

Final draft

“Developing alternatives for illegal chainsaw lumbering through multi-stakeholder dialogue in Ghana and Guyana”

European Commission programme on Tropical Forests and other Forests in Developing Countries

First District Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (DLMSD 1) Minutes Kade

Date: 20th October, 2009

Venue: FC Meeting Shed



Present

1. Felix Marfo	Lumber Broker
2. Thomas Agyebiri	DFP
3. Richmond Eshun	Carpenter
4. Tei Amewuka	Farmer
5. Ofori Boadi Collins	Lumber Broker
6. Ransford Asiedu	Machine Owner
7. Benjamin Laryea	Machine Owner
8. Arnor Danso Maxwell	Machine Owner/operator
9. Twum Sampson	Farmer
10. Syan Richard	Chainsaw Operator/ machine owner
11. Samuel Tetteh	Chainsaw Operator
12. Osei Agyei Moses	Farmer
13. Kwasi Anim	Machine Owner/operator
14. Kofi Boye Ninsau	MOFA
15. Emmanuel Boafo	CFC
16. Barima Adomako Nyarko	Rep. Nananom
17. Collilicus Williams	GPS
18. Agyei Isaac	Rep. Adenkrono
19. Isaac Anobil	Chainsaw Operator
20. Frank Minta	Machine Owner
21. William Acheampong	Lumber Broker
22. Emmanuel Appiah	CFC
23. Emmanuel Kofi Mensah	Lumber Broker

Project Secretariat

1. Mercy Owusu Ansah	NF/CFA, EU CSM Project
2. Jane Aggrey	Communication Assistance, TBI Ghana
3. William Koranteng	CFW

Agenda:

- Opening
- Introductions
- Objective of meeting
- Presentation of FORIG research findings
- Outcome first MSD minutes
- Group discussions
- Nomination of district management team members
- AOB

Acronyms

CFC Community Forestry Committee

CFW	Community Forestry Worker
CSM	Chainsaw Milling
DFE	District Forest Forum
DLMSD	District Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
EU	European Union
FORIG	Forestry Research Institute of Ghana
GPS	Ghana Police Service
MOFA	Ministry of Food and Agriculture
MSD	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
NF/CFA	National Facilitator/Community Forestry Worker
NFF	National Forest Forum
TBI	Tropenbos International
TIDD	Timber Industry Development Division

Proceedings	Action
<p>1.0 Opening The DLMSD in Kade Forest District was held on 20th October 2009. The CFW, William Koranteng called the meeting to order at 10: 15 am. Mr. Koranteng welcomed the EU Chainsaw team and also facilitated the meeting.</p> <p>2.0 Introductions Brief introductions of all present was done by the CFW</p> <p>3.0 Objectives of the Meeting The NF/CFA outlined the purpose of the meeting which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of the research findings and the three options • Prioritize issues for the second MSD • Solicit feedback on the research findings and first MSD meeting • Elect/nominate members for the DL MSD management team <p>4.0 Presentation and Discussion of the FORIG Research Finding The NF/CFA presented the research findings covering the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Evolution of CSM in the country ii. The policy and legal aspects of CSM iii. Why the law has been ineffective iv. Drivers of CSM v. CSM and the domestic market vi. The impacts of CSM (social, economic, environmental) vii. Potential loss to the state viii. Beneficiaries of chainsaw revenue ix. Recovery efficiencies of the various technologies for sawing lumber x. The three options as emerged from the Technical Committee meeting <p>She added that, the TIDD conducted similar research and the findings are almost the same as that of the chainsaw project. This she stressed authenticates the findings of FORIG research.</p>	

This also implies the information is credible to rely on for finding lasting solution to the CSM in Ghana.

4.1 Contributions

The following were some contributions from participants:

- I. The ban on CSM has to be lifted to allow chainsaw operators to have permits to operate since the poor in society can only afford chainsaw lumber. In such a situation government will have its share of revenue from chainsaw activities.
- II. The ban should be lifted with policies and conditions for regulation.
- III. There is the need for massive afforestation which should involve people along the chainsaw chain and if possible all logging in forest reserves should be halted and replaced with the importation of wood
- IV. There is the need to halt rural-urban drift in that more jobs should be created in rural areas to avoid overpopulation in the cities. For example the presence of state farms or factories will siphon a lot of the carries and chainsaw operators which will then cause a break in the chain.
- V. There have been lots of discussions on CSM but the plea of chainsaw operators is to lift the ban and to look at how best to protect the forest. The fear now is that even with the ban in place chainsaw operation is ongoing in some forest reserves. The question to consider now is what chainsaw operators can do to help protect the forest. CSM can be organized to help in forest management.
- VI. The problem is how permits when granted can be used. It is important to train chainsaw operators with the resources used to chase them on best tree logging practices and told what they can log.

5.0 Outcome of First MSD Meeting

Copies of minutes of the first MSD meeting were distributed to stakeholders. The NF/CFA and the CFW briefed the meeting of the key outcomes of the meeting in Accra.

6.0 Group Discussions

Participants of the meeting were put into three groups to study the three policy options and raise issues of concern under each option. Copies of the issues raised under the options will be given to the national representative for further study and presented during the second MSD.

7.0 Integration of DLMSD into DFF and Nomination of Steering Committee Members

The NF/CFA informed the meeting that since the National level MSD has been integrated into the NFF, it will be appropriate to do same for the DLMSD and the existing DFF where forestry issues in general will be discussed (chainsaw issues inclusive). The meeting therefore agreed that the DLMSD should be integrated into the kweabibriem DFF. The meeting nominated the following persons in addition to the CFW to form the DLMSD management team:

- Samuel Tetteh Chainsaw Operator
- Quaicoo Anobil Chainsaw Operator
- William Koranteng Community Forestry Worker

8.0 AOB

Need for Feedback

The CFW informed the meetings that, persons nominated to represent the district at the national MSD are to report back to their colleague stakeholders. It is also their responsibility to present the views of the stakeholders they represent at any meeting when invited.

9.0 Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was to be scheduled by the DLMSD steering committee after MSDII.

10.0 Closing

The CFW on behalf of the project thanked all participants for attending the meeting and urged them to send feedback to their respective stakeholder groups at the community levels.

The meeting ended at 1:20 pm.



Signed:
Mercy Owusu Ansah (Chairperson)



Signed:
Jane Aggrey (Recorder)