth should be managed.

“Civil societies need to know more about how resources of their countries are managed and if the companies involved are really following what their contracts say,” she pointed out.

Those present learned about the requirements that the EITI standard contains which countries need to meet in order to be recognised as first an EITI candidate and ultimately an EITI compliant country.

They also had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarifications.



Email sent 11 July 2013

Dear Mr. Moberg,

This is to inform you that the Government of Seychelles plans to join EITI with a view to become a candidate soon and thereafter start working toward becoming an EITI compliant country. We seek your guidance on the way forward.

Four exploratory wells drilled in Seychelles in the 1980s and 1990s indicated the presence of an active petroleum system but identified no immediately exploitable reserves. Recent exploration has been sparse and largely confined to acquiring seismic data in the two petroleum concessions currently extended to international companies. If exploration succeeds and exploitation takes off over the next five to seven years, the impact on Seychelles' small economy would be dramatic and Government revenue generated through petroleum royalties and taxes from a single development project could be quite substantial.

Seychelles has started strengthening its governance in the upstream petroleum sector. With such significant economic potential at stake, the rationale for a good institutional framework to encourage and manage increased petroleum sector investments is compelling. The government has created PetroSeychelles (a new state-owned company) which has the responsibility for supervising, monitoring, and promoting upstream activities. Responsibility for government investment in downstream activities is with another company called SEYPEC.

Seychelles is also reviewing and modernizing the current underdeveloped legal framework for the petroleum sector, with the support of the World Bank, the IMF, and the Commonwealth Secretariat. The Seychelles adopted an "Open Filing" procedure for accepting petroleum concession applications. If it is successful in attracting new applications, the evaluation of bids and the negotiation of new petroleum agreements are expected to begin in mid-2013. The government also intends to strengthen transparency in financial reporting in the petroleum sector by adopting EITI principles. The Minister of Finance has already made a public statement that the country plans to join EITI.

We look forward to your guidance and advise on the way forward.

Thank you.

Elizabeth

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Striving for our Seychelles

**Email correspondence on 4 June 2014 between Steve Lalande, C.E.O, LUNGOS and Fatime Kante,
Ministry of Finance, Trade and Investment**

Dear Fatime,

LUNGOS supports the application.

regards

Steve Lalande
CEO-LUNGOS

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> Subject: RE: SEYCHELLES EITI CANDIDATURE APPLICATION
> Date: Wed, 4 Jun 2014 05:27:33 +0000
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> Dear MSG,
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> Yesterday was the final day to get your comments on the Candidature application.
> If you do not have any comments by today at 2pm, we will consider asking for its approval on a
"non-objection basis".
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> Thank you and Best Regards,
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> Fatime
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Fatime kante
> Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 8:15 AM
> To: George Emmanuel Robert; 'Doreen'; Patrick Payet; 'Eddy Belle'; 'governor@cbs.sc'; 'Steve
Lalande CEO-LUNGOS'; 'M Purvis'; 'Oliver Bastienne'; 'Charles Antelme'; 'David Rowbottam'; Aurore
Arcambal; jennifer morel
> Cc: Elizabeth Charles; 'Hilda Y. Harnack'
> Subject: SEYCHELLES EITI CANDIDATURE APPLICATION
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> Dear MSG,
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- > Kindly find attached the SEYCHELLES EITI CANDIDATURE APPLICATION for perusal.
- > Instead of tomorrow as mentioned in yesterday's MSG meeting, you will have more time to send your comments. The final date chosen is Monday the 2nd June 2014.
- >
- > Thank you and Best Regards,
- >
- > Fatime.