MINUTES FOR THE ZAMBIA EITI COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

PRESENT

1.	Mr. Felix Nkulukusa	-	Government (MoF-ZEC Chairperson)
2.	Mr. Edmond Kangamungazi	-	Civil Society (Caritas)Member/V. Chairperson
3.	Mr. Sokwani Chilembo	-	Mining Industry (COM) Member
4.	Mr. Hugh Carruthers	-	Mining Industry (FQML) Member
5.	Mr. Martford Mumba	-	Mining Industry (FSSMAZ) Proxy
6.	Mr. Peter Zyambo	-	Government (BOZ) Member
7.	Mr. Chilombo Mulima	-	Government (MOFNP) Proxy
8.	Mr. Kabungo Mwakasanga	-	Government (MLGRD) Proxy
9.	Mr. Obert Kangwa	-	Government (ZRA) Member
10	Mr. Nsama Chikwanka	-	Civil Society (PWYP) Member
11	Mr. Morgan Katati	-	Civil Society (ZIEM) Proxy
12	Mr. Ucizi Ngulube	-	Civil Society (AAZ) Proxy

IN ATTENDANCE

1. Mr. Edwin Warden	-	EITI- Country Manager, Anglophone Africa
2. Mrs. Leah Krogsund	-	EITI- Office Manager and Board Support
3. Mr. Daryll Griffith	-	EITI- Senior Data Officer
4. Mr. Ian Mwiinga	-	Head -ZEITI Secretariat
5. Mr. Kennedy Sinkala	-	ZEITI- Accountant
6. Ms. Mutinta Hadunka	-	ZEITI- Communications officer
7. Mr. Chomba Chileshe	-	ZEITI- Data Officer
8. Ms. Violet Chaila	-	ZEITI- Secretary
9. Ms. Joy Kulombota	-	ZEITI- Intern
10. Mr. Litya Matakala	-	Industry Observer (Trafigura/PUMA)
11. Ms. Tamika Halwiindi	-	Civil Society (TIZ) Observer
12. Ms. Faides Temba Temba	-	Civil Society (AAZ Country Director)

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

- 1. Dr. Hapenga M. Kabeta
- 2. Ms Pauline Mundia
- 3. Ms Musonda Kapena
- Government (MMMD) Member
- Mining Industry (FSSMAZ) Member
- Civil Society (Namfumu) Member

1. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

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The chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:45hrs. In his opening remarks, the chairperson thanked members for their patience following the delay in starting the meeting. He further guided that for future meetings, it would be useful for his office to have a forward planner of meetings dates so that he can schedule them in his diary. He requested the Secretariat to avail his office the date for the next meeting in good time and also the dates for the subsequent meetings in the coming year.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without any corrections or changes. The proposal to adopt the agenda was made by Mr. Sokwani Chilembo and seconded by Ms. Faides Temba Temba.

3. APOLOGIES

A list of apologies is provided on page 2.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS ZEC MEETING

The Minutes were confirmed as a true reflection of the deliberations of the previous meeting following minor grammatical corrections to the Minutes. The corrections were effected during the review of the minutes by the members.

Following the review of the minutes, a proposal to adopt the minutes was made by Mr. Hugh Carruthers and this was seconded by Mr. Ucizi Ngulube.

5. MATTERS ARISING (Action Taken Report)

The Secretariat presented the matters arising from the Action Taken Report. The following below were the items discussed:

