

POLICY FORUM THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 27TH JULY 2012

VENUE: BRITISH COUNCIL.

Present:

NO.	NAME	ORGANIZATION	TITLE
1.	ASIA LEMBARITI	MACSNET	STAND IN - CHAIRPERSON
2.	SEMKA E KILONZO	PF SECRETARIAT	MEMBER
3.	JOAN CHAMUNGU	TAF	MEMBER
4.	ASIA LEMBARITI	MACSNET	MEMBER
5.	KOGA MIHAMA	TACOSODE	MEMBER
6.	JACKSON G. MKANGO	CYVA	MEMBER
7.	BINIFACE MAZIKU	TADESO	MEMBER
8.	REV. ABDIEL MOLA	FAWACM-TANZANIA	MEMBER
9.	FELICIAN LYIMO	HEMFA-TANZANIA	MEMBER
10.	FLAVIANA CHARLES	LHRC	MEMBER
11.	DONALD KASONGI	ACORD	MEMBER
12.	KISIEL MWITA	CSD	MEMBER
13.	MOLLEL JANETH J.	EA-HEALTH SUPPORT	MEMBER
14.	HENDRY E. MASSAWE	EA-HEALTH SUPPORT	MEMBER
15.	ASTRONAUT BAGILE	WISE	MEMBER
16.	OSWARD MULABWA **	IECA	MEMBER
17.	GERVAS SIKANYIKA	TUSHIRIKI	MEMBER
18.	EUSTACE NYARUGENDA	ABC FOUNDATION	MEMBER
19.	HUMPHREY MAKUSSA	WAT	MEMBER
20.	RAMADHANI SINDANGO	HAFOTA	MEMBER
21.	KISSUSSI IBOLINGA	MES	MEMBER
22.	MWAJUMA RAPHAEL	KIVULINI	MEMBER
23.	SHABAN CHANDE	UNGO-MOROGORO	MEMBER
24.	HASSANALI A. SEIF	KNC-KIBAHA	MEMBER
25.	DAUD MWANDALIMA	YES-DSM	MEMBER
26.	BONIFACE KOMBA	TCDD-DSM	MEMBER
27.	GEOFFREY MWANJELA	TNRF-ARUSHA	MEMBER
28.	HILARY TESHA	KWIECO	MEMBER
29.	DONATI ALEX SENZIA	PELUM	MEMBER
30.	JULIUS MUUNGANO	PELO	MEMBER
31.	GABRIEL M. TUKE	SWEAT DEV. ORG.	MEMBER
32.	PETER A. MATONYI	CADA	MEMBER
33.	KELVIN KOMBA	KET	MEMBER
34.	MBONEA MSHANA	SANGONET	MEMBER
35.	RAMADHANI I. BIROLELE	BOSEDA	MEMBER
36.	WAYDA E. DAWITE	MBESO	MEMBER
37.	JANETH KAFUKO	VICOBA-SONGEA	MEMBER
38.	JIMMY LUHENDE	MPC-MWANZA	MEMBER
39.	NDELILIO N. NKO	TAPHGO-ARUSHA	MEMBER
40.	NEEMA MAPUNDA	VICOBA- DSM	MEMBER
41.	JOYCE A. NASHON	VICOBA-DSM	MEMBER
42.	ZITA BUTAMANAGWA*	TLB-DSM	MEMBER
43.	STUART KISAKA	TLB-DSM	MEMBER
44.	GLORIA MAFOLE	LHRC-DSM	MEMBER
45.	DOROTH LUTHER	PF SECRETARIAT	MEMBER
46.	JOHNSON KAIJAGE	PF SECRETARIAT	MEMBER
47.	RICHARD ANGELO	PF SECRETARIAT	MEMBER
48.	ESTHER NAKOMOLWA	PF SECRETARIAT	MEMBER

49. CHRISTINA GENDA
50. PRISCA KOWA
51. NURU NGAILO
52. GIBONS MWABUKUSI
53. RASHID KULEWA
54. ALEX MODEST

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AGENDA

1. Opening, approval of new agenda and confirmation of minutes
2. Matters Arising
3. Working Groups Update
 - BWG – Johnson Kaijage
 - LGWG – Israel Ilunde / Nuru Ngailo
4. Membership fees- Josephine Mkunda (PELUM)
5. The evolving role of Civil Society in Tanzania-from grassroots to national level – Donald Kasongi (ACORD)
6. AOB

1. Opening, Approval of new agenda and Confirmation of 30th September 2011 quarterly meeting Minutes

Opening

The chairperson opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. by welcoming the members to the meeting and then asked them to introduce themselves.

