

## **REPORT OF THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER MEETING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECOND NAP**

**Date:** 16 June 2016

**Venue:** State House

**Time:** 1100 Hours

**Chairing:** Mr. Mohamed J. Musa, Public Procurement Authority

### **PRESENT**

The meeting was attended by CSOs, Media, and representatives from Government Ministries and Departments.

#### **1. Prayers**

The meeting commenced with silent prayers.

#### **2. Update from Cabinet Secretariat on NAP 1 by Mr. Mohamed Yoki**

Mr. Mohamed Yoki made reference to the meeting that was held the previous week and the resolutions reached, especially pertaining to the 15<sup>th</sup> of June as the deadline for MDAs to submit evidences of their achievements under NAP 1.

He confirmed that the Cabinet Secretariat had received the relevant documentation from the Ministry of Information, Anti-Corruption Commission and Performance Management Service Delivery Unit in the Office of the Chief of Staff. However, he noted that the Cabinet Secretariat was still trying to meet with the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources and the Ministry of Information and Communication for outstanding documentation and evidences.

Participants expressed their concerns about the delays and highlighted the need for proactive action by OGI to ensure that responsible MDAs met their commitments.

#### **3. Update On NAP II Proposals by Mr. Abu Bakarr Kamara, Budget Advocacy Network**

Mr. Abu Bakarr Kamara of Budget Advocacy Network presented the proposals for the OGP NAP 2 and participants made their contributions as follows;

Commitment	Milestones	Comments from Participants	New/Ongoing
<p><b>Fiscal Transparency and Open Budget</b></p> <p><b>Commitment:</b> To make budget data (Pre budget statement and Midyear report), parliament audit committee reports and tax exemptions publicly available and increase citizen participation in the budget process.</p>	<p>In line with internationally accepted good practices for open budgets, this includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Publish, in a timely manner, the budget reports each budget year: a pre-budget statement and a mid-year review as these two reports are still not yet been published by the government of Sierra Leone.</li> <li>2. Publish all tax exemptions, on a half yearly basis starting 2016. <i>This should include an estimate of the total amount of revenue losses attributable to all tax expenditures, the amount of revenue losses attributable to tax expenditures divided by the various revenue streams, the amount of revenue losses attributable to tax expenditures from various sectors, both public and private, the amount of revenue losses attributable to the tax expenditures from 20 of the largest investors, divided by company</i></li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOFED was not represented in the meeting, therefore participants agreed that the Commitment and milestones be submitted to MOFED for their comments. Otherwise, the meeting was in agreement to the way the commitment and milestones were written.</li> </ul>	<p>New</p>

<p><b>Fiscal Transparency and Open Budget ( This will increase Sierra Leone score in the Open Budget Survey. In 2012 Sierra Leone score 39 and in 2015 we score 59 out of 100%.)</b></p> <p><b>Commitment: To make budget data (Pre budget statement and Midyear report), parliament audit committee reports and tax exemptions publicly available and increase citizen participation in the budget process.</b></p>	<p>3. Publish Budget data (a pre-budget statement; the executive’s budget proposal; the enacted budget; a citizens budget; in-year reports on revenues collected, expenditures made and debt incurred; a mid-year review; year-end report; and audit reports) online, in machine-readable formats.</p> <p>4. Provide and publish the detailed feedback on how public perceptive have been capture and taken into account on the budget discussion process during the formation stage</p>		New
<p><b>Record Management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Drafting of the Record Management Act</li> <li>❖ Publishing of the Bill online in government website</li> <li>❖ Hold public consultation on the bill</li> <li>❖ Tabling of the Record Management Act in Parliament</li> <li>❖ Parliament debate and pass the Record Management bill into law</li> </ul>	<p>The Records Department informed the meeting that they had written down their suggestions for the next NAP. Members agreed that the OGP Secretariat and selected CSOs should discuss them and come up with a resolution on what to include under the NAP II. However, members generally indicated that the submission by Records Department had so many milestones and there was need to pick only on those that had relevance to the OGP principles and grand</p>	Ongoing

		<p>challenges.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Ministry of Information and Communication be invited in all future meetings since the final decision concerning Records Management rested with them.</p>	
<b>Aid Transparency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Donors, INGOs and NGOs publish details fund meant for the post Ebola recovery online and the on the open data portal including activity level budget ( need to agree on the donors, INGOs and NGO)</li> <li>❖ Donor, INGOs and NGOs hold annual district public meetings to disclose fund meant that particular district and for what purpose and detail activity-level budget shared. (need to agree on the donors, INGOs and NGO)</li> </ul>	<p>Members agreed that SLANGO and MOFED be consulted to assisted in the process of selecting the INGOs to target.</p> <p>It was recommended that a milestone looking at fiscal transparency for the donor funding going directly into the budget be looked into.</p>	NEW

<b>Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of the EITI policy</li> <li>2. Public discussions on the EITI policy</li> <li>3. Cabinet approve the EITI Policy</li> <li>4. Cabinet approve the EITI bill</li> <li>5. Tabling of the EITI bill in Parliament</li> <li>6. Parliament debate and pass the EITI bill</li> </ol>	<p>It was agreed that a meeting be held with the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development to review the milestones under this commitment.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<b>Implementing the recommendation of the Auditor General reports for the 2014 and 2015 audit report</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attorney-General's Department to initiate action to prosecute officials indicted in the PAC's report for the 2014 and 2015 Auditor General report</li> <li>2. 10 MDAs implement procurement related recommendation of the Auditor General report</li> <li>3. The Publish the reports of the  Parliamentary Audit Committees online</li> </ol>	<p>Members were concerned about milestone 1 noting that it is rather over ambitious to look at both 2014 and 2015. Thus, it was agreed that the milestone looks at 2014 only. In addition, it was resolved that the word prosecute be replaced by the phrase "specific action".</p> <p>In general, members agreed that the milestones be reviewed.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<b>Open Contracting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Public Procurement Authority will publish quarterly all contracts entered into by Government from July, 2016 to June, 2018. This information should have the following:  Name of the contractor</li> </ol>	<p>Concerning the first milestone, the meeting resolved that the word quarterly be replaced by annually. This was in consideration of the fact that public procurement is decentralized and getting the information</p>	<p>New</p>

