



THE RANGELANDS AND LIVELIHOODS TASK FORCE RELAUNCH

MEETING ON 2ND FEB, 2008

Present

1. Alias Morindat-Chairman (IIED)
2. Sinandei Makko-(Ujamaa-CRT)
3. Gabriel Turasha-Vet Aid-TZ
4. Edward Loore-(Ujamaa-CRT)
5. Lillian Looloitai-(CORDS)
6. Anna Eusebi-PINGOs Forum
7. Andrew Williams-TNRF
8. Daniel Ouma-TNRF

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

2008/1

Introduction by members

Mr. Alias Morindat opened the meeting by giving a brief overview of the relaunch meeting, the wider scope of the task force and the need to move forward towards achieving the core objectives of the taskforce and commitments of the member organizations. This followed by round table self introductions of the attendants.

2008/02

Status of the final report of the joint studies

Members were concerned with the status of the final report of the pastoral joint studies after the workshop held late last year to present the preliminary findings.

Lillian informed members that she had talked to Dr.Tenga (one of the consultants in the joint study), about the final draft of the study.Dr.Tenga proposed any four days meeting of consultants in Daresalam between 7th and 12th February to finalize the report. Members suggested that the final report which includes the legal, economic and policy components should be downsized for easy reading. (Summary of the joint studies is necessary).The

meeting resolved that CORDS in conjunction with TNRF to make a follow up on the status of the final report then report to members for the next course of action .This may involve designing the best advocacy strategy in relation to the findings of the joint studies. The advocacy strategy would be targeting the relevant ministries, parliamentarians and even the civil society. Members inquired the about the status of the workshop report which was held in November 2007 at the Impala hotel.Lilian from CORDS assured the members that she will circulate the report as soon as possible to all members of the taskforce for their perusal. **Action: CORDS and TNRF**

2008/03

RLTF strategic plan

Members suggested that the Task force needs a strategic plan for its smooth operations. There is need to clearly review the main objectives of the Task Force, major achievements, weaknesses and if possible to carry out SWOT analysis for a clearly visioned strategic plan. Members also agreed to enhance collaboration between member Organizations and ensure harmonization of the operations of the force together with the needs of the partners. To achieve this, members were urged to be briefing the Taskforce on the core activities, their main targets, and area of operations to avoid duplication or conflicts in implementation of intervention initiatives and help in addressing overlapping issues of the member organizations. This will help the task force in pulling resources together to tackle common issues. Since the Task force operates under the agenda of its partners, it was therefore agreed that the Strategic plan be developed through participatory approach involving all members to ensure an inclusive way forward acceptable to partners and boost their commitments to the taskforce. Members therefore agreed that another meeting be convened soon to develop Rangelands and Livelihoods Strategic Plan-**Action: All partners**

2008/04

Rangelands Management Bill

Dr. Andrew informed members that there is need for the partners to critically audit the current draft of Rangeland Management policy which was understood to be having several policy gaps in regards to the welfare and rights of the pastoralists. TNRF was mandated to get the copy of that draft policy and inform the members so that appropriate action can be

taken in regards to opinion-response of the task force to be forwarded to the relevant government offices. **Action TNRF**

2008/05

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.Members suggested that with the coming of the U.S President George Bush to Tanzania, there is need for the Task force to present itself and its core activities through a proper means of information dissemination i.e. printing of the leaflets, banners to create awareness about the taskforce and the plight of the Pastoralists in Tanzania-**Vet Aid**

Members also suggested that the PINGOs Forum and TAPHGO to act as the link institutions of the Taskforce with the community due to their rural infrastructure.

This will enhance communication strategy of the Taskforce and the community in receiving timely pastoral issues and provide appropriate time for relevant response of the Taskforce.

2008/06

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The meeting ended at 4.30pm