

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

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

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Venue: Catholic Hall, Juaso**



EU Chainsaw Project



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Members Present

Name

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3. Osei Bonsu Kennedy
4. Nana Adontehene
5. Yaw Beko
6. Amoako Dankwa
7. Agyapong Boadi
8. S.B. Adams
9. Ebenezer Agyarkwa
10. Emmanuel Torsu
11. Agyapong Samuel
12. J. O. Dickson
13. Okyere-Agyapong Eunice
14. Daniel Kyeremeh
15. Dorothy Akoto Asare
16. Richard Kunaki
17. Kwesi George
18. Nana Effah
19. Ofosu Tawiah
20. Agyapong Boadi
21. Sampson Anpem
22. Davies Donkor
23. Isaac Asirifi
24. Nana Ofori-Amanfo
25. Yussif Ibrahim
26. Samuel Antwi
27. Stephen Sarkodie
28. Kwame Adusei
29. Owusu Boakye
30. J.B.Kyei
31. Alhaji Issaka
32. Herbert Tudeka
33. Joseph Torsu
34. Tony Ahonsu

Stakeholder Group

1. Sawmiller, Konogo
2. Registrar
3. Operator, Juaso
4. Traditional Authority, Obogu
5. Chainsaw Operator, Obogu
6. Operator, Obogu
7. NADMO, Juaso
8. CFC
9. FSD, Juaso
10. Small miller, Obogu
11. FSD, Juaso
12. Sawmiller, Konogo
13. FSD, Juaso
14. FSD, Juaso
15. FSD, Juaso
16. Small miller, Juaso
17. Machine owner, Juaso
18. Traditional Authority, Bansa
19. Chainsaw Operator, Juaso
20. NADMO, Juaso
21. Farmer, Obogu
22. FSD, Juaso
23. Obogu
24. Obuoba FM, Konongo
25. GNA, Juaso
26. Reporter Fox FM, Juaso
27. Farmer, Juaso
28. Wood seller, Konongo
29. Wood seller, Konongo
30. Assemblyman, Bansa
31. Small Scale Miller, Nkwanta
32. Small scale Miller, Juaso
33. CFC
34. Carpenter, Juaso

In Attendance

1. Mr Seth Kissi
District Manager, FSD
2. John Arko Tetteh
DCE's Representative, Juaso
3. Ebenezer Agyarkwa
Customer Service Officer FSD
4. Isaac Owusu Boakye
CFW, Juaso

Project Secretariat

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| 1. Mercy Owusu Ansah | National Facilitator (NF) |
| 2. Evan Mensah Sampene | Intern, TBI |

Agenda

The following items were agreed to be discussed at the meeting:

- Issues from national MSD 4
- Presentation of livelihood survey findings
- Institutional scanning
- AOB

Acronyms

AASDA	Asante Akyem South District Assembly
CBUD	Centre for Biodiversity and Utilization Development
CFW	Community Forestry Worker
CSM	Chainsaw Milling
DCE	District Chief Executive
DFM	District Forestry Manager
DLMSD	District Level Multi-stakeholder Dialogue
EU	European Commission
FC	Forestry Commission
FSD	Forestry Services Division
GNA	Ghana New Agency
GNFS	Ghana National Fire Service
MOFA	Ministry of Food and Agriculture
MSD	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
NADMO	National Disaster Management Organisation
NCCE	National Commission for Civic Education
TBI	Tropenbos International Ghana
TIDD	Timber Industry Development Division

