This particular guide is intended for use by local communities in playing their role in environmental management. The production of this guide had benefited immensely from research report by the
Institute for law and Environmental Governance on Environmental Procedural Rights in Kenya. From this report, it was evident that there is little knowledge by the local communities of their role in environmental management. In the rare cases where the community appreciates its role, it does not know of the relevant institutions that it needs to deal with. Additionally some of the institutions are too expensive for the majority of the local communities which are essentially poor. It is therefore necessary that the community understands that it has option of choosing from a number of such avenues.