

POLICY FORUM THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2011

VENUE: BRITISH COUNCIL.

Attendance:

NO.	NAME	ORGANIZATION
1.	NICHOLAS LEKULE	SIKIKI
2.	ANNA BWANA	OXFAM
3.	ALAWIYA MOHAMED	ANSAF
4.	EVA EMMANUEL	SIKIKI
5.	FLORIAN SCHWEITZER	SIKIKI
6.	SEMKAEL KILONZO	PF SECRETARIAT
7.	JIMMY LUHENDE	MWANZA PRESS CLUB
8.	ALEX MODEST	PF SECRETARIAT
9.	GIBONS MWABUKUSI	PF SECRETARIAT
10.	HILARY TESHA	KWIECO
11.	HUMPHREY MAKUSSA	WAT
12.	KASSIM IBRAHIM	BOSEDA
13.	RAMADHANI I. BIROLELE	BOSEDA
14.	MARTHA CHIDUO	HDT
15.	GOTFRIED P. SANGANA	CODEFA
16.	MARIAM MWASIJENGO	MOCUBA CODEFO
17.	ANTHONY HENRY MWAKIBINGA	TEN/MET
18.	ROBERT P. CHUWA	KIBO EDUCATION TRUST (KET)
19.	JULIE ADKINS	SNV
20.	RITA TOUTANT	TNCHF
21.	MOSES KANZIENI	CODEFA
22.	JULIUS MUUNGANO	PELO
23.	FELICIAN CASMIR LYIMO	HEMFA
24.	REV. ABDIEL R. MOLA	FAWACM
25.	PETER A. MATONYI	CADA-MWANZA
26.	MASUDI KASAMFU	TNRF
27.	DELVINA LYIMO	VICOBA-DAR
28.	EDWIN MLOWE	HAFOTA
29.	BETTY AMIMO	VICOMA-DAR
30.	BEN TAYLOR	DARAJA
31.	JANETH B. KAFUKO	VICOBA- SONGEA
32.	RICHARD LUCAS	DARAJA
33.	KOGA MIHAMA	TACOSODE
34.	HASSANALI A. SEIF	KNC
35.	ASIA A. LEMBARITI	MACSNET
36.	WAYDA E. DAWITE	MBESO
37.	JANSI D. SIMKAMBA	TUSHIRIKI
38.	BONIFACE MAZIKU	TADESO
39.	GABRIEL M.TUKE	KCS-FORUM-KITETO
40.	DAUD HARAHA	TAPHGO
41.	HEBRON MWAKAGENDA	THE LEADERSHIP FORUM
42.	JACKSON MKANGO	CYVA
43.	AUDAX RUKONGE	ANSAF
44.	JOHNSON KAIJAGE	PF SECRETARIAT
45.	CHRISTINA GENDA	PF SECRETARIAT
46.	RICHARD ANGELO	PF SECRETARIAT

Agenda

1. Opening, approval of new agenda and Confirmation of Minutes
2. Matters Arising
3. Katiba updates- Mr. Deus Kibamba, The chairman of the Jukwaa la Katiba and the Executive Director of TCIB to update participants
4. SAM progress and preliminary findings of two networks selected in 2011. Richard Angelo to brief about the progress to date.
5. TAMISEM – POLICY FORUM collaboration – Updates from Semkae Kilonzo
6. Working Group updates
 - BWG – Moses Kulaba
 - LGWG – Hebron Mwakagenda
7. AOB

1. Opening, Approval of new agenda and Confirmation of 29th July 2011 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 approved upon the following corrections.

- On attendance list the second name of Hilary should be TESHHA and not PESHHA and add on the list Audax Rukonge and Anna Bwana
- Also on the agenda number 3; updates will be provided by Co- convener of LGWG and not Mr. Deus Kibamba

2. Matters Arising

The matters arising were from the previous agenda number 4, 5, 7 and 8. The discussion was on Past, Present and future participation of Tanzania Civil Society to the World Social Forum- Stefano Battain in which 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. Unfortunately he was not attended for meeting.

Resolutions:-

- It was agreed that secretariat should consult him for more updates.
- The general comments on the matters arising were to fill in the status remark so as to inform on what have been done so far.

