

“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

**Fourth District Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue Minutes
Goaso (DLMSD 4)**

**Date: 1st March, 2011
Venue: Forest Service Division, Goaso**



Members Present

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stakeholder Group</u>
1. Abraham Mensah	Carpenter, Ayomso
2. Agyekumwaa	FSD,Goaso
3. Ahadzi Wisdom	Carpenter, Ayomso
4. Alhaji Halidu	Sawmiller, Mim
5. Boateng David	FSD, Goaso
6. Charles Mensah	Chainsaw Operator, Sankore
7. Emmanuel Abagbile	Chainsaw Operator, Asumura
8. Francis Agbokli	Lumber Dealer, Kukuom
9. Issah Yakubu	Chainsaw Operator, Ayomso
10. James Oppong	Wildlife Division, Goaso
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12. Joseph Assan	Chainsaw Operator, Mim
13. Joseph Odei Mensah	FSD,Goaso
14. Kojo Foli	Lumber Dealer, Sankore
15. Kwesi Kobia T.	Chainsaw Operator, Goaso
16. Mallam Mohammed	Carpenter, Zoni
17. N.A. Bosomprah	Ghana National Fire Service, Goaso
18. Ofosu Mensah	Lumber Seller, Akrodie
19. Osabutey Famous	Carpenter, Goaso
20. Owusu Acheampong	Ghana National Fire Service, Goaso
21. R. Agyenim Boateng	Chainsaw Association, Akrodie
22. Y. Dankwa Martin	Chainsaw Operator, Akrodie
23. Yaw George	Career, Mim

Project Team

Emmanuel Fosu	Project Assistant
Evans Mensah Sampene	Intern
Dorothy Dampson	Community Forestry Worker

Acronyms

CSM	Chainsaw Milling
CFW	Community Forestry Worker
DLMSD	District Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
EU	European Union
FSD	Forest Service Division
MSD	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
NF	National Facilitator

Agenda

The agreed agenda for the meeting were:

- reading and acceptance of previous minutes
- reports on and feedback from national MSD 4 and consensus meeting
- presentation on livelihood survey
- Presentation on community activities

Proceedings	Action
<p>1.0 Opening The meeting started at 11: 30 am with a prayer by Alhaji Halidu, a Sawmiller. The CFW apologised for not starting the meeting as scheduled.</p> <p>2.0 Introduction The CFW led the introduction of stakeholders present and facilitated the meeting.</p> <p>3.0 Reading and Acceptance of Previous Minutes The previous minutes was read by the Project Assistant. Alhaji Hamidu moved for acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Mr James Oppong, the District Manager of the Wildlife Division, FSD.</p> <p>4.0 Report on National MSD 4 and Consensus Meeting Mr Agyenim Boateng reported on what happened during national MSD 4 and the consensus meeting. He summarised the outcomes as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the finalised SWOT analysis • Validation of the chosen option(2) for the supply of domestic lumber • Acceptance of TIDD as members of the MSD • Presentation on the CBA on the proposed policy options <p>The joint meeting on the other hand considered the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The definition of artisanal milling • How to get the industry onboard the process • The way forward on how to get legal lumber for the domestic market <p>4.1 Suggestions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The definition of artisanal milling should include the lumber dealers and the sponsors since they are the main architects of the chainsaw practice. ii. GTMO should support the process to bring order in the supply of domestic lumber. <p>5.0 Presentation on the Livelihood Survey The Project Assistant gave a background to the livelihood survey. He stressed that, the project had gone through a number of process and the MSD had decided on one of the three options to supply lumber to the domestic market. This means some people are likely to lose their livelihood. This calls for the project to put measures in place to find alternative livelihoods which are not chainsaw dependent; hence a livelihood survey was conducted. The presentation was made by Mr Evans Sampene, an Intern of Tropenbos International. The presentation touched on the following: objective of the survey, extent of stakeholder dependency on chainsaw milling, perceptions on conflict and preferred alternative livelihood. The preferred alternatives were: poultry farming, fish farming, vegetable farming, NTFP collection, pig farming and MTS.</p> <p>6.0 Presentation on Community Activities The Project Assistant reported that the above listed activities will take place at the community level and since the communities are many, the initiative will be piloted in a community. A training programme took place in May 2010 in Sunyani to develop modalities to select communities from the various districts where the alternative livelihoods will be piloted. Apart from Assin Foso and Kade forest districts which have two communities because of their dedicated community forests. The remaining six project districts have one community each. The selected community for Goaso was Akrodie.</p>	

6.1 Selected Collaborating Institutions

The CFW led participants through a list of institutions in the district which the project can collaborate with in piloting an alternative livelihood. The selected institutions included: Fire Service, Wildlife Division, FSD, MOFA, EPA, Traditional Authority, Chainsaw Operators, Lumber Dealers, and Financial Institutions.

7.0 Closing

The CFW thanked members for coming. She said the contributions from the members are quite substantial and encouraged them to send feedback messages to members of their communities and associations. The meeting ended at 2:52 pm with a prayer by Mr Richard Agyenim Boateng.

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Emmanuel Fosu (Recorder)

Signed: 

Mrs. Mercy O. Ansah (NF)