

PASTORAL LIVELIHOODS TASK FORCE

MINUTES OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING AT TNRF/IIED OFFICES, ARUSHA ON 4th JUNE,2009

Attendance:

1. Steven Shikuku	PINGOs Forum
2. Samson Rumende	PINGOs Forum
3. Ndinini K.Sikar	MWEDO
4. Francis Shomet	NGONET
5. Ednah Mndeme	OXFAM
6. Beartice Laizer	IIED/KIMMAGE
7. Rakel Larsen	TAPHGO
8. Piazis Mesheki	Afya Bora
9. Lillian Lolooitai	CORDS
10. Shirley Baldwin	CORDS
11. Makko Sinandei	UCRT/TNRF
12. Edward Loure	UCRT
13. Dr.Abraham Majooli	CORDS
14. Joseph Pasambey	TPCF
15. Mathew .E.Silema	TPCF
16. Elias Loidiso	Haki Kazi
17. Bavon Mkwiche	TANIPE
18. Edward Tunyon	TANIPE
19. Samwel Nang'iria	NGONET
20. Edward Porokwa	PINGOs Forum
21. Alais Morindat	IIED/KIMMAGE DSC
22. Daniel Ouma	PLTF

1. Opening remarks

The meeting was officially opened by the Chairperson at 9:40am followed by a round table self introductions.

2. Approval of the meeting agenda & signing of minutes for the last meeting held at TNRF/IIED offices on 16th April,2009.

The Chairperson invited the PLTF secretary to take the members through the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were adopted to be true of the issues discussed in the last meeting.

The following were the proposed agenda of the meeting:

1. Introduction, apologies and official opening of the meeting
2. Confirmation of the last meeting minutes and approval of the proposed agenda
3. Matters arising
4. CORDAID proposal
5. Tanzania pastoral week
6. Parliament Budget Day
7. Updates on Wildlife Act
8. AOB

3. Matters arising

Dodoma Meeting on pastoralists eviction

- PLTF members had a meeting with the committee on Natural Resources in Parliament to present their displeasure on the ongoing pastoralists eviction. Some of the MPs have pushed a meeting with Prime Minister and the government has established committee to investigate impacts of evictions and bring the report back to the parliament.

Parliament Budget Session

- PLTF members through IIED has been invited to engage in livestock budget session in Dodoma. The rationale is to engage with members of Parliament actively to push on livestock issues not addressed by the budget.

PLTF website

- Need for a separate website for the Task Force and should have a link to all members of the Task Force. CORDS expressed willingness to provide fund for this (website design)
- The meeting proposed the Website should be ready as soon as possible
- Somebody need to be hired to design and provide necessary technical inputs on how this can work as an independent entity from the current TNRF website.
- Meeting resolved to review this agenda in the next PLTF meeting.

Pastoralist Basket Fund

- The meeting was informed that Care International in consultation with pastoralists CSOs held a meeting in Moshi to discuss issues related to pastoralism and how the basket fund can be utilized to address the pastoralists plight.
- The meeting well attended by pastoral CSOs resolved that a proper strategic plan be developed and requested the PLTF to provide the forum for this exercise. The resources for this shall be provided by Care International.
- The report and the for this workshop and the concept note for funds should first be sent to pastoral CSOs for their comments before submitted to Care International

- It was also proposed that the report can be forwarded to Donor agencies and other partners supporting pastoralists projects.

Min 04/06/09 Cordaid Proposal

- CORDS gave a presentation on the joint study on options to secure pastoralists livelihoods and the inception of the policy proposal. The study was funded by CORDAID, Irish Aid, Traicare and the WCS
- After the study two major workshops were organised by CORDS and in the second workshop CORDAID expressed interest in funding the recommendations of the main report including the policy component.
- Proposals were developed and CORDAID approved economic & Policy components only.
- After presentation of the study report and proposal development, the meeting was presented with the draft action plan developed by the policy Liason officer.
- The action plan was very ambitious and needed quite a lot of resources and the project should focus on the policy processes in Tanzania with reference to pastoralism.
- The meeting proposed that we need not to have a parallel sytem in addressing policy processes in Tanzania but need to harmonise on how best to work with the pastoral CSOs and the PLTF.
- The meeting raised concern on who came up with the action plan-Task Force or the policy Liason Officer?The Policy Liason officer should be responsible to who?.The structural arrangement for this project should be clear
- It was proposed that Liason Officer should be responsible to CORDS but works in collaboration with the PLTF.
- The meeting was informed that LHRC to host the project but functionally should work together with the PLTF
- The Terms of Reference for the liaison officer should be very clear to avoid duplication of work but instead complement what partners are already undertaking. The work plan should come from the PLTF strategic issues hence work on behalf on the PLTF.

