

Open Government Partnership National Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday 9th April, 2019
Lamana Hotel, Waigani, NCD

MEETING MINUTE No. 01/2019

Co-chair Lawrence Duguman declared the meeting open at 9:45 am, with representatives from Department of National Planning, Department of Treasury, Department of Finance, TIPNG, CIMC, YACA, PNGGC and PNGEITI Secretariat

ATTENDANCE

Government representatives in attendance:

Lawrence Duguman - Acting First Assistant Secretary, Langa Kopio – Assistant Secretary, Brian Kunai - Policy Officer and Niandra Kilepak – Policy Officer of DNPM, Juliana Kubak – Acting National Statistician and Arnold Soni - Statistician of NSO, Chris Usuke, Robson Akis and Dorcuas Mileng of NYDA, Konio Deko – First Assistant Secretary, Alister Kogo – Acting Assistant Secretary and Mauri Raka- Budget Officer of DfCD, Patrick Painap – Director and Hohora Suve – CEO/Chairman of NEFC, Joseph Gora – Acting Assistant Secretary and Melton Bogege, Assistant Secretary of DoF, Gorden Kega- Acting Auditor General and Andy Vui of the Office of Auditor General, Dorothy M Kosenga – Acting Secretary of CLRC, Dihi Vaki – Acting Secretary of DIRD.

Civil Society representatives in attendance:

Arianne Kassman (TIPNG), Dagia Aka (TIPNG), Yuambari Haihuie (TIPNG), Busa Wenogo (CIMC), Chan Apakas (CIMC), Hercules Jim (CIMC), Mayambo Peipul (PNGRGC), Paul Barker (INA)

Observers:

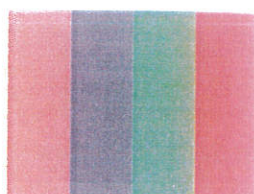
Alan Wu (OGP Asia-Pacific Secretariat)

Development Partners

Henry Nema of UNDP
Rene Mally – Head of Corporation of EU Delegation

Apologies received:

Wallis Yakam (Duty Travel to Mt. Hagen)



AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

- Item 1 Registration List
- Item 2 Opening Prayer
- Item 3 Opening Remarks
- Item 4 Introductions
- Item 5 Remarks by OGP Regional Coordinator
- Item 6 Minutes of the last Meeting Matters Arising from Previous Meeting
- Item 7 PNG OGP Update - Government Co-Chair
- Item 8 PNG OGP Update - CSO Co-chair
- Item 9 Public Participation
- Item 10 Fiscal Transparency
- Item 11 Freedom of Information
- Item 12 Extractive Resources Transparency
- Item 13 Youth Commitment Presentation
- Item 14 Closing Remarks

1. Registration List

Registration completed by DNPM and attached

2. Opening Prayer

- Dagia Aka, TIPNG

3. Opening Remarks

- Mr Duguman acknowledged OGP Rep, EU Rep, UN Rep, Heads of Agencies
- Ms Kassman acknowledged civil society reps: INA, PNGRGC & CIMC

4. Introductions

5. Remarks by OGP Regional Coordinator

- Mr. Alan Wu spoke as OGP Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator
- There are now 79 countries and 29 sub-national entities in the Open Government Partnership
- 14 of those countries are in the Asia-Pacific Region
- Accountability & Citizen Participation as next phase must build on Freedom of Information
- Participatory budgeting, Citizen Audits & Open Budgets are examples of this next phase
- The OGP Secretariat is now running sessions in-country on how to design commitments
- The Ottawa Summit will occur from 29th-31st May in Canada
- The invitation for Civil Society is now open to register and there is an agenda on Inclusion, e.g. women, youths & indigenous groups

- The third in December 2018 updating on the NEC decision and the Asia Pacific Regional Summit in South Korea
- There will be another CSO update after this steering committee meeting
- CSO have requested for DNPM to also be present at CSO meetings to give government updates
- Dagia Aka, TIPNG, presented on 2019 OGP Week Activities coordinated by TIPNG (Report attached)

9. Public Participation

- Presentation by Busa and Chen from CIMC for each of the two commitments
- Ms. Wallis Yakam sends her apologies as she is coordinating CIMC development forum in Highlands
- Voice Mechanism
- There has been progress on the Informal Voice mechanism, but State-CSO Partnership is still outstanding
- CIMC have an Informal Economy Sectoral Committee
- Draft strategy in place already
- In the process of going to stakeholders but need funding to collect feedback
- Hope to take to NEC and endorse
- Annual Citizen Budget priorities
- There is a CSO roundtable from 2 - 3 May for all CSOs to provide comments to the 2020 Budget
- Need clarity on who is responsible for funding implementation of commitments

10. Fiscal Transparency

- Presentation by Department of Finance Representative
- The Central Supply and Tenders Board (CSTB) has been replaced by new National Procurement Council as of April 2019 following the passing of the National Procurement Act
- The Integrated Finance Management System (IFMS) is still being rolled out
- The 2015 Audit has been done, management letter given to Department of Finance
- 2016, 17 & 18 Audit still progressing
- Reconciliation between audits and bank statements shows major discrepancies
- There was also a presentation by the Auditor General on the process of uploading reports onto their website

11. Freedom of Information

- Presentation by Yuambari Haihuie, TIPNG
- Commitment 1, FOI Legislation, there has been a meeting with Dept. of Communication & Information (DCIT)
- Commitment 1, FOI Legislation, the department of PM&NEC has included FOI under 2019-2022 workplan to meet UN Convention Against Corruption requirements
- Commitment 2, Increase IGIS Use, PM&NEC and DCIT must update at next meeting

- Commitment 3, the launch of the PNG Strategy for Development Statistics (PNGSDS) 2018-2027 is important
- The SDG localization under Goal 16 also includes Freedom of Information

12. Extractive Resources Transparency

- PNGEITI Secretariat not present to update

13. Youth Commitment Presentation

- Already covered in Mr. Dagia Aka's presentation on OGP Week 2019

14. Closing Remarks

- Agencies must ensure they have an officer as OGP Point of Contact
- Funding for implementation will be for technical assistance and thematic areas of work, through local Development Partner offices
- NSO will be launching 2016 GDP Figures and Demographic Health Survey reports
- Follow up actions include formation of Cluster Technical Working Groups led by government and civil society
- There must also be mention of government support to NGO for implementation notably CIMC under Public Participation
- We need to have a list of activities for each commitment so that after launch we can have stakeholder workshop to see where financial and technical assistance is required
- It is a requirement of OGP that all steering committee discussions must be updated online and publicly accessible

END 12:30pm

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Arianne Kassman
Executive Director – Co-chair
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Lawrence Duguman
Acting First Assistant Secretary – Co-Chair
DNPM

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Niandra Kilepak
Minute Taker
DNPM

