

**Attendance:**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
1.	CATHERINE MULAGA	MIICO
2.	PETER MWAMBENJA	CODEFA
3.	DAUD MWANDALIMA	YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SOCIETY
4.	JULIUS MUUNGANO	PELO
5.	YAKOBO E.K. TIBAMANYA	PELUM
6.	JANSI SINKAMBA	TUSHIRIKI
7.	BONIFACE MAZIKU	TADESO
8.	HEBRON MWAKAGENDA	THE LEARDERSHIP FORUM
9.	REGINA KATABI	M.WACOD
10.	RAMADHANI I. BIROLELE	BOSEDA
11.	FELICIAN CASMIR LYIMO	HEMFA TZ
12.	REV. ABDIEL R. MOLA	FAWACM. TZ
13.	KELLEN MNGOYA	HAFOTA
14.	ESTHER MONGI	WVT
15.	STEFANO BATTAN	CVM/APA
16.	MASUDI KISAMFU	TNRF
17.	WAYDA E. DAWITE	MBESO
18.	DAUD HARAKA	TAPHGO
19.	GABRIEL M. TUKE	KCS-FORUM/KITETO
20.	ASIA A. LEMBARITI	MACSNET
21.	ELIAS LOIDISO	HAKIKAZI CATALYST
22.	FRANCISCA MATAY	TAWIF
23.	MARTIN MUNG'ONG'O	YPC-KIBAHA
24.	MARTHA CHIDUO	HDT
25.	TWIDIKAGE JOEL	WISE
26.	KIDANI MAGWILA	TNCHF
27.	BAKAR KH BAKAR	KEPA
28.	EVELYN KADEGE	VICOBA SONGEA
29.	MAIMUNA ANNA KANYAMALA	KIVULINI
30.	GOTFRIED P. SANGANA	CODEFA
31.	WILLIARD BARONGO	CODEFA
32.	HASSANALI A. SEIF	KNC
33.	JANETH JOSEPH	VICOBA
34.	DEMAI JOHN	ABC-FOUNDATION MUSOMA
35.	MOSES KANZIENI	CODEFA
36.	FRANK B. AMULIKE	PEVODE
37.	HILARY PESHA	KWIECO
38.	JACKSON G. MKANGO	CYVA
39.	DORICE J. KULANGA	TLB
40.	STEPHANIA S. MBEYA	TLB
41.	KOGA MIHAMA	TACOSODE
42.	EDWIN MLOWE	HAFOTA
43.	RICHARD ANGELO	POLICY FORUM
44.	JOHNSON KAIJAGE	POLICY FORUM
45.	NURU NGAILO	POLICY FORUM
46.	PRISCA KOWA	POLICY FORUM
47.	ALEX RUCHYAHINDURU	POLICY FORUM

## Agenda

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3. Katiba updates- CSO participation in Constitutional Review Process-Hebron Mwakagenda
4. CDCF Litigation updates-LHRC to feedback on process so far –Edna Lushaka
5. Past, Present and future participation of Tanzania Civil Society to the World Social Forum-Stefano Battain
6. Tanzania government and GMOs policy, there is a debate going on GMOs in Tanzania in the context of “Green Revolution” and Feed the Future program by USAID- Stefano Battain
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## 1. Opening, Approval of new agenda and Confirmation of 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010 quarterly meeting Minutes

### Opening

The chairman opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by welcoming the members to the meeting and then asked them to introduce themselves. He then asked participants to table additional agenda of which no agenda was added. Then the chairman asked the secretariat to pass through the past minutes for approval where by Alex did: Thereafter the minutes were read, and the followings were corrected:

- **POLICY FORUM EITI ADVERT DENIED BY TBC**

**DISCUSSION:** Members asked if there is any legal proceeding for the denial of the advert by TBC. Alex responded by saying that, “PF seek legal advice from LHRC and was advised not to take legal action/measures because it could spark and magnify the problem instead of compromising on the matter. He however reported that PF wrote a letter to express its disquiet after TBC removed from their broadcast despite a contract PF signed with them.

According to TBC, the advert infringed their reporting ethics as set in their elections guidelines and hence suggested the advert to be aired after the campaign. Because of that PF increased air time of advert to ITV& Star TV

**RESOLUTION:** We take the advert and the implications it caused as a lesson learnt, therefore in future before advertising it is necessary to explore all legal implications that may rose as a

after being aired. Also it is important to consider which media company to broadcast the advert and what is the message we are advocating for.

- **SAM PROGRESS AND PRELIMINARY FINDINGS IN ILEJE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

There was a debate on the involvement of the government officials in the process of SAM implementation as it was seen that in Ileje District they involved the duty bearer in the process.