Resolution:

A small committee composed of CORDS, IIED, PINGOs and the PLTF secretariat to discuss how best this project can collaborate with the PLTF and the level of engagement/involvement by members of the Task Force.

Min 05/06/09 Pastoralist Week

- TPCF coordinator was invited to elaborate on the agenda item but first gave background information on what Tanzania Pastoralist Community Forum is all about. This organisation was registered as an association until 2007 and

composed on academic and non academic members. Currently TPCF is operating as an NGO working on pastoralists issues.

- The meeting admitted that organising pastoral week is a brilliant idea and needs a lot of effort and has succeeded well in Kenya.
- Since holding a pastoral week always need a political will, PLTF can work on this and PINGOs proposed to lead on this process for purposes of legitimacy.
- At one point PINGOs had submitted the proposal to Foundation for Civil Society but the issue was time frame to spend the requested resources.
- TPCF had made an effort to publish the pastoral week on WISP website-to be held on 20 July but need a lot of organisation and resources mobilized since quite a number of people need to be invited.
- The meeting requested that the communication and correspondences in reference to Pastoral week need to be stopped until thorough discussion is done and involvement of pastoral CSOs.This will also help in resource mobilization.
- A lot of ground work need to be done; may be Tanzanian government is quite interested as some of the key policy makers will have to be invited from relevant ministries.
- The concept note for this activity need to be tabled for discussion and start outsourcing for funds.
- It was proposed that a small committee to be formed to discuss this further then presented to the PLTF

Resolution:

- 1.This process needs a lot of time and need to discuss and mobilize resources. If successful then can be held at the end of the year or next year
- 2.The concept note to be circulated to the entire membership
3. A small group composed of TPCF, PINGOs, TAPHGO, PLTF, MWEDO and Policy Liaison Officer to work out on this and there should be one line of communication.

Min 06/06/09Parliament Budget Day

- He meeting was informed that the budget session shall be held on 11th June and there is need to for the PLTF members to engage in this especially the livestock sector budget.
- It was proposed that PLTF members can follow on this by attending the budget session and make an analysis on the best way forward on issues of concern with respect to livestock sector.
- The challenge was if we had enough resources to facilitate this process-Fortunately resources from VETAID-TZ was still available and can be used.
- It was proposed that our concern on the delay of Wildlife Conservation Act 2009 need to be raised in Parliament.

Resolution:

PLTF secretariat need to check for the resources and consult all the PLTF membership to

make a proper plan in this activity.

Min 07/06/09 Wildlife Act

- The meeting expressed their concern on the unnecessary delay by the government to release the Wildlife Conservation Act 2009. Everybody is in dilemma on what is really happening.
- There is need to hire a consultant (political scientist) to trace what actually happened in Parliament, who voted? where is the bill? Does the parliament Hansard has the record?
- MPs need to be interrogated to get more information and the policy processes. The pastoral advocated can learn a lesson from these processes and replicate it in future advocacy processes.
- Terms of references need to be developed for the consultant to undertake this activity. Resources too need to be identified.

Resolution:

Fred to develop the TOR for comments by PLTF members and resources be mobilized by PLTF.

AOB:

- The first phase of the VCA research is in the analysis stage and the second phase of ranching is being designed. Baseline shall be done by the consultant whose TOR shall be developed.
- The policy Liaison Officer briefed the meeting that the agricultural policy discussion is ongoing and some meetings have been organised to brainstorm on this.

The meeting ended at 1400hrs

Chairman

Signature

Date.....

Secretary.....

Date.....