



MINUTES OF THE TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY FORUM HELD ON 10 – 12th AUGUST 2007 AT TERATI DIVISION IN SIMANJIRO DISTRICT.

A: PRESENT

1. Francis Stolla Advocate based in Dar es Salaam
2. Makko Sinandei Ujamaa Community Resource Trust -NGO
3. Julius Norbert Tanzania Natural Resource Forum -NGO
4. Abraham Ujamaa Community Resource Trust -NGO
5. Masai traditional leaders (Laigwanani) from various villages in Terati ward

B: INVITEES

1. Chairman and Village Executive Officers from Terati Village
2. Famous elders

C: ABSENT

Some few Laigwanani

1.0 OPENING OF THE TRAINING

The training was officially opened by chairman at 9.00am. He welcomed the participants, acknowledged their high turn out and eventually gave them opportunity for self introduction.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Prior to training the following agenda was drafted:-

- (i) Opening of the training
- (ii) Adoption of agenda
- (iii) Conduct training
- (iv) Recommendations

- (v) Any Other Business (AOB)
- (vi) Evaluation
- (vii) Date of next training
- (v) Closing

3.0 Conduct Training

Mr Stolla Francis who is an advocate based in DSM was a key resource person in the training. The three days training to Laigwanani which was attended by 36 participants (Male 32 and Female 4) focused on the following main topics:-

- The Village Land Act (1999)
- Wildlife Conservation Act of 1974
- Wildlife Management Areas Regulations (2002)
- MKURABITA (The Property and Business Formalisation Programme for Tanzania)

The training had the following specific objectives:-

- To enable the participants understanding the laws governing land and wildlife sector in Tanzania
- To enable the participants understanding the linkage between Village Land Act (1999), Wildlife Conservation Act of 1974, Wildlife Management Areas Regulations (2002) and MKURABITA
- To develop a synergy among the participants in order to provide a road map for future well being of rural community through wildlife sector.
- To enable the participants understanding the Strategic Plan for Implementation of Land Laws (SPILLS) in the country.

(NB: For more detail please refer to separate prepared training report)

3.1 The essence of training

The training was a part of ongoing process of establishing/strengthening community forum and builds the technical capacity of traditional leaders (Laigwanani) in Simanjiro district. It was designed to provide the technical inputs (knowledge and skills) to participants particularly on the aspect of Village Land Act (1999), Wildlife Conservation Act of 1974, Wildlife Management Areas Regulations (2002) and linkage between aforementioned regulations, act, laws and MKURABITA. Moreover, the training gave participants exposure on Strategic Plan for Implementation of Land Laws in Tanzania.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 Strengthen participation of women in the training

The number of women who attended the training was lower compared to men. Women were encouraged to show up and participate effectively prior to the training, notwithstanding their numbers were low (only 4 women out of 36 participants). Perhaps the Maasai traditional and culture could have the big influence on this, nevertheless since we have already developed the pragmatic strategies and actions to ensure the maximum number of women participation in the training and other related occasions it is our belief that in long run the level of women participation would be very satisfactory. Community should aware the role of women in the forum in order to foster widespread recognition of women's contribution in society.

4.2 Demand for more training

The participants recommended that the training organiser should consider organising some more training, this move would assist them become conversant and understanding well the laws governing the natural resource management in the country hence easily recognition of their rights as well as benefits they are supposed to get.

4.3 Training manuals/materials

The participants asked for training manuals after the end of training. In responding to their request the participants were told that the process of preparing the manuals is under way and they should expect to receive manuals once the task is accomplished.

4.4 Education

Education on laws governing natural resource management should be available to all stakeholders.

5.0 Any Other Business (AOB)

None

6.0 Evaluation

This was done at the end of training to assess the actual results of an activity. The evaluation exercise was very participatory where by all the participants were involved. Some of the key questions asked in evaluation were;

- To what extent have the training objectives been achieved?
- Strategies and Actions used: Which were the strengths in the strategies/Actions used in the course of training? Which were the weak points
- What changes must be done in order to reach the objectives?

- Did the participants satisfied with topics covered? If not what (forgotten) topics should be added/included?
- Did the time allocated for training is enough?
- Did the facilitator present well his topics? If not which areas need improvement?
- What about the location of training venue? Is it easily accessible to all participants?
- What about the status of the venue?
- What about the status of the food and time in which foodstuff were delivered to participants?
- Was the food sufficient? Etc

In a nutshell, according to the feedback from participants it was evident that there was a higher degree of satisfaction among the attendees. The ground preparation was good include timely delivery of training information, the context of training materials and its presentation were excellent, the venue was good and even the food was enough and of high quality. Needless to say evaluation information provided good insights for training organiser that almost everything was on track.

7.0 DATE OF NEXT TRAINING

Subject to discussion in the office and availability of a resource person at an appropriate time then Laigwanani will be given the feedback.

8.0 CLOSING

Chairman closed the training at 5.15pm. He thanked and acknowledged all the participants for attending the training and impressive contribution they had made in the various presented topics as well as the way they had asked very challenging and practical questions. He also, appreciated the remarkable and outstanding facilitation from Mr Francis Stolla and TNRF for funding the training. He urged the participants to make use of knowledge acquired as well as disseminating it to other people in the society. Finally he wished the participants safe journey on their way back to home.