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Presents:

NO.	NAME	ORGANIZATION	TITLE
1.	Stephen Chimalo	Actionaid Tz	Interim Chaiperson
2.	Felician Lyimo	HEMFA TZ	MEMBER
3.	Gotfried P. Sangana	CODEFA	MEMBER
4.	Aggrey Kandonga	MYDO	MEMBER
5.	Anna C. Mnyampi	ADLG	MEMBER
6.	Ramadhani I. Birolele	BOSEDA	MEMBER
7.	Grace Zambi	WISE	MEMBER
8.	Stewart Shuma	KWIECO	MEMBER
9.	Edna Tibaijuka	LEAT	MEMBER
10.	Moses Kanzieni	CODEFA	MEMBER
11.	Boniface Maziku	TADESO	MEMBER
12.	Emmanuel Simon	TLB	MEMBER
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14.	Osward L. Mulabwa	IECA	MEMBER
15.	Kissussi Ibolinga	MES	MEMBER
16.	Peter Matonyi	CADA	MEMBER
17.	Parment Koromo	TAPHGO	MEMBER
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19.	Hendry P. Samky	MACSNET	MEMBER
20.	Yusuph Mohamed	KCS FORUM	MEMBER
21.	Bornface Mlangira	BOSEDA	MEMBER
22.	Anthony Mwakibinga	TENMET	MEMBER
23.	Rev. Abdiel R. Mola	FAWACM	MEMBER
24.	Regina Katabi	MWACOD	MEMBER
25.	Gervas Sikanyika	TUSHIRIKI	MEMBER
26.	Martina M. Kabisama	SAHRiNGON TZ	MEMBER
27.	Esther Mwakipuba	TABCO	MEMBER
28.	Chengula Godson	PELUM TZ	MEMBER
29.	Bakar KH Bakar	KEPA	MEMBER
30.	Nancy Kissanga	WORLD VISION	MEMBER
31.	Mwakatobe Edwin	The Leadership Forum	MEMBER
32.	Japhet Kurwa	ABC Foundation	MEMBER
33.	Jackson Mkango	CYVA	MEMBER
34.	Asia Muya	KIVULINI	MEMBER
35.	Sabrina Mtenga	WLAC	MEMBER
36.	Nuru Ngailo	PF SECRETARIAT	MEMBER
37.	Samwely Stanley	YPC	MEMBER
38.	Jane Mwabulambo	TCDD	MEMBER
39.	Sunayrita Mapunda	VICOBA – RUVUMA	MEMBER
40.	Mariana Ngaly	VICOBA	MEMBER
41.	Simon Moshy	SIKIKI	MEMBER
42.	Julius Muungano	PELO	MEMBER
43.	Flaviana Charles	LHRC	MEMBER
44.	Kisiel Mwita	CSD	MEMBER
45.	Elias Loidiso	HAKIKAZICATALYST	MEMBER
46.	Festus Mpita	AEA	MEMBER
47.	Richard Angelo	PF SECRETARIAT	MEMBER
48.	Christina Genda	PF SECRETARIAT	MEMBER
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1. Opening, Approval of new agenda and confirmation of minutes

The chairperson opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. by welcoming the members to the meeting..

2. Approval of new agenda

The chairperson asked participants to table additional agenda of which none was added and the tabled agenda were approved.

3. Confirmation of 22nd February 2013 Minutes

The chairperson called for the last Quarterly meeting minutes to be read for approval: Thereafter the minutes were read and approved but some errors occurred in names spelling and were corrected. The concern was raised that, participants names should be written in front and in small letters.

4. Matters Arising

The matters arising was from the QM meeting of 22nd February 2013, the participation of Tanzania CSOs to WSF, where it was reported that, Policy Forum took the lead of coordinating the members and ACTION AID, YPC, HAKIELIMU and Policy Forum Secretariat participated in the Forum which took place in Tunisia.

A member added that the issue of Membership fee should also be included as a part of matters arising from the February QM. This was noted and has been done so.

It was also updated that up to October 2013 a total of 72 members have paid their membership fee giving a total of 3,600,000 Tanzania Shillings.

5. POLICY FORUM WORKING GROUP UPDATES

• BWG:-

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

Discussion: - Questions/Comments

Major discussion regarding the group's updates was on the measuring budget transparency at Local level, whereby it was reported that the data collection was done however there was a challenge to obtain information from Mbeya Rural since the partner who promised to assist the collection of information is not responding whenever asked to handover the information

The question was raised if there any ToR signed with a partner before the commencement of the exercise.

Response: There was no any formal agreement. So with the challenge seen, this is taken as a lesson learnt that in future it is important to sign ToRs or formal agreements before engaging with partners. It was also said the matter will be sent to BWG for discussion

- **LGWG:-**

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

The discussion regarding the group's updates was on the following:-

CDCF Report: Rose of REPOA updated on this and said the following:-

The mandate to proceed with the publishing of the report was given to her in July 2013, However the management said the report needed a thorough review before published and pointed the following;

- Evidence in the report is weak and most of the statement are sweeping
- She said there were weaknesses in designing the whole study.

She further said that they have called Kenny Manara to rewrite the report whereby Kenny Manara is not responding. So for the time being she said they are looking for another consultant of which REPOA agreed to pay him.

