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Date	5 December 2024
Time	1.00 – 4.10 p.m. Universal Time Coordinated (UTC)
Venue	Conference Call (Zoom)
Supporting document(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Annual Financial Statement 2023 of the FiTI, including Audit Report by Pool & Patel Chartered Accountant (dated: 26 November 2024)</i> ▪ <i>Extension request from Seychelles’ National Multi-Stakeholder Group regarding the publication of its 2023 FiTI Report (received: 21 November 2024)</i>

Outcomes of meeting

1. Welcome and administration

The Chair of the FiTI International Board (herein referred to as 'Chair'), Valeria MERINO, opened the 26th International Board meeting by welcoming all participating Members and Observers.

Apologies were noted prior to the meeting from Board Members Ketakandriana RAFITOSON, Ahmed SENHOURY and Umair SHAHID (all stakeholder group: Social Sector) as well as Observer UN FAO (Marcio CASTRO DE SOUZA). Ketakandriana delegated her decision-making power to Annie TOURETTE, Ahmed and Umair delegated their decision-making power to the FiTI Chair, has shown in Appendix I.

After all eligible participants joined, Mr Sven BIERMANN, Executive Director (ED) of the FiTI International Secretariat (herein referred to as 'Secretariat'), determined that a quorum for this meeting was reached¹:

Pro-rated attendance of Board Members ² :	At least two Board Members per stakeholder group?	Attendance of Observers:
14.6 out of 18 votes	Yes	2 out of 3

The Chair also welcomed Ms Kristin Gunnarsdottir VON KISTOWSKI, who attended the meeting for the World Bank, on behalf of Mr Julien MILLION. Kristin briefly introduced herself to the participants.

The Chair noted that prior to this meeting, Board Members did not have concerns or anticipate contentious issues about any of the points included in this agenda.

¹ In accordance with article 14 (7) of the constitution of the association of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (as of 13 May 2021): *'No binding decision shall be made in an FiTI International Board meeting unless a quorum is present at the time of making the decision. Half of the total number of members (including proxies), with at least two members from each stakeholder group, forms a quorum.'*

² In accordance with article 14 (13) of the constitution of the association of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (as of 13 May 2021). *'Every member has one vote, unless the current total number of members is not equally distributed among the stakeholder groups stated in Article 8. In such a case, voting power shall be determined on a pro-rated system, ensuring that all stakeholder groups have equal voting power.'*

As not all 18 seats have been filled for this Board meeting, the pro-rated voting powers for this FiTI International Board meeting were determined as follows:

- *Government sector:* Currently three Board Members → each Board Member carries 2.0 votes.
- *Business sector:* Currently five Board Members → each Board Member carries 1.2 votes.
- *Social sector:* Currently six Board Members → each Board Member carries 1 vote.

2. Election of new International Board Members

The Chair recalled that as of the beginning of December 2024, the FiTI International Board comprises the FiTI Chair, 14 voting Board members (distributed among three stakeholder groups), and three permanent observer organisations.

Following the 2024 membership election procedures for the FiTI association³, the FiTI International Board shortlisted the following six candidates to the Board in October 2024:⁴

Name of candidate	Stakeholder group	Term
Dr Hugh Govan	Business sector – Small-scale fisheries	2 nd term
Dr Estelle Jones	Government sector	1 st term
Dr Rocío Parra	Government sector	1 st term
Mr Néstor Roche	Business sector – Small-scale fisheries	1 st term
Dr Daniel Skerritt	Social sector	1 st term
Mr Carlos Eduardo Villaca	Business sector – Industrial fisheries	1 st term

The Election Committee (comprising the FiTI Chair and Board Members Annika MACKENSEN and Alfredo SFEIR) interviewed the shortlisted candidates during the previous weeks. Two members of the Committee conducted each interview, which lasted around one hour.

During the interviews, candidates had the opportunity to speak about their track record, commitment to our mission and vision, how they could contribute to our work, previous experience, time availability, etc. The Election Committee also responded to questions about the FiTI and International Board responsibilities.

After the interview phase was concluded, the Election Committee discussed their impressions about the candidates and decided on a list of candidates to recommend to the FiTI International Board.