	<p>Location of the contract</p> <p>Start and end date of the contract</p> <p>Value of the contract</p> <p>Detail description of the contract</p> <p>2. Public Procurement Authority will initiate action to quarterly monitor contract executions together with CSOs and the Media to ensure effective service delivery from July 2016 to June 2018</p> <p>3. Publish the report of the monitoring online</p>	<p>quarterly might be a challenge.</p> <p>It was resolved that the milestones be reviewed in consultation with the relevant MDA.</p>	
<p><b>Climate Change</b></p> <p><b>More transparent and participatory development of climate polices at the local, national and international level (using proxies measures on both mitigation and action)</b></p>	<p>i. Creating timely, robust and transparent public participation processes for the design of local and national climate strategies and plans, including nationally determined contributions; longterm, midcentury low emissions strategies; and other national submissions (including National Communications, Biannual Reports and Biannual Update Reports, National Adaptation Plans, etc.).</p> <p>ii. Ensuring a breadth of consultation with relevant ministries, including civil society, scientists, trade unions, marginalized groups, local authorities and the private</p>	<p>The Environmental Management Agency submitted its proposals under this commitment. It was resolved that the Department meets with OGP to finalise on the milestones.</p>	<p>New</p>

	<p>sector, to seek a diverse range of views and inputs. Also providing adequate notice to ensure accessibility and opportunity to engage in the</p> <p>preparation and submissions of national and local climate submissions to international bodies (National Communications, Biannual Reports and Biannual Update Reports, National Adaptation Plans, etc.)</p> <p>iii. Documenting the outcome of public consultation and government responses</p> <p>and all individual written comment submissions that were made available (e.g. online, through dashboards).</p>		
<p><b>Climate Change</b></p> <p><b>Providing user friendly data and information regarding climate related action</b></p>	<p>i. Creating a user friendly public tool to track policy implementation with critical milestones in specific sectors. Countries and subnational actors could commit to track policies through a central database that showcases progress on commitments, including toward specific greenhouse gas targets, renewable energy, forest restoration, clean mobility, green buildings, and other policy goals and targets.</p> <p>ii. Providing adequate and relevant climate information to</p>		<p>New</p>

	<p>the public at the</p> <p>policy and project level (reactively and proactively) with a focus on usability, accessibility and publicity.</p> <p>iii. Releasing information or datasets in open data formats to meet the</p> <p>requirements of the Doha Plan of Action that would help educate, empower</p> <p>and engage all stakeholders.</p>		
<p><b>Climate Change</b></p> <p><b>Measures to ensure the creation of accountable and inclusive institutions for national climate action .</b></p>	<p>i. Establish national legislative frameworks for open and inclusive climate change institutions, policy making and reporting processes;</p> <p>ii. Build the awareness and understanding of diverse country level stakeholders concerning national commitments and needs for climate change policies through multiple communication channels, including for ministries (e.g., environment, energy, planning, finance, agriculture), local authorities, civil society, private sector, parliamentarians, and academia; and</p> <p>iii. Establish an appropriate legal and regulatory framework for the collection and supply of climate change relevant data, including from the private</p> <p>sector, and build partnerships</p>		<p>New</p>

	with national statistics bodies, climate research institutions, and regional centers of excellence to enhance understanding of climate change impacts.		
<b>Gender ( Sexual Violence)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Publish data on gender violence issue on a quarterly basis</li> <li>❖ Set up a forensic lab to fast track sexual violence case</li> <li>❖ Free access to health services for sexual violence cases</li> </ul>	<p>It was recommended that the Ministry of Social Welfare be considered as a responsible implementing agency.</p> <p>The FSU reaffirmed its commitment to ensure the milestones are implemented.</p> <p>The phrase sexual violence to be replaced by “sexual and gender based violence”</p>	
<b>Elections</b> <b>Promote transparency and accountability in the management of elections</b>	<p>Promote transparency and accountability in the management of election by making available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) voter register, constituency and boundary information in electronic format online,</li> <li>(ii) improving the transmission of election results through technology and making them available online in open data format.</li> </ul>	<p>It was resolved that the proposed commitment and milestones be submitted to NEC for their comment.</p>	
<b>Local Council ( Waste</b>		Members deliberated on	

<b>management)</b>		this and resolved that this should not be considered under this NAP.	
<b>Access to justice</b>		<p>Members agreed on the following milestones;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data disaggregated by sex, age and on whether prosecution was done.</li> <li>• Activate child panels with stakeholders in local councils</li> <li>• Pictures and forensic evidence for offenders</li> <li>• Quarterly publish all cases that goes through the Justice System</li> <li>• Train Local Unit Commanders on Informal Conflict Resolution</li> <li>• Have Magistrates in all the Districts</li> <li>• Set up mediation panels in all the police stations.</li> </ul>	

The meeting ended at 1420 hours.

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

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