- a. *Hosting of the EITI Regional Peer learning event:* The meeting was informed that the peer learning meeting took place on 3rd to 5th September, 2024. The theme of the meeting was *Harnessing Home-grown revenues: Extractive Resource Transparency for Domestic Resource Mobilisation in Africa.* The meeting was attended by National Coordinators from the Anglophone and Lusophone EITI implementing countries. The peer learning meeting also attracted many agencies and cooperating partners working in the extractives sector;
- b. *Data Collection for the 2023 ZEITI report:* The meeting was informed that data collection for the production of the 2023 Zambia EITI report is ongoing and so far 70% of the data has been collected. However, the meeting was informed that the data submission from local authorities is very slow. This is in part due to the staff transfers which have affected the EITI focal point persons in the local councils. Typically, local authorities report on two revenue streams, i.e, property rates paid by mining companies and also annual business fees paid by mining companies;
- *Participation in various meetings in the next quarter:* The meeting was informed that the ZEITI attended the Zambia Alternative Mining Indaba (ZAMI), the Public-Private Dialogue Forum (PPDF), and the Ministerial Senior Management meetings at the Ministry. The resolutions from these meetings will be shared with the members in due course.
- d. *Hosting of dinner for delegates during the EITI Regional Peer Learning Event:* The meeting was informed that a dinner was hosted for all delegates during the peer learning meeting. The dinner was sponsored with the kind support from the First Quantum Minerals through the Chamber of Mines.

Discussions from the matters arising

 The meeting deliberated on options regarding the sustainability of the ZEITI online portal.
One of the suggestions that was put forward was to work out a model that would be used to monetise the various datasets. At the close of the discussion, the meeting requested members from Ministry of Finance and National Planning, the Zambia Revenue Authority and the Bank of Zambia to propose a model at the next meeting that will be adopted by the members;

- ii. On the invitation to ZCCM-IH to be a member of the ZEC, the Chairperson informed the meeting that he would follow up the matter with the CEO of ZCCM-IH and provide an update at the next meeting;
- iii. In relation to the invitation to the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) to be invited to the ZEC as an observer, the meeting resolved to proceed with the invitation. The Chairperson requested the Secretariat to draft a letter under the hand of the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development. A response from the ACC will be provided at the next meeting; and,
- iv. Finally, the meeting discussed the newly created Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the Mining Sector. The members expressed concern regarding the lack of consultation with various stakeholders on the SPV. The concern was raised in light of the various reforms the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development is currently undertaking where similar concerns around consultation were raised. The other concerns that were raised by the members relate to the coordination of the investment advisory committee for the SPV and the legal implications of the SPV on the current mining sector regime. The meeting requested the chairperson to share more information with the members on the structure and purpose of the SPV. At the close of the discussion, the chairperson assured the members that his office will avail more information to them in due course.

7. Presentation on the Validation of Zambia - 2025

The EITI International Secretariat presented the key highlights of the upcoming validation for Zambia. Notably, the International Secretariat indicated that the validation will focus on the the four thematic areas of the 2023 EITI Standard, i.e, Anti-Corruption, Energy Transition, Revenue Collection, and Gender, Social and Environmental inclusion. A detailed presentation will be shared with all members through email.

8. Closing remarks

Following the departure of the substantive chairperson, the vice chairperson assumed the role of chair for the meeting. Before delivering his closing remarks, the vice chairperson invited the Country Director for ActionAid Zambia, Ms. Faides Temba Temba, who thanked the ZEC for choosing ActionAid as host for the meeting. She urged the ZEC to collaborate with ActionAid Zambia on the it's extractives programme. She encouraged the ZEC to reach out for any future support they would require from ActionAid Zambia.

And finally, in his closing remarks, the Vice Chairperson thanked the members for their participation. He urged the Secretariat to promptly follow up on the action points. The vice chairperson ended the meeting by requesting the Chamber of Mines to host the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 21 November 2024.

The meeting came to a close at 13:12hrs.

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CHAIRPERSON

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ACTION TAKEN REPORT

S/N	ISSUE	ACTION NEEDED	STATUS	BY WHOM
	Data Collection for	Follow up on reporting	WIP	ZEITI
1	the 2023 ZEITI report	entities to submit the data		
2	Sustainability plan for	Suggest sustainability	WIP	ZRA, BOZ,
	the ZEITI online data	options for the ZEC to		and MoFNP
	portal	consider at the next		
		meeting		
3	Invite ACC to serve	Write an invitation letter to	Done	ZEITI
	on the ZEC MSG	ACC to serve as an		
		observer on the MSG		
5	Invitation letter to	Share the invitation letter	Done	ZEITI/ST
	ZCCM-IH	to ZCCM-IH with the ZEC		
		Chairperson		