**RESOLUTION:** We should not diverge from SAM core values and principles, duty bearer can be involved in the process but their roles in the team as duty bearer should be clarified. It was suggested that minutes should be separated from matters arising, what was agreed on the meeting and how have they been implemented so far. With this then the minutes were approved and the meeting continued with new agendas.

**Agenda no 2: Matters arising is on a separate sheet**

**3. KATIBA UPDATES – CSO PARTICIPATION IN CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW PROCESS – HEBRON MWAKAGENDA**

Hebron said Policy Forum in collaboration with Jukwaa la Katiba, organized CSOs and participated in public hearing on the draft of the constitution review bill held in Dodoma. He also said that PF through LGWG has produced a popular Kiswahili version of constitution review process which will be out soon. The new bill on the constitution review process has been made but has not been gazetted yet, so Hebron suggested that it should be circulated to members for them to be informed on the matter.

**QUESTIONS:**

**1:-** Policy Forum's Local Government Working Group was tasked with the constitution activities during one of the meetings; does that mean the process has been shifted to Jukwaa la Katiba?

**RESPONSE:** Nothing has been shifted, LGWG in collaboration with Jukwaa la Katiba & other experts are working on the constitution review guideline process booklet which will be out soon.

**2:-** Policy Forum's Board of Directors passed plans on its engagement in the constitution, what was it that was passed by the board?

**RESPONSE:** PF will continue to engage in the process BUT there is no need of doing parallel engagement with other organizations

**RESOLUTION:**

It was decided that, the best way is to collaborate with forum like Jukwaa la Katiba hence the board agreed that PF should find out how specifically it should engage in the constitution process.

#### 4. CDCF LITIGATION UPDATES – LHRC TO GIVE ITS FEEDBACK ON THE PROCESS SO FAR – EDNA LUSHAKA

It was reported that, the person who was supposed to present on the updates was not there BUT the case was mentioned and assigned by judges and everything now is being taken of by the Legal and Human Right Centre (LHRC)

##### **DISCUSSION**

There is a challenge in the implementation of CDCF funds therefore CSO should work closely with the community to see if at all the funds are helping the communities so as to have a documented evidences which will help in the case and advocacy strategy.

**QUESTION:** What are the updates in regards to the committee which was formed for the purpose of seeing if CDCF is implemented accordingly and a quick survey suggested to be conducted to five constituencies?

**RESPONSE:** The proposal for funding was written by LGWG and submitted to FCS but they have not yet got a response. Conducting survey is very important as it will give the direction on where should we (CSO's) focus more during the advocacy. He also said that the proposal for funding was not successful due to the fact that, PF can not be funded by FCS because the major donor for FCS is the same donor for PF thus it will be a double funding to PF

**COMMENT:** Funds for CDCF survey is very crucial as in most cases it is not implemented accordingly, an official study will help to back up the case. A member gave an example where the fund were misused "In Biharamulo, DED used the fund to build a school which is against the law".

**RESOLUTION:** It was suggested that in the next meeting a representative from LHRC should be consulted earlier and argued to come and give the updates on the case. LHRC should be sending the updates to the secretariat and the secretariat will update the members on how the case is progressing.

#### 5. PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE PARTICIPATION OF TANZANIA CIVIL SOCIETY TO THE WORLD SOCIAL FORUM (WSF) – STEFANO BATTAN

Stefano from CVM/APA started by giving the background of why he brought the agenda. He attended the meeting in Arusha and the major issues discussed were the role of social forum to the global discussion on WSF and wondered if CSO's in Tanzania was doing anything on that. He appointed that for example in Tunisia the social movement have played a role in making them succeeding in confronting the government.

He also cited an example of land problem in Bagamoyo where citizen needed the land but some of them were arrested and sent to police.

**RESPONSE:** Johnson gave feedback to demonstrate on how PF engaged on social movement through WSF conference that he attended in Dakar –Senegal. He reported that one of the publications titled "Bringing the Billions Back" had borrowed a chapter from a brief that the BWG had earlier published on the loss of revenues by the Government – urging members to keep up the good work. Other publications picked-up at the conference included "Tax us if

you can” and also a “CSO toolkit for Tax advocacy” all of which were produced by the Tax Justice Network.

**RESOLUTION:** It was suggested that Stefano should prepare a concept note and suggest how best we can organize ourselves as a network so as to have a vibrant social movement.