She then asked participants to table additional agenda of which none was added. However there were adjustments on the numbers in the agenda: agenda number 6 became agenda number 3, number 3 became number 4, number 4-number 5 and number 5 became number 6. Participant from UNGO pledged that agenda number 5 which became 6 should be removed because the person who had to bring the matter on the table was not able to make it to the meeting since he had other commitments. This was agreed, however the chairperson cautioned the participants that when one is sent to represent someone he/she should be well prepared and be able to cover on the issue that was to be discussed by that person. Then the chairperson allowed for the 4th Quarterly meeting minutes to be read for approval: Thereafter the minutes were read and approved upon the following corrections.

- On attendance list, it was agreed to add the name of KOGA MIHAMA for it was missing. Also the 28th name of RAMADHANI should be read RAMADHANI BIROLELE and not BOROLELE as it was written.
- On page 2 there was a typing error of the word read, it was agreed to be corrected instead of “red” it should be “read”

- On the last page words should be changed, it should be read **Chairman's Signature** and not **Chairman's Approval**

2. Matters Arising

The matters arising were from the 2nd QM meeting of 29th July 2011 agenda number 4 and 5. On agenda 4 the matter was the CDCF litigation updates – LHRC and agenda 5 the discussion was on Past, Present and future participation of Tanzania Civil Society to the World Social Forum-Stefano Battain. There was additional of matter arising from 4th quarterly meeting of 25th November 2011 agenda number 3: Payment of members' facilitation fee/honoraria during PF trainings-Nemence Iriya.

Discussion:-

CDCF LITIGATION: The LHRC person gave the updates on the case and told the members that, the hearing will be on 27th August at Kisutu Resident Magistrate Court. However the date and place were changed and the hearing was to be on 9th August 2012 at High Court of Dar es Salaam and will be litigated by Judge Rutamwa.

Resolution:-

- It was agreed for the PF secretariat to facilitate the attendance of the upcountry members during the hearing.

WSF: Since Stefano does not work for CVM anymore, and if we (PF members) still see the relevance of our engagement in the WSF, we should therefore insist on the good coordination of the event and see how best we can participate. It was suggested that, 2010 WSF was coordinated by TANGO, so we may contact TANGO to ask on the progress so far. It was however alerted that this years' WSF is scheduled in November and it will be in Tunisia.

Resolutions:-

- It was agreed that when writing matters arising on the status column, an update on the agenda item should be well elaborated.

3. POLICY FORUM WORKING GROUP UPDATES

• BWG:-

- Updates were presented by Johnson as per attached document and were drawn from BWG annual plan

Discussion: - Questions/Comments

Major discussion regarding the group's updates was on the Citizen's Budget which was first produced by the Government (MoF) in collaboration with PF Secretariat last year 2011. Key questions were on the approach which the group used in making sure that there is increased

participation of citizens in preparing Citizen's Budget? To what extent does the C.B talks of Local Government Authorities?

Responses:

It was explained that Citizens budget is not a supplementary budget but rather it is a summarized version of the general budget for the normal/layperson to understand what are the priorities that the government has in the financial year and also focuses on the big five sectors which are directly related with the service provision and citizen's welfare. The explanation went further on telling the members that MoF has promised to prepare this year's Citizen Budget by September and the group is closely following up on the matter, for the aim is to make the Government to continue producing and printing the Citizen's Budget something which PF is proud of since the template agreed to be used was designed by PF.

Regarding bottom up approach in the budget process, it was argued that, it is member's responsibilities in their locales to encourage citizen's participation in the process. Also it will be very useful to use the "*Utawala wa Kidemokrasia Katika Jamii*" booklets since it entails on the responsibilities of the citizen's in monitoring their own resources.

