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process should be informal and flexible;

- A link to be developed between TFWG and the KFWG and may be UFWG to learn from them;
- To follow-up about having a representative from FBD to attend FWG meetings;
- To undertake a mapping exercise and come up with a list of members and governance and advocacy activities they are undertaking;

FWG Strategic plan and action

The Chairperson gave a presentation of the FWG Strategic Plan for 2007–2008 and Action Plan for 2007. The Strategy lays out a framework for the FWG's work. The meeting went through the strategy in some detail and re-arranged some of the objectives. It became apparent during the plenary discussion that the FWG needed an overall theme under which its objectives and activities would fall. A list of topical issues of particular concern to members was drawn up, and it was given over to the FWG Secretariat to synthesise a theme that would constructively integrate the diversity of interests. The issues which were raised included;

- Illegal logging
- PFM awareness at local level
- Forest Policy and legal review
- Loss of forest revenue
- Training on environmental issues
- Empowerment of people to manage and use forest resources
- Harmonization of Local Government Authority and FBD on roles and responsibilities in logging and trade
- Communication – how do people know what they are supposed to know
- Weak and inadequate governance at local level on how to share benefits from forest resources
- Poor land use planning
- Certification

Potential themes to bring together the above list of issues were identified as;

- Either uncontrolled harvesting of forest resources to the detriment of the rural poor; or
- Poor Forest law enforcement and governance; or
- Unsustainable use of forest resources; or
- Enforcing forest law for the poor.

As part of the overall discussion, it was suggested that an activity that would be an early 'win' would be developing a road-map for Independent Forest Monitoring, and that this could usefully form a main topic for a forthcoming FWG meeting.

Key issues that need action by TNRF

- To identify the core problem from which to formulate relate activities.
- Secretariat to write the Action plan for 2007 and send it to Yassin Mkwizu of IUCN who will coordinate the governance activities.

A detailed action plan will be developed and sent later separately.

After discussion on funding for the FWG activities it was agreed in the meeting by members that **funding proposals should be made with partners**. It was expected that such collaborative fund-raising had a greater chance of being accepted by donors and receiving financing.

AOB and closing

1. Yassin Mkwizu gave a brief presentation of the NFBP review which he represented the FWG members. The review is now finalised and a report will soon be available. It will be circulated to the members once it is public.
2. Steve Ball briefly presented a case on global warming being prepared by Haki Elimu and Dr. Andreas promised to send a study done on the same which will be circulated to members.
3. The Chairperson closed the meeting by thanking all members for their participation and fruitful contribution.

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