

**POLICY FORUM LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 4TH
MAY 2012**

VENUE: BLUE PEARL HOTEL

Attendance:

1. Regina Katabi- Co-Convenor
2. Kidani Magwilla – TNCHF
3. Martin Mung’ong’o – YPC
4. Gwandumi Mwakatobe – The Leadership Forum
5. Nicholas Lekule – Sikika
6. Williard Barongo – CODEFA
7. Nasson Konga – TACOSODE
8. Julie Adkins- SNV
9. Julius Muungano- PELO
10. Israel Ilunde- YPC
11. Joanita Magongo- REPOA
12. Jaliath Rangi – HDT
13. Jansi Sinkamba – TUSHIRIKI
14. Janeth Magoho – SAHRINGON
15. Lawrence Chuma – AP2000
16. Felician Lyimo – HEMFA-TZ
17. Rev. Abdiel R. Mola – FAWACM -TZ
18. Jackline Mlay- PF
19. Alex Modest- PF
20. Semkae Kilonzo- PF
21. Nuru Ngailo- PF
22. Christina Genda- PF
23. Prisca Kowa- PF

Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Approval of New Agenda and Confirmation of 14th March 2012 LGWG Meeting Minutes and Matters Arising

3. Updates of Decentralization by Devolution brief
4. Updates of CDCF Survey from REPOA
5. Implementation of other activities as per LGWG 2012 Annual plan.
7. AOB

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The co-convener opened the meeting at 03:00pm by welcoming LGWG members to the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF 14th MARCH 2012 LGWG MEETING MINUTES, MATTERS ARISING AND APPROVAL OF NEW AGENDA

Members commented on the 14th March 2012 LGWG meeting minutes which were tabled before them and that had been sent to them by the secretariat particularly on agenda number 2 where it was agreed that PF has not entered into an MoU with TAMISEMI but is in a process of doing so.

Members were passed through the matters arising which were tabled before them, no comments were made to it.

The co-convener read the agenda to be discussed in the meeting and then asked participants to table additional agenda of which no item was added.

3. UPDATES OF DECENTRALIZATION BY DEVOLUTION BRIEF

Team leaders (Francisca and Lydia) and most of the members of this team who are to make a D by D brief were not present to brief LGWG members on their meeting which they had conducted after the LGWG slated 14th March 2012, so it was agreed that a member of SIKIKA who had attended the meeting should update Lydia so that she gets the team together for a meeting on making of D by D brief, this should be done before the next

LGWG meeting and feedback should be given to members on the coming LGWG meeting as we are running out of time.

A member suggested that, for now the D by D issue has lost its weight on the part of the government so we should do this to make it more powerful.

4. UPDATES OF CDCF SURVEY FROM REPOA

A member from REPOA was present to update the group on this issue, she said they now have all the names of people who are going to be assistants of the CDCF research and has arranged to conduct the research with them and contribute so as to fund the process.

She said, since REPOA is expatriate in research it has widened its diversity so as to deliver good results, because of this research team needs to be trained on the research methodology/survey.

She agreed that time has really elapsed but we should not rush this process but should collect good arguments which will help us in advocating for people in benefiting from CDCF.

It was suggested that, the ones going to do the survey should not go with the notion that the CDCF is bad that is we should not draw any conclusion before the research because there is no need of researching a thing which you already know the answer to, instead we should create an understanding environment so that we get enough information so as to support our argument/result and break the bad conception of the government that most CSO's argue without evidence.

A member asked why we should research on an issue which is still in court?

The response to this was, legal experts had suggested that it is okay to research on this issue after all, the same evidence from the research can be used in court.

It was agreed that those members who will attend this training should use this knowledge to benefit the group.

A member requested for the secretariat to give more room to accommodate other interested members who had not sent their CV's so as to participate.

REPOA made it clear that they have no problem with other members joining the research team therefore they will sit together and discuss on the maximum number of people to attend the research training.

It was elaborated to those members who questioned the process used in getting the research assistants that, all these information was communicated to the group and CV's were requested from the team which had been selected by the LGWG members to participate in the research training, REPOA requested for these CV's so as to know the nature and capability of the people whom they are going to train.

Members were urged to participate in the LGWG meetings and making a follow up on the meeting through reading minutes because most of the participants were unaware on the progress of the group.

It was agreed that those members who are interested in the CDCF survey should send their CV's to PF secretariat before 9th May 2012 which will be sent to REPOA.

It was agreed that PF secretariat should add one more constituency out of the five constituencies we had selected in the 17th November 2011 meeting.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AS PER THE LGWG ANNUAL PLAN 2012

The secretariat said, one of the activity of the workplan is to highlight the major weaknesses of the current constitution therefore LGWG members were asked to form a team to work on this.

It was suggested that, the weaknesses of the current constitution should be looked at in local governance perspective as members of LGWG belong to different sectors.

Israel Ilunde from YPC volunteered to lead the team which are to make a popularized version of the major weaknesses of the current constitution. other members of the team were: HAFOTA, SIKIKA,Leadership Forum,CODEFA, SAHRINGON, YPC.

It was suggested that, this team should work close with Jukwaa la Katiba just to beef up their work.

Members were asked to start thinking about a suitable TV spot for this year, the same will be communicated to BWG. One member suggested that constitution should be the theme of this year's TV spot.

6. AOB

The chairperson closed the meeting at and members who formed a team to look at the major weaknesses of the current constitution were asked by their team leader to stay behind for a short meeting.

Convener approval:

PF Secretariat:

Date: