

TTEITI Workplan Jun - Dec 2018 (Advocacy)

Total cost of implementation= TT\$84,000.00

Objective	Rationale: Governance challenges and obstacles in the sector	Issue	Activities	Outcomes	Responsible party	Timeline	Cost	Funding source	Status
ADVANCING THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL AGENDA									
To optimize the revenue take from the exploitation of hydrocarbons and minerals	Several revenue leakages from the extractive sectors were identified by the IA. The current price environment and economic situation provides justification for the TTEITI to collaborate with the Gov't to achieve its national policy objective of optimizing extractive revenues.	State Owned mining Companies LATT and NQCL lagging on producing audited financial statements. * Report 2016 shows that NQCL owes Gov't TT\$ \$52.2 million.	Meet with the Auditor General on the IA's recommendation to audit LATT & NQCL* and discuss a way forward.	Auditor General highlights plan for auditing the financial statements and raises issue of outstanding payment by NQCL in upcoming AG Report.	SL	Jul-18	n/a	n/a	Pending
		There are outstanding PSC payments (>TT \$10 million) due from operators. MEEI needs to improve reporting of PSC amounts due to Gov't.	Prepare brief for PS on non payment of transfer fees (& other PSC fees) and request meeting with PS and Contracts Unit to discuss.	JSC Brief sent, MEEI reviews cases in which transfer fees have not been paid & develops system to ensure all fees are collected in the future.	SL, NAH	Jul-18	n/a	n/a	JSC Brief sent (5.6.2018) but no follow up with the MEEI.
		There is no system that tracks changes in company ownership and activity. Therefore difficult to track the transfer fees for assignment or transfer fees due.	Meet with PS & Legal team to highlight the need to implement a system to track changes in company ownership and company activity .	MEEI identifies system for tracking changes in company ownership and seeks to institute system as part of Unit's responsibility.	NAH, SL	Jul-18	n/a	n/a	Pending
		MEEI and supplier have not agreed on arrangements for monetizing NGCs royalty gas and there is no arrangement for payment to MEEI by NGC.	Communicate recommendation to NGC and to the MEEI Permanent Secretary.	MEEI & NGC begin discussions on the issue. Agreement for payment is implemented.	SL	Jun-18	n/a	n/a	Pending
		Non- collection and underreporting of royalty payments from the mining sector, partly due to the lack of an independently verified production system.	Lobby stakeholders (JSC Energy Affairs & State Enterprises) to implement drone system to independently verify production.	JSCs discuss the issue having received Brief and presentation.	NAH, SL	Aug-18	n/a	n/a	Pending
		EMBDCO & Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises do not report any royalty payments to the MEEI.	MSG to investigate the involvement of EMBDCO & Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises.	EMBDCO & Palo Seco are engaged to report under EITI for 2017 Report.	NAH, SL	Aug-18	n/a	n/a	Pending
ADVANCING EITI REQUIREMENTS									
To improve the assurance environment of government reporting.	Income Tax Act Confidentiality: Allowing the Auditor General to perform independent audits of the BIR's tax data under INTOSAI standards(a right granted by the Constitution), will increase the level of assurance of the data reported by the BIR and allow for new ways of generating revenue to be identified.	Auditor General cannot audit BIR's accounts under INTOSAI due to Income Tax Act confidentiality provisions. Minister Allyson West indicated that she will raise the issue with the Attorney General's office but has not yet done so.	TSC to determine new approach, Follow up with Minister Allyson West.	An approach to resolving the issue is identified.	SL, TSC	Jul-18	n/a	n/a	Pending
	Data Collection & Storage: Replacing the MEEI's manual system of data collection and storage will reduce the likelihood of errors, which has implications for production and revenue calculations.	The MEEI manual system (of inputting data into excel spreadsheets) is prone to error.	Obtain feedback from companies and the MEEI (PS and Heads of Divisions) on the usability, design and cost of implementing the TTEITI MSGSCs proposed online portal.	The TTEITI Secretariat's data portal proposal is updated to reflect feedback from stakeholders.	DG	July - September 2018	n/a	n/a	Pending
	Gov'ts Share of Production: removing impediments to the reconciliation of the Gov'ts share of production will improve disclosure for the upcoming Report (2018).	Confidentiality provisions in PSCs and gas sales agreements prevent the IA from reconciling data of the government's share of production.	Meet with NGC to discuss its disclosure of the data for the T&T EITI Report 2017.	NGC officially indicates its position.	SL	Jun-18	n/a	n/a	Pending
		There is no distinction between the Minister's share of gas that is utilized by or sold to NGC by upstream operators.	Meet with the MEEI Permanent Secretary to discuss the requirement for the MEEI to explicitly state where the Minister's PSC share of gas goes as well as the volumes.	MEEI officially indicates its position.	SL	Jul-18	n/a	n/a	Pending
	Making EITI reporting mandatory through legislation will signal the Government's commitment to transparency and reduce the reporting burden for reporting agencies.	EITI Legislation: The MSGSC has been advocating for EITI Legislation but has not been successful. The TSC sought guidance from EITI International on alternative approaches.	Follow up with EITI International and explore alternative approaches with the TSC and MSGSC.	A practical alternative to EITI legislation is identified.	MR, SL	Jul-18	n/a	n/a	Pending

