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MINUTES OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MSG AND HEADS OF OIL COMPANIES HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY, 2020 AT MOFPED.

Attendance

	NAMES	INSTITUTION
1.	Mr. Moses Kaggwa	Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development. (MSG Chairperson)
2.	Mr. Jin Weigen	China National Offshore Oil Corporation. (Vice President)
3.	Ms. Yuping Song	China National Offshore Oil Corporation. (Legal)
4.	Mr. Pierre Jessua	Total E&P Uganda. (General Manager)
5.	Mr. Faustine Mugisha	Total E&P Uganda. (Manager)
6.	Mr. Obad Noah	Oranto Petroleum Limited.
7.	Ms. Susan Busingye	Tullow Oil Uganda.
8.	Mr. Peter Ssempebwa	Tullow Oil Uganda.
9.	Mr. Saul Ongaria	National Coordinator/Secretary
10.	Mrs. Gloria Mugambe	Head of Secretariat, UGEITI
11.	Mr. Kanakulya Edwin Kavuma	Compliance Officer, UGEITI
12.	Mr. Mark Essex	European Union (IBF)

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks from the Chairperson
2. Reactions from the members of the oil companies
3. Way forward
4. Closing remarks

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MIN 1.	<p>Opening Remarks from the Chairperson</p> <p>The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm. He welcomed the members for the meeting and requested all members to introduce themselves.</p> <p>The Chairperson stated that he and the National Secretariat were happy that the industry stake-holders had responded positively when they were called upon to participate in the process of Uganda’s joining of the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). The Chairperson informed the members from the oil companies present that the National Secretariat wanted to confirm their representation to the Multi-Stakeholder Group, and also requested that a Proxy be nominated for each member.</p> <p>The Head of the National Secretariat added that Tullow oil was not yet represented on the MSG, although they had been invited to nominate a representative.</p>
MIN 2.	<p>Reactions from the members of the oil companies</p> <p>The General Manager of Total E&P told the meeting that they were committed to participating in EITI in Uganda and that their company has a member on the EITI International Board. He also stated that in September 2018, Total E&P Uganda, took the decision to publish their revenues which is in line with the spirit of EITI. At that time, they had written to the then Minister of Energy on this issue but did not get a response. The General Manager further noted that the public did not know or understand what the oil companies earn and that it was important for the public to understand this in order to avoid any misconceptions or misunderstandings. In his conclusion, he stated that admission to EITI was not a one-off, and that member countries underwent periodic reviews. It was therefore important to maintain compliance with the EITI Standard. He gave an example of the Democratic Republic of Congo</p>

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	<p>which was currently experiencing challenges for failing to fully comply with the EITI Standard.</p> <p>The Vice President of China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) informed the Chairperson and the meeting that they were committed to participating in EITI in Uganda. He further stated that CNOOC maintained very high standards against corruption in line with the EITI principles.</p> <p>The representative from Tullow Oil Uganda stated that their company was committed and that they would immediately respond to the letter that requested them to nominate a member to the MSG.</p> <p>The representative from Oranto Petroleum Limited, who is also a member of the MSG, stated that their company was still young in Uganda but it is fully committed to EITI. He noted that they were learning from their colleagues who have been in Uganda longer. He further noted that Government is interested in revenue while the companies are aiming to make profit and so EITI would be a platform for both stake-holders to realize their interests.</p>
<p>MIN 3.</p>	<p>Way forward</p> <p>The companies were to write and officially nominate a Proxy for their respective representatives.</p> <p>CNOOC and Tullow Oil Uganda were to nominate officers as Member and Proxy from their respective companies since they had not yet formally done so.</p>
<p>MIN 4.</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked all members for honouring the meeting invitation and for pledging their commitment to participate in EITI implementation in</p>

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	<p>Uganda. He reminded the members that Uganda was working on preparing the candidature application admission to EITI, and thus called upon them to endeavour to always attend when invited for the MSG meetings.</p>
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	<p>There being nothing else raised in the meeting, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 3:20 pm.</p>
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