



Tanzania Forestry Working Group May 2007 Summary Report – Cassian Sianga

Planned activities for the month of May

- Organisation and facilitation of an advocacy and public awareness initiative (planning meeting and conducting of a workshop)
- Conduct a FWG meeting
- Attend an FBD technical meeting for stakeholders on forest regulations
- Circulate reports to members as need arises
- Start updating the list of FWG members

Achievement and reasons for deviation

- A liaison team was proposed by the FWG to plan the forest advocacy initiative on timber trade early in the month. This team had a first planning meeting on the 4th to 5th May 2007. A report of the meeting is available. After the liaison planning a stakeholder workshop for key forest working group members was held in Dar. The consultative workshop held on the 22nd to 23rd May was aimed at developing a forest governance advocacy initiative on timber trade. A report is being written and will be available soon. I was involved in the planning, organisation and implementation of the workshop with Andrew Williams (TNRF Coordinator), Freya St. John (Communication Consultant) and some members of the FWG on some consultations.
- A FWG meeting was scheduled for the month of May but did not take place. The reason for not having the meeting was an agreement by the liaison group that the minutes of the liaison group meeting and the workshop report be part of the key presentations to this FWG meeting. FWG members are important in giving comments and recommendations to strengthen the recommendations of the advocacy initiative.
- Attended a stakeholder's workshop to the PFM guidelines on cost and benefit sharing proposal by FBD. The meeting was organised by FBD for its stakeholders in the PFM processes. The proposal is still not operational as it needs the endorsement of the Ministry of Finance.
- Circulations of reports were done as requests but the main aim was to put most of these reports on TNRF website. As soon as the website is finalised most of the reports will be posted there for members and whoever may be interested.
- Updates of members was made as need arose but will be finalised once the website is operational.

Activities done and were not planned

- Attended a meeting to a presentation on review of donor funding strategy for civil society organisations in Tanzania. The aim was to be able to establish basic key principles for development partner's support to civil society organisations working in different ways on policy influencing in Tanzania and developing a set of criteria for support that the civil society organisations are prepared to respond and live up to. A PDF draft guideline can be available on request. During the meeting which was organised by the Foundation for

Civil Society members were requested to make applications if they are interested to participate in Dodoma Bunge session in June.

Activities for the month of June

- Organisation and facilitation of an advocacy and public awareness initiative (consult key partners and institutions, conduct a liaison group meeting and circulate proposal to FWF members).
- Conduct a FWG meeting to present findings of the advocacy initiative.