During this Board meeting, the Election Committee presented the recommended candidates to the International Board and clarified questions from the participants. After a

³ <https://fiti.global/call-for-2024-membership-election-to-the-fiti-association>

⁴ Approved via FiTI Board Circular No. 17 [ID: BC-17_2024] on 10 October 2024. Information about all the candidates was shared with the FiTI International Board during the shortlisting phase of the process.

thorough discussion, the participating Board Members reached the following decisions by consensus:⁵

Decision [BM-26_2024_D-01]:

The International Board approved the recommendation of the Election Committee to elect the following six new members of the FiTI association for a three-year term starting on the date in which the reference check process is concluded:

- **Dr Hugh Govan; stakeholder group: Business sector (Small-scale fisheries); second-term election⁶;**
- **Dr Estelle Jones, nominated by The Centre of Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), the UK Government’s Marine and Freshwater Science Executive Agency; stakeholder group: Government sector; first-term election;**
- **Dr Rocío Parra, nominated by the Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Government of Chile; stakeholder group: Government sector; first-term election;**
- **Mr Néstor Roche, nominated by the Latin American Union of Artisanal Fishing (ULAPA)⁷; stakeholder group: Business sector (Small-scale fisheries); first-term election;**
- **Dr Daniel Skerritt, nominated by Oceana; stakeholder group: Social sector; first-term election; and**
- **Mr Carlos Eduardo Villaca, nominated by the Latin American Alliance for Sustainable Fisheries and Food Security (ALPESCAS); stakeholder group: Business sector (Large-scale fisheries); first-term election.**

⁵ There were several conflicts of interests involving current Board Members, which were taken into account in the decision-making process:

- Regarding Dr Hugh Govan: Board Member **Hugh Govan** (Business sector) had to recuse himself from this particular decision and did not attend this particular decision item, as it concerns its own re-election as a FiTI International Board member (2nd term).
- Regarding Dr Estelle Jones: Board Member **Hugh Govan** (Business sector) recused himself from this particular decision as he is of the same nationality as the candidate (i.e. United Kingdom).
- Regarding Dr Rocío Parra Cortés: Board Member **Alfredo Sfeir** (Business sector) recused himself from this particular decision as he is of the same nationality as the candidate (i.e. Chile).
- Regarding Dr Daniel Skerritt: Board Member **Maisie Pigeon** (Social sector) recused herself from this particular decision, due to the fact that Maisie and Dr Skerritt work for the same organisation (i.e. Oceana). Furthermore, Board Member **Hugh Govan** (Business sector) recused himself from this particular decision as he is of the same nationality as the candidate (i.e. United Kingdom).

⁶ Hugh Govan confirmed in writing that his initial nominating organization, the Locally Managed Marine Area Network International (LMMA Network), still supports him for serving on the Board.

⁷ Unión Latinoamericana de la Pesca Artesanal

If the feedback from the candidates' referees does not dispute a candidate's suitability, the election process will be considered complete by the Board, and the results will be publicly announced.⁸

After the decision was taken, Board Member Maisie PIGEON stated that she would resign from the Board once Daniel Skerrit's election as Board member is concluded, as he is also an Oceana nominee.

The Chair reminded the participants that before formally taking office, all new Board Members would be appraised on the content of FiTI's core governance documents, the FiTI Standard, and other information about the FiTI's current and future programmatic goals. It is anticipated that this process will be completed before the Board meeting scheduled for January 2025. Also, the Chair will speak to the new Board Members about possible situations of conflict of interest.

After the Board decided on the election, the Chair expressed her delight in welcoming this group of emerging global leaders once the process is finalized. These leaders will bring to FiTI's work different perspectives from within the government, the industry, and social sector organizations, and they are all committed to marine fisheries sustainability.

Hugh GOVAN expressed his gratitude for the work that the Election Committee put into this process and also recognised the positive trend of the Board's composition reaching almost gender parity.

3. Approval of Audited Annual Financial Statement 2023

The Chair recalled that during its 24th meeting in March 2024, the FiTI International Board made the following decision [BM-24_2024_D-01]: *'The International Board approved the appointment of the Seychelles-based audit company Pool & Patel Chartered Accountants to conduct an independent audit of FiTI's 2023 Annual Financial Statement.'*

The Chair asked the Secretariat's Executive Director, Mr Sven BIERMANN, to provide a brief overview of the 2023 Annual Financial Statement. Sven stated that the FiTI's Annual Financial Statement for 2023 has been audited by the engaged Seychelles-based auditor Pool & Patel Chartered Accountants, stating that *"In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Association are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance*

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with the requirements of the Seychelles Association Act.” The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs).