Proceedings	Action
<p>1.0 Opening The meeting started at 10:35 am with a prayer by Amoako Dankwa, a chainsaw operator.</p> <p>2.0 Introductions The CFW introduced the representative of the DCE of AASDA's, the new FSD manager and Traditional Authorities present. The participants also took turns to introduce themselves stating their names and stakeholder groups they represent.</p> <p>2.1 Welcome Address by the DFM In his welcome address, the DFM reminded the participants that chainsaw milling in Ghana is band and there is the need to enforce the law notwithstanding the fact that it is provides livelihood to many people. He urged those in the chainsaw business to start exploring the possibility of alternative livelihoods for themselves. He encouraged the participants to come out clear on any issues relating to chainsaw milling in the district at the meeting</p> <p>3.0 Purpose of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss issues from the national MSD 4 in Accra • To present the outcome of the alternative livelihood survey conducted in district • To do institutional scanning to identify institutions the project can collaborate with <p>3.1 Reading and Acceptance of Previous Minutes The previous minutes were distributed to all participants. The CFW read the minutes and some corrections were made. Mr. S.B. Adams a CFC representative moved for the acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Kwame Adusei.</p> <p>4.0 Issues from National MSD 4 in Accra The cost benefit analysis was done for all the three policy options tabled. Option two was considered by all stakeholders at the meeting and accepted. The EU chainsaw project collaborating with TIDD to find means of regularizing the local market. The chainsaw milling will be upgrading to artisanal milling where they be using the logo saw or the wood miser. There has been a pilot programme in Assin-Fosu in the Adwenase forest reserve as how to operate the logo saw. 10 chainsaw operators have been trained; this training will be extended to other project sites. She reiterated that, notwithstanding the above mentioned chainsaw milling in Ghana is still illegal.</p> <p>4.1 Matters Arising from the National MSD 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do chainsaw operators acquire logosols? • How do chainsaw operators get permit to work under policy option 2? 	

- Off-cuts can be considered when thinking of getting resources for the local market under the artisanal milling regime
- F SD should release portions of destroyed forest reserves for plantation development
- Seedlings for plantation development should be sold at a cheaper price

5.0 Response to the Matters Arising from the National MSD 4

- The project will link the stakeholders to the sellers of the logosol when option two becomes legalize
- Strategies will be put in place to look at permit issues; here we need to look at the availability of the resources. We can also consider the less known species in the off-reserves. Artisanal millers will need to collaborate with timber companies to be able to get access to the lesser known species in their concessions.
- There is also the need to go into plantation development
- Chainsaw milling is illegal and the law will continue to be enforced, and the FSD will from time to time visit bench saw operator to confiscate illegal lumber in their shops.

The DFM remarked that, under the artisanal milling not every miller will get permit, and we need to think of how we issue this permit and the monitoring of it. Now all the lesser known species are being used and there is the need for private plantation development. He added that if people are able to form groups, they can be given portions of destroyed forest reserves for plantation development. He also said FSD is not into seedlings production at the moment and that seedlings can be sought from private nurseries.

5.1 Submission by the Bench saw Operators

Richard Kunaki made a submission on behalf of bench saw operators trying to outline their strengths and why they should still be in business. He said they create employment for people, feed the local wood market and even supply wood for government projects. They also plead with the FSD to sell the illegal lumber they have sized to the bench saw operator and not visit their shop for illegal lumber.

6.0 Livelihood survey Presentation

Evans from TBI Gh made a presentation on the alternative livelihood stakeholders can pursue for a living. He gave the prospect of such initiatives and the conditions in the district. He also talked about the quantity and income from illegal lumber sized in the district.

7.0 Institutional Scanning

The CFW explained to stakeholders that, this exercise will help the project to

identify institutions it can collaborate with to achieve results

Institution	High	Low
Forest Service Division	✓	
Ministry of Food and Agriculture	✓	
Community Rural Development	✓	
Ghana National Fire Service		✓
Ghana Police Service		✓
Judicial Service		✓
Information Service	✓	
District Assembly	✓	
National Commission on Civic Education		✓
Media	✓	
National Disaster Management Organization	✓	
Artisanal Millers Association	✓	
Community Forest Committees	✓	
Chiefs	✓	
Timber Contracts	✓	
Farmers	✓	
Small Scale Millers	✓	
Seed Nursery Developers	✓	
Tree Growers Association		✓
Transport Owners		✓
Chainsaw Owners		✓
Carpenters Association	✓	

6.0 Closing

The CFW on behalf of the project team thanked all participants for attending the meeting. The meeting ended at 2:45 pm.

Signed: 
 Evans Mensah Sampene (Recorder)

Signed : 
 Isaac Owusu Boakye(CFW)