#### **6. TANZANIA GOVERNMENT AND GMOs POLICY, THERE IS A HOT DEBATE GOING ON IN TANZANIA IN THE CONTEXT OF THE “GREEN REVOLUTION” AND FEED THE FUTURE PROGRAM BY USAID – STEFANO BATTAN**

Stefano started by saying why he has brought up this agenda: On behalf of Tanzania Alliance for Biodiversity (TAB) which was formed for the purpose of changing Tanzania policy of GMO as the alliance members believes that Biosafety regulations should be based on the precautionary principle and are convinced that introduction of GMO crops or animals is not the right solution to fight poverty and hunger.

The Chairperson responded by saying that ANSAF was tasked with its members on how they should engage in the GMO, they prepared terms of reference which they are planning to conduct a survey on impacts of GMO focusing on cotton and maize crops and the findings will be the basis for their advocacy. If there is anyone who have capacity and interested on the survey is welcomed to submit the consultation proposal to conduct the survey

**RESOLUTION:** Since the issue is much more on the agriculture sector it was argued that: Members who are interested in that area should engage and collaborate with TAB and Policy Forum secretariat will support were necessary.

#### **7. ORIENTATION ON SAM PARTNERSHIP – RICHARD ANGELO**

The two selected partners for SAM for the year 2011/2012 gave the update so far on the process of implementation since selected during the AGM, those are ANSAF and TACOSODE.

ANSAF: The process is on progress, training has already been conducted in Ulanga-Mahenge. Focus is on agriculture sector

TACOSODE: Will be done in Lindi planning to start on September. Focus on Health Sector

#### **QUESTIONS:**

**1:-** During AGM they said they will implement SAM in Njombe but today they are saying they will implement in Lindi, why is that so?

**RESPONSE:** There were a problem of merging between PETS and SAM, donor refused to merge the two that’s why they have changed the location.

**2:-**Where does the expected fund come from? Is there any contract/ MoU?

**RESPONSE:** After selection of partners by AGM, the secretariat agreed with the partners through MoU on how to engage, for that case PF has a contract with TACOSODE to implement SAM in Lindi

**RESOLUTION:** Each implementing partner should be documenting the progress of the SAM implementation in their respective location on the quarterly basis so as to share with other members during quarterly meetings.

## 8. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

BWG: They are implementing activities according to the plans for year 2011, analytical think piece is on the process, they have a draft and they are working on it as a result on orientation training on SAM. Five Policy briefs which cover five major sectors are in the process and they will be written according to the five SAM processes. The draft on the Policy briefs will be ready by August 15.

Budget Working group are also advocating for the establishment of Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) and they have already produced a brief on that.

BWG budget analysis-workshop has already been done and they are in the process of producing citizen budget of this year. Communication with Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs (MoFEA) on its publication is under way and they said PF should design the first draft and send to the ministry.

LGWG: A part from what was reported in agenda 3, not so much have been done by the group due to the fact that meetings have not been convene due to lack of agenda.

**RESOLUTION:** It was agreed that when giving updates on the activities there should be supporting documents which shows what has been implemented so far and what activities are in the process on quarterly basis, in order to strengthen the accuracy of PF.

LGWG should avoid that tendency of convene meetings upon the agenda as it poses a the threat to the prosperity of the LGWG since Working Groups are the tools for strengthening network, so if there is no agenda it is the task for convener and co-convener to take the initiatives to look for agenda and convene a meeting.

## 9. AOB

Under this agenda the following issues rose:

CODEFA: If quarterly meetings and breakfast debate are combined on the same day, then BD packs should be increased in number.

One member argued that Policy Forum's secretariat should develop a template to assess policies, specifically which have been influenced by Policy Forum, and whether they are in practice as a result of conducting Monthly Breakfast Debates.

With that suggestion Alex said, the impact of advocacy can not be seen/felt within a short time of period, but rather need to take time to see an impact. He also said that the reason of combining both meetings together(Quarterly meeting & Breakfast Debate) was meant to create an opportunity for members to learn what the secretariat do at the national level and therefore influence them to do it at the local level.

### **What are the objectives of the presentations during BD?**

The major objective of the BD presentations is Information sharing on policy issues, also influence people for action for instance basing on the topic of that day on agriculture,

Chairperson of the meeting who is the General secretary of ANSAF said “ members who have the interest on agriculture can act upon and influence policy change in agriculture sector”

### **How can CSO’s influence planning process?**

The response was; for the CSOs to become more vibrant, it is important that network members to collaborate and measure their performances, it was suggested that CSO’s should introduce a session so that to be assessed by the people on what do they think about them.

### **Minutes Documentation**

It was agreed that minutes should be written in English not in both Kiswahili and English language as it was suggested by members.

On this note, chairman highlighted major three issues:

- Documentation of minutes
- Stefano on GMO and Social Movement
- So what shall we do? There should be engagement from local to the national level.

And then he closed the meeting at 12: 50PM

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Chairman approval

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Secretary Approval

Date:



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