The ED then presented the key parameters of the FiTI’s Annual Financial Statement for 2023 to the participants:

- The responsibility to prepare annual financial statements lies with the Executive Committee of the FiTI association (which is part of the FiTI International Secretariat).
- The approval of annual financial statements by the FiTI International Board is required by the FiTI constitution as well as the Seychelles’ Registers Office.
- The reporting currency of the financial statement is Seychelles Rupees (SCR), whereas the operating currencies of the FiTI are Seychelles Rupees (SCR), US Dollars (USD), and Euros (EUR).
- In compliance with donor requirements, the financial statement includes an overview of expenses by type of costs and grants.

After a brief overview of key financial indicators and trends by the ED, several questions from the participants were answered. Particular attention was given to the delayed provision of the 2023 Annual Financial Statement (inquired, inter alia, by Tony LAZAZZARA), which the ED explained with a delayed provision of the statement by the Secretariat to the auditor, as well as time delays in finalising the report (due to the requirement of physical signatures on the documents, requiring the documents to be sent from Seychelles to the ED’s home base, and back). Tony recommended to explore with the auditor the possibility of utilising digital signatures for the future.

The Chair thanked the ED for this accomplishment and emphasised that the Secretariat – despite a significant growth in project-related funding over the last 2-3 years – still operates very lean and efficiently, shown by the fact that only around 6% of the organisation’s overall budget is used for administrative expenses. While this indicates the Secretariat’s diligent spending of unrestricted funding (in particular due to its decentralised structure), it also emphasises the need for the Board to put more effort into supporting the Secretariat in raising unrestricted funding in the coming years.

The participating Board Members reached the following decision by consensus:

Decision [BM-26_2024_D-02]:

The International Board approved the FiTI’s Annual Financial Statement for 2023 (including the Audit Report, as provided by Pool & Patel Chartered Accountants of Seychelles) with a total equity, deferred grants, and liabilities sum of SCR 2,755,411.

Afterwards, the Chair recalled that per article 23 (1) of the constitution of the association of the FiTI (as of 13 May 2021): the *'FiTI International Board shall appoint an external, independent auditor to annually audit the finances of the FiTI and to present a written audit report to the FiTI International Board, subject to funding availability. The Executive Director must substantiate the financial inability to perform an annual audit to the FiTI International Board, and the allocation of funds for the annual audit should be given priority in the budgeting process.'*

The Chair requested the Board to approve hiring the Seychelles-based audit firm Pool & Patel Chartered Accountants to audit the FiTI's Annual Financial Statement for 2024. She emphasised further that she expects to engage another audit company for Annual Financial Statement 2025 (and onwards), and requested the Secretariat to explore additional options, including audit companies located outside of the Seychelles (if allowed under the Seychelles Association Act) and consider the cost of implement such change.

The participating Board Members reached the following decision by consensus:

Decision [BM-26_2024_D-03]:

The International Board approved the appointment of the Seychelles-based audit company Pool & Patel Chartered Accountants to conduct an independent audit on FiTI's 2024 annual financial statement, which should be presented to the FiTI International Board by the end of June 2025.

4. Approval of extension request(s) for 2023 FiTI Reports

The Chair stated on 21 November 2024, she received an extension request from **Seychelles'** FiTI National Lead (Mr Philippe MICHAUD) regarding the submission of the country's 5th annual FiTI Report (covering the calendar year 2023). This is in accordance with section C.1.2 of the FiTI Standard, whereas an implementing country may apply for an extension if it is unable to meet the required deadlines of FiTI implementation (e.g. publication of an annual FiTI Report) due to exceptional or unforeseen circumstances.

The ED further emphasised that in accordance with section B.2.2. of the FiTI Standard, the publication of this report is due by 31 December 2024. However, Seychelles' National Multi-Stakeholder Group is facing operational challenges with the preparatory work of the report (e.g. oversea travels of key personnel) and has therefore requested a 2-month extension, seeking to publish this report the latest by 28 February 2024. The ED noted also that this extension might to be fully needed, given that the operational challenges have been mostly resolved and that the supporting information (e.g. Statistical Report) has already been published.

