

General Assembly Meeting

Initial Information

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| Agenda | 1. MoMP (7 years) Road Map disclosure 2. AEITI validation team arrival and preparation. 3. Discussion on illegal mining reduction. |
| Date | 08/ Jan/ 2018 |
| Time | 10:20- 01:30 PM |
| Venue | IWA Main office |
| Participants | Attendance is attached in the email |

Meeting Body

The meeting was started with greetings and introduction of members, and then as a brief the MoMP (7 years) Road Map of five pillars presented to the participants. Secondly; AEITI validation team arrival and MWA CSOs preparation was discussed from which MWA members seems ready. Finally, Discussion on illegal mining reduction took place and secretariat received multiple views of the participants.

Decisions

1. A letter on the behalf of MWA to MOMP, asking if there is any regulation on the distribution of 5% mineral revenue.
2. Another letter on the behalf of MWA to MEC on the MWA suggestions on illegal mining reduction.
3. Arrangement of a separate meeting for MWA with AEITI validation team .

Suggestion

1. By Dr. Nang:
 - a. We should lobby for fund for MWA and secretariat plus we should collectively work to gain projects collectively and implement them with the help of the secretariat.
 - b. The MWA should have its own strategy. It's almost third year yet we don't have a complete strategy.
 - c. We should set out 3 to 4 goals first and then after finishing that we should set new goals for our network to work it out instead of running irregularly.

2. By M. Nazir Muslimyar:
 - a. The specific vulnerable people should be identified first then the 5% revenue distribution plan should be applied to them.
 - b. NUG government has not paid any attention to MoMP and mining sector development.
 - c. All those who are going to mine sites they should be in direct relationship with local community to understand the vulnerable people. From 2008 till now in Mes Aynak multiple projects have come up and finished of which in many cases were not relevant to is real vulnerable people.
 - d. Cause of negative mentality in local people at mine sites is that the projects are coming to mine site for work for their personal interest. Even companies are bringing guards from the city which have crated negative mentality of the community and now they are thinking that the looting will be better than serving these people due to not considering the mine site's socio-economic development and conditions.
 - e. Until and unless government did not pay any attention to mining sector nothing can be done to bring developmental changes to the sector.
3. Abdul Rahimzai:
 - a. All ministries have played their role in either situation of security [Bad security and/ good security] for the national development but MoMP has not done anything in any situation whether if a place is secure or not. Therefore, I suggest the social auditing of MOMP.
 - b. It will be very good if secretariat search for grants to work it out jointly with members.
 - c. Gemstones are not only minerals. There are many more mineral types. Like aragonite of Helmand and etc. let's conduct a join survey on the illegal mining and combine it results to understand who is extracting these minerals.
4. Timory:
 - a. Better we suggest or write all these suggestions of MWA members to MEC MVCA.
 - b. Suggesting writing a letter to MOMP asking of the current regulation on 5% revenue distribution.
5. Abdul Mateen:
 - c. The government should allocate and reserve foreign scholarship seats for geosciences and mining, at least five to each geoscience faculty and two scholarships per province for their geographically relevant type of mineral, oil and gas sector to study its courses abroad for the capacity building purposes in the mining sector nationally and sustainably.
 - d. Mineral Processing is not just crushing of mineral resources to few percent sizes but it also means the crushing, scanning, separation, concentration and packing. For Talc only they are crushing it to some extend and then transporting it

7. Mudeer Hakim:

- a. Previously there was a methodology that whoever was to take project of whatever mineral at wherever location the must priority for capacity building was to provided foreign scholarships to the people of that location or residents around its mine. Like for Mes Aynak to chine by china.
- b. Government officials by themselves are busy in collecting money from extractives transportations. We have seen many governments check points along the way at different points to gain money from the chromite transporting trucks illegally. So how will the police work for its government transparently.

Next meeting agendas can be

- 1- Creation of regulations for 5 % mineral revenue allocation and its distribution.
- 2- Creation of list of long and mid-term discussion points for MWA as goals to be followed up via meeting discussions.