

“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
Sunyani**

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Venue: Bob Pierce Memorial Center



Members Present

Name	Stakeholder Group
1. Kofi Yeboah Gyan	Wood Workers Association, Sunyani
2. David Yeboah	Wood Sellers Association, Sunyani
3. Kow Quaison	Customer Service Officer, Sunyani
4. Nana Appiah Bonsu	Traditional Authority, Atronie
5. Donkor Bossman	Chainsaw Operator, Atronie
6. Osei Mensah	Chainsaw Operator, Atronie
7. Michael Mensah	Farmer, Atronie
8. Nana Yaw Sakyi	Traditional Authority, Asuakwa
9. J.K. Tawiah	Farmer, Asuakwa
10. Nana Akosua Bema	NTFP Collectors, Asuakwa
11. George Tekyi	Carrier, Asuakwa
12. Leonard Kumle	Traditional Authority, Abrefakrom
13. Isaac Sampson	Farmer Group, Abrefakrom
14. Konadu D.A. Fred	Municipal Assembly, Sunyani
15. E.C. Ansong	Forest Forum, Sunyani
16. Kwesi Anane Yeboah	Chainsaw Association, Chiraa
17. Francis Mornah	Fire Service, Sunyani
18. Mercy Yeboah	GTA, Sunyani
19. Augustine Adoma	Traditional Council, Sunyani
20. Charles K. Kumi	Forest Forum, Sunyani
21. Jemima Barrida Mawiah	FSD, Sunyani
22. Anthony Adjei	C.F.C. Atronie
23. Joshua Aggrey	FSD, Sunyani
24. Prince Henneh Ofori	Farmer, Ayigbe
25. Thomas Ofori	Chainsaw Operator, Ayigbe
26. Mohammed Darre	Chainsaw Operator, Ayigbe

Project Secretariat Team

James Parker Mckeown	National Coordinator
Emmanuel Fosu	Project Assistant
Evans Sampene	Intern
Kow Quaison	Community Forestry Worker

Acronyms

CFC	Community Forest Committee
CSM	Chainsaw Milling
CFW	Community Forestry Worker
DLMSD	District Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
EU	European Union
FORIG	Forestry Research Institute of Ghana
FRNR	Faculty of Renewable Natural Resources
FSD	Forest Service Division
GTA	Ghana Timber Association
MOFA	Ministry of Food and Agriculture
MSD	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue
MTS	Modified <i>Taungya</i> System
NCCE	National Commission on Civic Education
NTFP	Non-Timber Forest Product
NYEP	National Youth Employment Programme
TBI	Tropenbos International

Agenda:

The agreed agenda for the meeting were:

- reading and acceptance of previous minutes
- Outcome of national MSD 4 and consensus meeting with TIDD
- Presentation on community activities
 - i. Selected communities
 - ii. Selected institutions

Proceedings	Action
<p>1.0 Opening The meeting started at 10:15 am with a prayer by Nana Akosua Bemah, a representative of NTFP collectors from Asiakwa.</p> <p>2.0 Welcome and Introduction Mr Ansong the co-facilitator for the meeting welcomed all the participants on behalf of the project. This was followed by self introduction of all members present.</p> <p>3.0 Reading and Acceptance of Previous Minutes The Community Forestry Worker, Kow Quaison read out the minutes of DLMSD 3 to members. Mr E.C Ansong moved for the acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Nana Yaw Sakyi, a traditional ruler.</p> <p>4.0 Outcomes of National MSD 4 Mr Prince Henneh, a representative from Farmers’ Association, reported on the outcome of the national MSD 4. His report touched on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • definition of artisanal milling; • presentation on the cost benefit analysis on the proposed policy directions; • Acceptance of TIDD membership on the MSD; • Artisanal Milling: concept and definition, and • presentation on artisanal milling equipment <p>4.1 Suggestion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. A member suggested that GTMO should not be allowed to frustrate the MSD process. The NPC added that the project is only acting as “referee” and can only provide platform and information to stakeholders to deliberate and champion their course. <p>5.0 Presentation on Community Activities The NPC stressed that the result 5 is a follow-up to the chosen option. Result 5 seeks to identify alternative livelihood interventions for those who may lose their livelihoods when the chosen option is implemented. He stressed that alternative livelihoods selected during the livelihood survey will be piloted in some selected communities.</p>	

The CFW explain the process for selecting Atronie as the pilot community for implementing the chosen alternative livelihoods. He also spoke of collaborating institutions which will assist the project in achieving result 5. The members present validated the list.

The selected institutions were: FSD, Local Government, GTA, MOFA, FRNR (Sunyani campus), Traditional Authority, WWAG, Lumber Dealers, Forest Forum, Security Agencies, Media, Chainsaw Operators Association, Association of NTFP Collectors, *Taungya* Farmers' Association, CFCs, NYEP, Tree Growers Association, NCCE and Food Processing Companies.

6.0 Presentation on Livelihood Survey.


The presentation was done by Mr Evans Sampene, an intern. He said the idea was to collect information on alternative livelihood interventions which do not depend on the forest. The presentation touched on areas such as: extent of stakeholder dependency on chainsaw milling for livelihood, perceptions on conflict and preferred alternative livelihood. The selected alternative livelihoods were: poultry farming, cash crop farming (oil palm, citrus and cocoa), livestock farming, MTS, vegetable farming.

The NPC said though a community has been selected for the piloting of the alternative interventions. The interventions will mostly be in the form of training which stakeholders from other communities in the district will benefit.

7.0 Closing

The CFW expressed his gratitude to the participants for attending the meeting. Nana Akosua Bema prayed for the meeting to come to an end at 2:45 pm

Signed: 
Emmanuel Fosu (Recorder)

Signed 
James P. Mckeown(NPC)