The participating Board Members reached the following decision by consensus:⁹

Decision [BM-26_2024_D-04]:

The International Board approved the Seychelles' request to extend the due date of the country's 5th annual FiTI Report for calendar year 2023 from 31 December 2024 to 28 February 2025.

Furthermore, the ED explained that the current reporting process for **Mauritania's** 5th FiTI Report – covering calendar year 2023 – is progressing¹⁰ but might not be completed by the deadline stipulated in the FiTI Standard (i.e. 31 December 2024). This is mainly due to the delayed engagement and contracting of the Report Compiler by the International Secretariat. While the national authorities remain confident that the deadline can still be met (and have therefore not issued an extension request), the upcoming 2nd validation of the country's FiTI implementation (in particular, the visit of the Independent Validator to Mauritania in early December 2024) might further impact the reporting process. The ED is therefore requesting a pro forma extension for Mauritania's National Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG), given that the delay was not caused by the MSG or the country's national authorities.

The participating Board Members reached the following decision by consensus:¹¹

Decision [BM-26_2024_D-05]:

The International Board approved a pro forma extension of Mauritania's 5th annual FiTI Report for the calendar year 2023 from 31 December 2024 to 28 February 2025.

5. Brief reflection on 2024 (incl. update on FiTI Standard 2.0)

As the calendar year 2024 is coming to an end, the Chair asked the representatives of the Secretariat (Sven BIERMANN and Karine YOUNG) to provide a brief reflection on the year's key events and activities, as well as an outlook for 2025.

⁹ A conflict of interest involving Board Member **Roy CLARISSE** (Government sector) was noted due to the fact that Roy is a citizen of Seychelles, and is involved in the national FiTI implementation process. Roy therefore recused himself from this particular decision.

¹⁰ The contracted Report Compiler has already concluded his first country mission and is already in the process of writing the FiTI Report. However, a second country mission will be required in December to obtain further datasets and clarify outstanding issues.

¹¹ A conflict of interest involving Board Member **Ahmed SENHOURY** (Social sector) was noted, due to the fact that Ahmed is a Mauritanian citizen and also involved in the national FiTI implementation process via his organisation (PRCM). Given that Ahmed was not present for this meeting and delegated his decision-making power to the Chair, his proxy vote was not considered for this particular decision.

The ED stated that 2024 has been a very successful year for the FiTI on multiple fronts:

- He recalled that 2023 ended with a devastating blow to FiTI's headquarter in the Seychelles, caused by a massive explosion in a nearby construction and quarrying company. During the first weeks of 2024, the team was able to reboot its operations, and by June 2024, the Seychelles-based colleagues were able to move back into the new (old) office. The ED expressed particular thanks to the Government of Seychelles for their support throughout these difficult times.
- Also, the team of the Secretariat has grown from 7 to 17 staff members over the last 12 months, enabling the Secretariat to cover new regions (e.g. Pacific, Caribbean) as well as to professionalise key activities (e.g. communications, validations) and address emerging issues (e.g. National MSG engagements).
- Karine highlighted that five new countries joined the FiTI during 2024 (i.e. Chile, Ghana, Comoros, Panama, Sierra Leone), bringing the total number of committed countries to 12. Furthermore, the Secretariat is regularly engaged with stakeholders in 14 additional target countries and has already identified 12 prospect countries for the coming years.
- The ED further emphasized that 2024 has been very stable with regards to funding, in particular due to a new 3-year grant from Irish Aid. An additional funding request with another donor is currently in the pipeline.
- The ED stated that due to the increased funding base, the Secretariat was able to engage its first-ever Communications Coordinator, which not only professionalised internal communications-related operations, but also increased significantly the number of social media followers, such as on FiTI's Facebook or LinkedIn channel.
- Finally, the ED noted that the Secretariat has also been engaged in other, complementary activities, such as Outreach to fishing nations in 'Global North' (e.g. Portugal, Iceland), strategic engagements with IGOs (e.g. CPLP, CRFM), the conclusion of a participation pilot in Seychelles and Madagascar, the provision of a concept note for a new 'Compliance Channel' for voicing concerns regarding national FiTI implementations, as well as several improvements related to internal operations, such as the centralisation of its travel management and the delegation of responsibilities from the ED to new team members.

