

**“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

**Second District Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (DLMSD II) Minutes  
Goaso**

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2010**

**Venue: FSD Conference Room, Goaso**



**MSD Members Present:**

1. Gladys Adutwumwa	TA, Kukuom
2. Opanyin Asante Frimpong	CFC, Nyamebekyere
3. Nana Kweku Darko	TA, Akrodie
4. Daniel Nketiah	Carpenter, Asumura
5. Richard Agyenim Boateng	Chainsaw Operator, Goaso
6. Robert Cudjoe	Chainsaw Operator, Zoni
7. Eric Agyapong	Chainsaw Operator, Goaso
8. Owusu Asare	NGO, Goaso/Kumasi
9. Kwesi Kubia Tiekou	NGO, Goaso/Kumasi
10. James Oppong	WD, Goaso
11. Agyei Augustine	Carpenter, Goaso
12. Mallam Mohammed	Chainsaw Operator, Goaso
13. Ofosu Mensah	Carrier, Sankore
14. Nicholas Attah	Chainsaw Operator, Goaso
15. Nana Asare Baffour	TA, Nyamebekyere
16. Martha Agyarkwa	Lumber broker, Akrodie
17. Osabutey Famous	Carrier, Sankore
18. Joseph Gyedu	Carrier, Goaso
19. Nana Akua	Lumber broker, Goaso
20. Francis K. Agbokli	Lumber broker, Kukuom
21. Kwarteng C. Acheampong	EHD, Goaso
22. Supt. F.T. Ankrah	GPS, Goaso
23. B.B. Karikari	BNI, Goaso
24. Solomon Akwesi	GNFS, Goaso
25. Abraham Mensah	Carpenter, Ayomso
26. Juliet Adu Gyemfi	Sawmiller (GBTC), Goaso

**Observers:**

1. Kusi Gabriel	FSD, Goaso
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**Project Team**

1. Emmanuel Fosu	PA, EU CSM Project
2. Mercy Owusu Ansah (Mrs)	NF, EU CSM Project
3. Samuel Forson	RA, FORIG
4. Dorothy Dompson	CFW, EU CSM Project

**Apology:**

1. Mr Haruna Sallam	Municipal Assembly, Goaso – Out of town on official duty
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**Acronyms**

BNI	Bureau of National Investigation
CFC	Community Forestry Committee
CFW	Community Forestry Worker
CSM	Chainsaw Milling
DLMSD	District Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
EU	European Union
FORIG	Forestry Research Institute of Ghana
FSD	Forest Service Division
GNFS	Ghana National Fire Service
GPS	Ghana Police Service
MSD	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
NF	National Facilitator

NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PA	Project Assistant
RA	Research Assistant
SWOT	Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat
WD	Wildlife Division

**Agenda:**

The agreed agenda for the meeting are:

- Reports on the national MSD 2
- Prioritization of issues on CSM from MSD 1
- Collect information on stakeholders preferred option of the three recommended policy options
- SWOT analysis of three options
- Information on national plantation programme

Proceedings	Action
<p><b>1.0 Opening</b> The CFW called the meeting to order at 10:00 am after a short prayer by Mr. Atta of CFC. The CFW then welcomed all participants to the meeting.</p> <p><b>2.0 Introduction</b> Each participant made self introduction by stating his name, stakeholder group and community he comes from.</p> <p><b>3.0 Apologies</b> The CFW announced the apology from the Municipal Coordinating Director who is on official duty outside of Goaso.</p> <p><b>4.0 Purpose of the meeting</b> The CFW presented the purpose of the meeting as to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Give feedback from the national MSD 2.</li> <li>➤ Prioritize issues raised during national MSD 1</li> <li>➤ Find out the perception of stakeholders about the recommended policy options</li> <li>➤ Carry out SWOT analysis</li> <li>➤ To ask any possible questions related to each option</li> <li>➤ Brief stakeholders about the ongoing national plantation programme</li> </ul> <p><b>5.0 Reading and Acceptance of Previous Minutes</b> The previous minutes was read and after some few corrections, Mr. Agyenim Boateng moved for its acceptance. This was seconded by Mr Kobia Tiekku.</p> <p><b>6.0 Priotization of Issues from MSD 1</b> Members went into groups to discuss and prioritise the main issues raised at the first national MSD meeting which was also discussed at the first DMSD. See annex for the outcome of the group work.</p> <p><b>7.0 Feedback from MSD 2</b> Mr Richard A Boateng, a chainsaw operator presented the outcomes of national MSD 2 to members. His presentation focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Inauguration of the MSD steering committee</li> </ul>	