To signal a long term commitment to the EITI.		MOU Length: In the absence of EITI legislation, a MOU must be signed periodically by reporting agencies in order for the BIR to release company tax data to the IA. The MOU process is onerous, time consuming, causing delays in reconciliation and raises doubt about the Government's long term commitment to the initiative.	MSGSC to discuss creating a MOU for an indefinite term (rather than a 2-year length)	The MSGSC agrees on an alternative approach to the 2-year MOU, that is less onerous and time consuming.	SL, TSC	July - August 2018	n/a	n/a	Pending
To promote transparency around the ownership and use of T&T's natural resources.	Clarity about the ownership of T&T natural resources provides an additional layer of assurance against corruption and reduces the level of public mistrust in the extractive sectors. It also signals to citizens and foreign investors, that T&T extractive sectors operate aboveboard.	License Register: The updated oil & gas registers are not uploaded to Ministry's official website.	Follow up with Arlene Lawrence on registers uploaded to website.	PSC and E&P Registers uploaded to website.	GR	Jun-18	n/a		In progress...Updated doc sent to Comms to be posted on Min website
		License Register: IA recommends that TTEITI MSG seeks clarity on whether all extractive companies have taxpayer ID numbers.	Seek clarity from MEEI and MOF-IRD that all holders of extractive licenses have taxpayer ID numbers	All extractive companies are assigned taxpayer ID's	GR	Jul-18	n/a	n/a	Pending
		Beneficial Ownership: the TTEITI MSG's BO register is incomplete and the IA revealed several inconsistencies in the data presented. This is required by 2020.	Seek funding for BO register and develop BO register.	BO register developed, data verified by Consultant uploaded to website.	DG,	June 2018 - December 2018	TT\$ 78,000	BHC	Application for funding submitted to BHC. Secretariat awaiting official response.
		Coverage of EITI Reporting (Mining): Only 6 of 91 mining companies report to the EITI. Expanding the number of reporting companies will improve the coverage of the sector in future Reports.	Engage 10 non-reporting mining companies using 'informational interview technique' to sell the benefits of reporting for EITI Report 2017. TTEITI Secretariat to develop a 1 pager about the benefits of EITI Reporting and highlight the steps involved.	TTEITI Secretariat engages 10 non-reporting mining companies A concise and convincing 1 pager is created for distribution at meetings with mining companies and content distributed to mining companies on Constant Contact.	SL, NAH GR	July-December 2018 Jun-18	n/a TT\$ 6, 000	n/a TTEITI PSIP Allocation	Attempts being made to meet with Ramdeo and Aroon Persad (St. Albans). Not responsive. Pending...Gathering info from TTEITI Mining companies
		Midstream and Downstream Engagement	Engage and seek support from Atlantic, Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited and Proman	Greater awareness of the work that the EITI and opportunities identified for partnership.	SL	Oct-18	n/a	n/a	SL held teleconference with Proman but needs to send follow up correspondence seeking official feedback. SL also met with NGCs President on PPGPL (follow up needed). Phone calls were made to Ms. Glenda Williams (Atlantic's CEO's Secretary) and emails were sent seeking a meeting with new CEO but no response to email requests.