

Dear Steering Committee Members,

We hope this email finds you well and in good health. It has been some time now since we last sent out any communication regarding the CSO MKUKUTA review process. To this end we are sending you this brief update on the status and direction of the process so far. We also envisage holding a steering committee meeting Friday this week 10am at Policy forum so please send us an indication on your availability to attend this meeting or suggest another date in that case.

Coming to the update on the process;

1. Approval process and the final draft MKUKUTA

We have been following up with MoFEA PEED on the approval process status and the latest information we have is that the final draft is not yet ready since the cabinet has yet to sit and sign it off. The best guess from MoFEA is that the final draft should be out by Early September at the latest.

We will continue to follow through and we shall communicate as soon as we have any further update

2. Remaining work and progress made

Regarding the remaining work based on our workplan and contract with the EU.

i. Proposal on a CSOs permanent forum

There has been several developments regarding the writing of a proposal for having in place a permanent CSOs forum so that CSOs are not only involved in the planning phase but also in the implementation and monitoring process of the MKUKUTA in a coordinated manner.

The first is that, TANGO (who is part of the steering committee) is leading a similar initiative of which MoFEA had approached and asked them to undertake. We have come on board to enrich the process so we don't end up with parallel processes aimed at the same thing. We are working together to take the process further.

Second, we had a discussion with EU regarding the NSA programme in relation to the Idea of a permanent CSOs forum. They were very positive that the EU and many other DPs will be very willing to support such an initiative coming from the CSOs even if it is not under the NSA II process since the NSA II process is still

work in progress. They advised that we have the concept note ready and share with the DPs working groups and take in up from there.

ii. CSOs Communication strategy

This is yet to be completed as it is awaiting the final MKUKUTA document to come out.

iii. Simplified version

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iv. CSOs MKUKUTA engagement toolkit

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3. Media campaign updates

The media campaign has been concluded in Mid July through morning TV Programmes at Star TV. The final report on the media campaign will be ready before the end of August.

We will also be working with FCS (who are members of steering committee) to prepare publications on the process as soon as the reports are in an advanced stage towards completion to document and show case the lessons from the CSO MKUKUTA review process.

That is the brief update on the process. Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you need any further details. Please also don't forget to advise on your availability for 10 am Friday 13th August or alternative date for holding a steering committee meeting

With Best Regard

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