

AGENDA

1. Opening
2. Approval of new agenda
3. Confirmation of 28th February 2014 Minutes
4. Matters Arising
5. Working Group Updates
 - BWG – Nicholas Lekule
 - LGWG – Regina Katabi
6. Governance work; progress and future plans – Experience sharing by YPC- Samwel Stanley
7. AOB
8. Closing



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Present

No.	Name	Sex	Organization	Title
1.	Jimmy Luhende	M	ADLG	Interim Chairperson
2.	Elinasi Monga	M	TFCG	MEMBER
3.	Rev. Abdiel R. Mola	M	FAWACM- TZ	MEMBER
4.	Asia Lembariti	F	MACSNET	MEMBER
5.	Gabriel Tuke	M	SWEAT DP	MEMBER
6.	Wayda E. Dawite	M	MBESO	MEMBER
7.	Lulu Silas	F	HAKIMADINI	MEMBER
8.	Yusuph Mohamedi	M	KCS FORUM	MEMBER
9.	Tumsubilege J. Mwakibo	F	THE LEADERSHIP FORUM	MEMBER
10.	Zephline Mlengowa	M	GYEG	MEMBER
11.	Kakulu Alistides	M	IECA	MEMBER
12.	Kisiel Mwita	M	CSD	MEMBER
13.	Esther Mwakibopa	F	TABCO	MEMBER
14.	Modesta Medard	F	FORUM SYD	MEMBER
15.	Jansi Sinkamba	M	TUSHIRIKI	MEMBER
16.	Hilary Tesha	M	KWIECO	MEMBER
17.	Kellen Mngoya	F	HAFOTA	MEMBER
18.	Catherine Mulaga	F	MIICO	MEMBER
19.	Peter A. Matonyi	M	CADA	MEMBER
20.	Saudati Maverf	F	CYVA	MEMBER
21.	Tobias M. Mapesi	M	SADEF	MEMBER
22.	Boniface Maziku	M	MADESO	MEMBER
23.	Regina Katabi	F	MWACOD	MEMBER
24.	Jane Mwabulambo	F	TCDD	MEMBER
25.	Rosemary Manase	F	LHRC	MEMBER
26.	Patrick Kinemo	M	SIKIKA	MEMBER
27.	Ramadhan I. Birolele	M	BOSEDA	MEMBER
28.	Felician C. Lyimo	M	HEMFATZ	MEMBER
29.	Julius Muungano	M	PELO	MEMBER

Secretariat

NO	NAME
1	Semkae Kilonzo
2	Alex Modest
3	Richard Angelo
4	Nuru Ngailo
5	Nicholas Lekule
6	Prisca Kowa
7	Anna Kwayu
8	Gibons Mwabukusi
9	Elizabeth Stephan

1. Opening

The meeting was opened and chaired by Jimmy who made an official opening of the QM at 2:30pm by welcoming PF members to the meeting on behalf of the Board Chairperson who had family matters to attend to, and she was therefore excused from the meeting. He proposed for the meeting to end up at 4:30 pm, and therefore he called for the positive contributions and constructive ideas.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The chairperson asked members to table additional of which closing agenda was added and the tabled agenda were approved.

AOB agenda were:

- Proposal for a new working group – Jansi Sinkamba - TUSHIRIKI
- SIKIKA allegations in Kondoa district - SIKIKA

3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The secretary passes members through the previous quarterly meeting minutes for their approval.

The minutes were then approved by members for signing

4. Matters Arising

The matter arising was from the LGWG working group whereby the updates were presented on agenda number 5.

5. Policy Forum Working Group Updates

- **Budget Working Group**

The BWG updates were presented by Nicholas Lekule as per attached document and were drawn from BWG annual plan

- **Local Government Working Group**

The LGWG were presented by Regina Katabi as per attached document and were drawn from LGWG plan.

The following was the discussion based on the group's updates

Participation: Members participation was mentioned as a challenge to both BWG and LGWG. Some of the members who have registered in these groups they hardly show up in the group's activities.

Recommendation

- Member groups should be motivated to participate more in group activities

6. Governance work: progress and future plans – Samwel Stanley, YPC

The presentation was done by Samwel Stanley of YPC and presented on the following:-

He first presented about YPC in regards to their roles and activities, where he said YPC is an NGO established in 2003 dedicated to youth development and participation in local politics and to strengthen youth political consciousness. Their roles include civic empowerment through building their capacity to question and demand for the explanations and justifications from the government whenever they see there is poor monitoring of public resources or leaders are not accountable in managing public resources . Also they empower youths to take part in the election process and support youth candidates in local and national elections , YPC believes that youths are very active in bringing development.

Challenges

- Youth migration to urban areas
- YPC being associated with the opposition parties
- Gender bias - girls are not granted permission from their families to participate
- Low income among the youths

Way Forward

YPC has come up with the program called Vijana Voice in Accountability (VIVA) this program will run for three years , addressing issues related to accountability, civic education, advocacy on policy and as well as tax justice campaign.

Areas for Engagement

- Sensitizing PF members to include youths in their plans

Comments

Based on his presentation, members were inspired with the work they are doing, and therefore congratulate and encouraged them to carry on with their plans and called upon other members to share on what they are doing in such meetings.

7. AOB

There were 2 AOB

1. Proposal for a new working group on extractives industries and tax

Ans: Formation of another group will be a challenge in terms of human resource and funds. However it will be presented to the board of directors

Resolution.

PF Secretariat to present the suggestion to the board and later feedback the members on what the board has decided.

2. SIKIKA allegations in Kondoa district

SIKIKA is an NGO based on health advocacy have been accused by the Councilors of Kondoa district in Dodoma for insulting them, and therefore they were kicked out the district on 31st July, 2014. SIKIKA has been conducting SAM activities in Kondoa district since 2012 and it was reported to be very successful. Social Accountability Monitoring (SAM) is an approach that aims at building accountability that relies on civic engagement where ordinary citizens and / or civil society participate directly or indirectly in exacting accountability. However, on 26th July, 2014 the councilors had a meeting and agreed to suspend SIKIKA activities in Kondoa. According to SIKIKA things started to change when they were demanding for the CAG and health reports from the council, which were the essential documents in implementing SAM based on five processes. On 28th July, 2014 SIKIKA saw the news coverage showing the council announcement to ban SIKIKA operations in Kondoa. SIKIKA denied all the allegations laid on them and they were asking for PF to issue a press statement questioning the mandate of the councilors to ban SIKIKA to conduct its operation in Kondoa.

Questions

- How was the working relationship between SIKIKA and DAS? Was it good?
- Where SIKIKA in Kondoa working with other partners?
- Did they go with media? Why were they alone?

Ans: They didn't take reporters with them since it was expensive to cover them.

Recommendations

- There is a need to review CSOs approaches when conducting SAM activities

- Emphasis on the use of media whenever conducting SAM and other activities
- PF should come up with a proposal on how to deal with such cases
- Facts should be presented on reports
- Reconciliation should be encouraged between these two parties

Resolution

- PF to play an advisory role to SIKIKA and the intended community

8. Closing

Vice chairperson thanked the members for coming and encouraged members to join PF working groups. The meeting was closed at 4:15 pm

Chairman Signature
Signature

Date

Secretary



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