In addition, the ED discussed the status of the process to update the FiTI Standard and recognised that while the initial plan of finalising the new FiTI Standard by the end of December 2024 has not been achieved, the team has made significant progress on recommendations regarding updating the transparency requirements of the Standard. Given that several new Board Members will join in early 2025, the ED will reach out to these

new members to explore their interest in serving on the Board’s Working Group for the FiTI Standard.

For 2025, the ED mentioned that – in addition to publishing FiTI Standard 2.0 – several other key activities are already planned (and will be formally documented in the Secretariat’s upcoming workplan), such as further increasing the number of committed countries, engaging a new region, strengthening the engagement of National MSG and further enhancing the FiTI-led report production and online accessibility.

The Chair and several Board Members congratulated and thanked the ED and Karine for the Secretariat’s efforts, the important accomplishments achieved in 2024, outstanding dedication to the goals of the FiTI and requested that this sentiment be communicated to the team as a whole.

6. Potential in-person Board meeting in June 2025

Finally, the Chair recalled that the last in-person Board meeting took place in September 2022 in Brussels/Belgium, kindly financed by PROBLUE, an umbrella multi-donor trust fund, administered by the World Bank. However, given the FiTI’s financial constraints with regards to its administrative/institutional budget, no in-person meeting has been organised since then.

However, the Secretariat has been in discussions regarding a potential in-person meeting in 2025 and requested the ED to share the current status with the participants.

The ED noted that the upcoming *2025 UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3)* in Nice/France – 9 to 13 June 2025 – might present an opportunity to schedule an accompanying, in-person Board meeting in Europe. Furthermore, next year marks the *10th anniversary of the FiTI*, given that – inter alia – the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania announced the establishment of a new global Fisheries Transparency Initiative during the “High level conference on transparency and sustainable development in Africa” in Nouakchott/Mauritania on 18-19 January 2015¹², and that the 1st International Advisory Group Meeting of the FiTI took place on 24 July 2025 4 in Berlin.¹³

Over the last few months, the ED has been in discussions with Board Member Annika MACKENSEN as well as former Board Member Francisco MARI (Bread for the World) regarding the possibility of organising a celebratory evening event in Berlin¹⁴, followed by

¹² <https://fiti.global/empowering-citizens-to-reap-fair-benefits-from-their-fisheries>

¹³ <https://fiti.global/1st-international-advisory-group-meeting-of-fiti>

¹⁴ With around 100 attendees, including senior officials from the German BMZ, the Berlin-based ambassadors of FiTI countries, and other honorary guests, e.g. Peter Eigen and former Board Members.

a 2-day Board Meeting in Berlin. The preferred potential dates for such events would be either:

- *prior* to UNOC3 – i.e. evening event on Wednesday, 4 June 2025, and the Board Meeting on Thursday and Friday, 5-6 June 2025 – allowing those attending the UNOC3 to use the following weekend to travel from Berlin to Nice; or
- *after* UNOC 3 – i.e. enabling those Board Members/Observers attending UNOC3 to use the weekend of the 14th-15th of June to travel to Berlin – and then conducting the in-person Board meeting on Monday, June 16th (full day) and Tuesday, June 17th (half day) and an evening event in Berlin on the same day (Tuesday), June 17th.

Furthermore, the ED noted that the Secretariat will not be in the position to contribute financially to the organisation of such events (in particular translation and travel costs) and emphasised that, in accordance with the FiTI's Travel Policy¹⁵, travel support would only be provided by external partners for the three Board Members representing small-scale fisheries, and potentially 1-2 Board Members from Civil Society Organisations¹⁶. Other Board Members from the government sector, the business sector representing industrial fisheries as well as Members for large CSOs and Observer Organisations would have to cover their own travel costs when attending this meeting.

Board Members highly welcomed the prospect of an in-person meeting, while at the same time did not indicate a clear preference for the meeting date (i.e. prior or after UNOC3). The Chair requested the Secretariat to send an email to Board Members in early January to determine each members' preference.

Furthermore, the participants discussed whether it would be preferential to organise such a meeting in Nice (proximity to the UNOC3) or in Berlin. Given that several German institutions are offering their support for such a meeting, Berlin being the first place to host an official FiTI meeting, and the anticipated accommodation costs in and around Nice, the participants agreed that the meeting should be held in Berlin/Germany.