Discussion: - Questions/Comments

Question: the question was asked – what is the way forward?

Responses: the presenter said in reality the report must be rewritten before published

Question: Why can't REPOA rewrite the report, and what is the duration of which the report will be published

Response: Rose said for 2013 it will be difficult to publish the report, may be the first quarter of 2014

Question: Where does the PF LGWG stand as the REPOA waits to meet their standards?

Response: the group can still give their recommendations.

Resolution: It was agreed for REPOA to find the reviewer and to publish the report by March 2014

Budget Cycle: Since the budget cycle has changed, it was advised for Policy Forum to update its members on the same.

Regarding the engagement with Government, a concern was raised that it is important for CSO's to strategically engage with Government and this was related with the publication which was produced in collaboration with CHRAGG and PF.

The Co- Convener of the LGWG reminded the group members to give update on what they have implemented in their organizations as agreed during their meetings.

6. Review of PF's TV Spot on Taxation – Nuru Ngailo/Semkae Kilonzo

A short background was given in regards to the production of a one minute TV Spot with a theme on Tax Justice, then the Spot was shown.

COMMENTS:

It was advised to show evidence i.e. statistics which shows how much revenues the government losses through tax exemptions.

Also to place additional pictures which shows reality on the ground, i.e. hospitals and schools with poor services?

A representative of the Agency which produced the advert, responded to some of the comments that were made by member concerned the advert having statistics where he said that – the experience shows that most Tanzania's do not like numbers however there some of comments where he promised to add in the advert.

7. Updates on Joint Annual Health Sector Review – SIKIKA

The updates were given by Simon Mushi of SIKIKA and highlighted the following:-

Technical Review Meeting: the presentation regarding the implementation of Strategic Plan for Health (2011- 2015) was presented. Generally in the presentation it was pointed that the indicators for health are improving, however the implementation is weak since the dialogues do not correlate with the actions.

CSOs who were present, gave the recommendation in regards to what should be implemented differently for the remaining two years. It was also noted that most areas with improvements are PILOT areas so it was recommended to scale up the process to other areas.

CSO's also advised that, there should be a retention strategy for the Human Recourses for Health especially to the underserved areas. SIKIKA also showed their SAM documentary it was positively received by the government they even recommended for SAM initiative to be scaled up in other areas.

Policy Day: the meeting involved Ministry of Health and PMO-RALG. The speech given was about Dependency on the Budget, Transparency as well as the availability of the health facilities.

The presenter pointed out that, most of the issues presented were still in process of which the planning for health funding is still underway. MoH updated that they are planning to launch their new Website by the end of November 2013 where information related to health will be uploaded

SIKIKA is currently waiting for the meeting proceedings. Members advised that when engaging with ministries it is important for the CSO's to design a mechanism to monitor their promises because it has become a culture for the government not to implement their promises.

8. Updates on Constitution Review process – Elias Loidoso, HAKIKAZI CATALYST

In his presentation, he called upon CSO's to strategically engage in getting good representative in the Constituent Assembly. He also insisted that CSO's should also closely monitor all the matters into which they proposed in the draft constitution are taken on board.

He further said during the referendum, CSO's should educate the mass/citizens so that the process will not be politicized.

Resolution: Policy Forum to coordinate her members on engagements related to constitution.

9. The inclusion of Youth by PF's partners in their activities- Elias Loidoso, HAKIKAZI CATALYST

The presentation was made by Elias Loidoso, in his presentation he was basically arguing on the best ways CSO's can involve youth in their activities, the rationale behind this is that, in the 2012 Census 35% of the total population is represented by youth.

He also noted that most youth are frustrated because they don't know the means to achieve their goals. Generally he insisted on the good use of youth for they are potential.

Resolution: It was agreed for YPC to prepare something like a conference where the matter can be explored and to have an in depth discussion.

10. To what extent is the radar change going to support availability of books to pupils/students with visual impairment in schools in Tanzania – Emmanuel N. Simon, TLB

The presenter raised a concern in regards to how will the RADAR change benefit the visual impaired people. He brought the matter to other members to assist on this, because TLB is not well capacitated to follow-up on the same, so he call upon members like HAKIELIMU to assist, as well as other members whose their work is related to education rights.

Members advised that, TLB should contact Hon. Kassim Majaliwa of PMORALG who is responsible with primary education.

An update was also given that, there are companies who have been nominated to publish the books and distribute to LGA's. Also TENMET are monitoring the process so it will be easy for TLB to contact TENMET as well.

11. AOB

Under this agenda the following issues rise:

- **Local Government Election:** it was informed that, the LG elections are in 2014, it will be best for PF to find a better way of engaging through LGWG. Update was given that, the discussion on the same have started at the ministerial level whereby PMORALG, LGAs together with ALAT are involved.
- **Tanzania Natural Gas Policy (Draft):** Information regarding the release of Tanzania Natural Gas policy was given, where by it was argued that this should be seen as an opportunity for CSO's to engage effectively on the same. It was also suggested that Policy Forum to share the policy with its members – something which has already been done.

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 1429HRS

Chairman Signature

Secretary Signature

Date:

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