3. KATIBA UPDATES – HEBRON MWAKAGENDA

Circulation of the Mwongozo wa Katiba has been widely done already requested by National Assembly Dar es Salaam office and Ministry of Constitutional affairs which wrote a letter to the Chairperson appreciating the documents. Due to more demands, Policy Forum under LGWG will reprint Mwongozo wa Katiba booklet since the demand is high especially during this period of Katiba process and will be distributed widely. Mwongozo also was shared during the session with TEC/CCT bishops.

Comments/Question:-

1. What is the role of PF in this Katiba process?
2. We need to have a communication strategies for our publications to be also found in audio or visual materials
3. Once the bill for constitutional review will be out it will be circulated to members, we are following up with AG chambers and parliamentary committee on constitutional affairs and it has been said that the bill will be tabled in the parliament session which is starting on 8th November, 2011

Responds:-

- Since Jukwaa la Katiba is taking the lead on the process to coordinate CSOs to engage on the process and some members of PF are also member of Jukwaa, PF as a network will collaborate with them where necessary like production of Mwongozo booklets so as to avoid parallel engagement.

Resolution:

- Need for more distributions of booklets
- Members through their activities they can also still educate the public through different dialogues on Katiba process

4. SAM UPDATES and preliminary findings

The updates was given by ANSAF and TACOSODE whereby TACOSODE they are conducting SAM in Lindi and currently they have conducted training to their partners on SAM and formulates a SAM Council Implementation Team which they are now collecting documents from Lindi District Council before doing the analysis.

On part of ANSAF they presented a report from Ulanga which is a preliminary finding whereby obtaining documents was not a problem due to good relationship between Ulanga District Council and CEMDO a member of ANSAF who are implementing partner. But the preliminary findings also found that there is inadequate participation of stakeholders especially the citizens on development projects like construction of abattoir.

Discussion:-

- More information is still needed cause the preliminary findings leaves rooms for clarifications
- During the discussion there was also a sharing of updates from KCS and MACSNET who are continuing doing SAM in Babati and Kiteto

5. TAMISEMI- POLICY FORUM collaboration

PF coordinator gave the rationale behind on the collaboration with TAMISEMI whereby the purpose is to agree to a mode of engagement between the parties and to mandate minimum requirements for information sharing between the PMO-RALG and CSOs, the agreement shall be binding to all PMO-RALG, all Local Government Authorities and CSOs.

Comments:-

- During the discussion the case of documents which are confidential need to be included since in some cases sometime the LGAs officials are reluctant to release the information claiming that is confidential
- CSOs need to have confirmation letters upon the agreements which will be used when seeking for documents from the public office especially at the lower level
- Sometime LGAs officials claim that there government circulars which prohibit release of information, so this initiatives will help to avoid misunderstanding
- We need also to inform LGAs officials on what we're doing and how it benefit the community they serve, through this they will develop a trust on us and release the documents

6. POLICY FORUM WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- **BWG:-**
 - **Citizen Budget Booklets-** preparation of citizen budget booklet is underway in collaboration with MOFEA who have been agreed to produce the citizen budget for the year 2011/2012, once the booklet is out will be shared widely with members and partners. This is a lesson learnt and success story since PF have been advocating for preparation of citizen budget for quite some time now.
 - **Policy Briefs-** the budget briefs for the year 2011 will be out soon after the final documents to be received from BWG members the brief will have budget theme on education, agriculture, mining and health.
- **LGWG:-**
 - The updates for LGWG are as the same provide to agenda number 3.

7. AOB

Under this agenda the following issues rose:

- Joint Annual Health Sector Review

SIKIKI will be taking the lead to draft statement for CSOs on Joint Annual Health Sector Review to be held on October 2011, so secretariat will circulate the draft for members to comment before to be red during the sector review meeting

- Open Government Partnership

There was a meeting on Open Government Partnership in New York whereby Tanzania also participated and there is an action plan through which CSOs can be involved, is there any information so far?

Responds:-

1. The available information is just informal information and there is no information on action plan but the wayforward is to collaborate with IBP since they are also part of the forum.

The meeting was closed at 12: 50PM

Chairman approval

Secretary Approval

Date:

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