The participating Board Members reached the following decision by consensus:

Decision [BM-26_2024_D-06]:

The International Board instructed the International Secretariat to pursue further discussions with partners to organize a celebratory event and an in-person Board meeting in June 2025 in Berlin/Germany. A decision regarding the preferred date should be taken during the Board's next meeting on 23 January 2025.

¹⁵ <https://fiti.global/guiding-documents>

¹⁶ Members of the FiTI International Board representing Civil Society from organisations with a staff headcount of fewer than 25, and an annual income not exceeding EUR 10 million.

7. Closing & Outlook for next Board meeting(s)

The Chair noted that this is the last meeting for Board Members Keith ANDRE as well as Ahmed SENHOURY (both absent), both leaving the FiTI International Board at the end of 2024. Furthermore, as noted earlier, Board Member Maise PIGEON plans to resign from the Board pending the election of another nominee from Oceana. The Chair also recognised the contributions from previous Board Member Andres Arens, who resigned from the Board in September 2024 due to a change in his stakeholder affiliation. On behalf of the entire initiative, the Chair thanked all outgoing Board Members for their tremendous commitment to the FiTI and expressed her hope that these members will remain close to the initiative.

Afterwards, the Chair provided a brief overview of other topics to be addressed during upcoming FiTI International Board meetings (or via Board Circular) within the next three months:

- Determination of the compliance status for Seychelles and Mauritania (based on their 2nd validation process);¹⁷
- Approval of the 2025 Workplan of the FiTI International Secretariat;
- Approval of FiTI Candidate Country application for Guinea;
- Approval of recommendations from Working Group 'FiTI Standard 2.0' regarding transparency-related recommendations;
- Starting the selection process for the new FiTI Chair.

The Chair concluded this last meeting of 2024 by thanking everyone for their dedication throughout the year and wished all participants a joyful and festive holiday season.

The 26th International Board Meeting ended.

¹⁷ Seychelles' compliance status will be determined during the Board's 27th meeting (23 January 2025), whereas Mauritania's compliance status will be determined during the Board's 28th meeting (February 2025, tbd.)

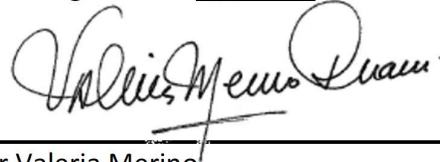
Meeting minutes **provided** by:



Mr Sven Biermann

Secretary of the meeting; Executive Director of the
FiTI International Secretariat

Meeting minutes **approved** by:



Dr Valeria Merino

Chair of the FiTI International Board

APPENDIX I: List of Participants

Chair

Valeria MERINO

Stakeholder group: Government sector

Roy CLARISSE	[Voting power for this meeting: 2.0 votes]
Joacim JOHANNESON	[Voting power for this meeting: 2.0 votes]
Annika MACKENSEN	[Voting power for this meeting: 2.0 votes]

Stakeholder group: Business sector

Hugh GOVAN	[Voting power for this meeting: 1.2 votes]
Tony LAZAZZARA	[Voting power for this meeting: 1.2 votes]
Alfredo SFEIR	[Voting power for this meeting: 1.2 votes]

Not excused:

Keith ANDRE

Dawda Foday SAINE

Stakeholder group: Social sector

Maisie PIGEON	[Voting power for this meeting: 1.0 vote]
Annie TOURETTE	[Voting power for this meeting: 2.0 vote]

Excused:

Ketakandriana RAFITOSON¹⁸

Ahmed SENHOURY¹⁹

Umair SHAHID²⁰

¹⁸ Ketakandriana RAFITOSON delegated her decision-making power to Annie TOURETTE.

¹⁹ Ahmed SENHOURY delegated his decision-making power to the Chair.

²⁰ Umair SHAHID delegated his decision-making power to the Chair.

Not excused:

Zacari EDWARDS

Observers

Open Government Partnership, represented by Adna KARAMEHIC-OATES²¹

World Bank Group, represented by Kristin Gunnarsdottir VON KISTOWSKI

Excused:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), represented by Marcio CASTRO DE SOUZA

FiTI International Secretariat

Sven BIERMANN

Karine YOUNG

Guests

None

²¹ Participated only in second half of the meeting.