- Speeches by invited guest
- Code of conducts for MSD meetings
- Perception of stakeholders about the recommended policy option
- Tools for SWOT analysis
- SWOT analysis

**8.0 Stakeholders' preference of the three policy option before SWOT analysis**

The PA explained the aim of collecting information on the preference of stakeholders prior to the SWOT analysis and the method. Members wrote secretly on a piece of paper their preferred option. The results were collated by the RA from FORIG. The outcome is as follows:

- Option 1 (Domestic lumber supplied by sawmills only) 3 = 14%
- Option 2 (Domestic lumber supplied by sawmills and artisanal millers) 14 = 64%
- Option 3 (Domestic lumber supplied by Artisanal Operators only) 5 = 22%

**9.0 SWOT Analysis**

The PA explained the SWOT analysis tool to the meeting and after some few questions and clarification, members were grouped into three with each group analysing each option.

**9.1 Policy option preference after SWOT analysis**

After the SWOT analysis, members were again asked to secretly state their preferred option. Below is the outcome:

- Option 1 (Domestic lumber supplied by sawmills only) 2 = 9%
- Option 2 (Domestic lumber supplied by sawmills and artisanal millers) 16 = 73%
- Option 3 (Domestic lumber supplied by Artisanal Operators only) 4 = 18%

**9.0 National Tree Planting**

The CFW briefed the meeting on the ongoing national plantation programme. Her presentation focus on the objective, target group and approach. He urged the stakeholders to actively participate in the programme since they stand to benefit immensely. He encouraged groups and individuals who have lands and are interested to contact the FSD.

**10.0 Date for Next Meeting**

The date will be communicated to members after the third national meeting.

**11.1 Closing**

The CFW thanked members for coming and advised them to send feedback to their groups/constituencies. The meeting ended at 3:20 pm.



Signed:  
Emmanuel Fosu(PA) – Recorder



Signed:  
Mercy O. Ansah(Mrs) - Chairperson

## Annexes

Issues listed at DMSD meeting-Goaso

No.	Issues listed	Groups that listed the issue	Remarks
1	Creating public awareness on the research findings	1,2,3	High Priority
2	Tree planting/afforestation	1,2,3	High priority
3	Tree ownership and tenure and Benefit sharing	1,2,3	Priority
4	Local demand and overland export	1,3	Priority
5	Alternative livelihoods	1,3	Priority
6	Cost and benefit analysis of recommended options	1,2	Priority
7	VPA and its implication on livelihoods	1,2,3	High priority
8	Revenue lost to the state and local people	2	Low priority
9	Negative impacts of CSM	1,3	Priority
10	Conflicts management	2	Priority
11	Developing alternatives to lumber	1,3	Priority
12	Annual allowable cut	3	Low priority
13	Developing lesser known species	1,3	Priority
14	Impact of logging	2,3	Priority
15	Characteristics of the local market	1,3	Priority

## Outcome of Group Discussions (SWOT ANALYSIS)

Options	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<b><i>Domestic lumber supplied by sawmills only</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Sawmills have legal access to timber resources.</li> <li>➤ Sawmills have the equipments to meet the domestic lumber demand.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Sawmills have the desire y to export rather than supply to the domestic market.</li> <li>➤ Sawmills are located in cities and urban centers hindering local peoples access to wood.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There is ready market for the lumber produced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Existence of chainsaw activities in their concessions.</li> <li>➤ Rural communities are unwillingness to cooperate with sawmills.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Domestic lumber supplied by sawmills and artisanal millers</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There are equipment and tools available for adoption by artisanal millers.</li> <li>➤ The blend of the two parties has the capacity to meet the domestic lumber demand.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The current trend of conflict between the two parties has the potential of affecting their supply to the domestic market</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There is ready market for the lumber produced.</li> <li>➤ The blend of the two parties is an opportunity for the smooth implementation of the VPA process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dwindling resource base.</li> <li>➤ Likely difference in prices.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Domestic lumber supplied by Artisanal Operators only</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The uses of artisanal equipments require less expertise.</li> <li>➤ Activities of artisanal millers are less destructive compared to sawmillers.</li> <li>➤ Artisanal milling can be done in seemingly inaccessible areas.</li> <li>➤ Artisanal millers have good relation with rural dwellers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Artisanal millers lack proper education on directional felling.</li> <li>➤ Most artisanal millers lack adequate financial resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There is ready market for the lumber that will be produced</li> <li>➤ The location of artisanal mills will increase community access to lumber.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Depletion of timber resources.</li> </ul>