- **LGWG:-**

- Updates were presented by Ilunde as per attached document and were drawn from LGWG annual plan

Discussion: - Questions/Comments

Regarding the ongoing CDCF survey, it was as well suggested for the MPs to be interviewed, something which was already incorporated in the questionnaires.

QN: one member asked that, members were told to send their CVs for the selection of research assistants who will participate in the CDCF survey, but up to date there is no any information.

Respond/ Resolution: It was responded that, the replies were sent soon after the selection however it was agreed for Nuru to resend the feedback.

It was agreed that when CSOs monitors the resources, they should as well be monitoring the quality of the activities implemented by the government. Also since there is process of reviewing the URT Constitution, then it is important for the CSO's to strategize how best they can influence citizen's participation in the process.

One member suggested since the group monitors the CDCF funds, they should think on monitoring the TASAF funds as well.

4. Membership fees– Josephine Mkunda (PELUM)

Donald Sensia presented the matter on behalf of Josephine; he explained that he brought up the agenda since during AGM there was no consensus on the amount to be contributed by the members as a fee.

Resolution:-

The matter will be discussed by the board and will be communicated through the e-mail on the amount agreed.

5. The evolving role of Civil Society in Tanzania-from grassroots to national level – Donald Kasongi (ACORD)

Donald presented on the matter and he gave on the background on the evolution of CSO's and their roles in Tanzania as far as development and poverty reduction is concerned.

Discussion:-

There were positive reactions towards the presentation. The presentation to somewhat was insisting on the transparency and accountability among CSO's. It also placed an emphasis on how best can CSOs demonstrate evidence and showing results to those they are trying to influence/change (tangible results should be overemphasized)

Resolutions:-

- It was agreed for the presentation to be posted in the PF website

6. AOB

Under this agenda the following issues rise:

- Katiba Review: CSOs should use this opportunity of collecting views by coordinating/organizing themselves so as have a dialogue with citizens on what should be given out. Challenges in the process were mentioned among them being citizens are not well informed or they do not even have the current constitution therefore it is an opportunity which should be effectively used by CSOs in making sure that the process yield good fruits (Better Constitution)
 - The experience from LHRC was shared regarding the Constitution review process, where by it was told that in Bagamoyo the following were major challenges facing the process 1. Political Parties have mobilized their members 2. Public Announcements are not made accordingly and 3.the commission does not create awareness to the citizens. Views are given on

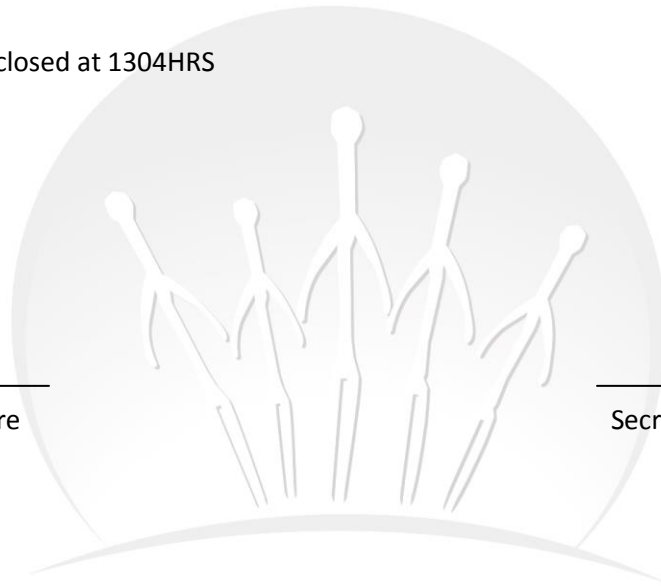
behalf meaning people are given words to say, also there are people moving from one place to another.

- PF member's file updates: whereby it was agreed for the members to voluntarily share their reports with secretariat and for the secretariat to continue reminding the members.

Chairperson thanked everyone for their participation and their contribution.

On this note, members agreed that the next meeting be held on **a date that will be communicated** and closed the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 1304HRS



Chairman Signature

Secretary Signature

Date:

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