



CONCEPT NOTE

KCNRN Training on Community Network Advocacy Strategies for Climate Change and Natural Resources Management

Pride Inn Hotel, Ukunda. July 21st-22nd, 2017

1. Background

Participation of local communities and grass-root organizations and networks in planning, implementation and oversight of climate change and natural resources management can promote conservation and local climate technologies, innovations and good practices. Indeed, the main purpose of devolution under the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 was to empower the citizenry by ensuring direct participation of the people in determining their development priorities. However, many years of domination by a powerful executive made the Kenyan citizenry to be politically acquiescent. As a result, despite the widening democratic space witnessed in recent years, many a local community have not yet secured their fair share of space at the decision-making table. This is mainly because many people still do not appreciate the scope of the new constitutional, legal and policy developments. In addition, participation is undermined by lack of collective community approaches and joint advocacy efforts by community members. Individual voices are easily ignored by the duty bearers, leading to loss of the collective stake of communities.

In appreciation of this challenge, ILEG has been working with local communities in different parts of the country to form, support and strengthen county natural resources networks to collectively advocate for and monitor sustainable and accountable management and utilization of natural resources. In Kwale, ILEG supported the formation of, and has been working with Kwale County Natural Resources Network (KCNRN), a Community Based Organization (CBO), focusing on sensitizing and mobilizing communities in the County to play an active role in natural resources governance and planning processes and mobilizing local action to promote sustainable development.

2. The “Deepening Democracy by Promoting Participatory Governance of Natural Resources in Kenya” project

ILEG is currently implementing a project titled ‘Deepening Democracy by Promoting Participatory Governance of Natural Resources in Kenya’. This is a 3-year project (2016-2018) supported by Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) through Uraia Trust. Through the project, ILEG is building the capacity of local communities, County Government officials, national government officials and the private sector to understand, appreciate and uphold the principles of environmental governance guaranteed under the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. It is also supporting participatory development of national and county-level natural resource legislation, policies and action plans all of which impact directly on day-to-day livelihoods of the citizens, especially the rural poor.

3. The KCNRN Training

This training is one of the activities under the capacity building component of the “Deepening Democracy by Promoting Participatory Governance of Natural Resources in Kenya” project. It aims to enhance the capacity of local community members in Kwale through the Kwale County Natural Resources Network (KCNRN) to participate more effectively in environment and climate change policy and decision making. The training also seeks to enhance the networks capacity to run successfully and engage more effectively in environment, natural resources and climate change advocacy at the county level. The training also comes at a time when the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) is reviewing Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations. It will therefore provide a good opportunity for the KCNRN members to put some of the acquired knowledge into practice by reviewing the draft regulations and preparing their input for submission to NEMA. Specifically, therefore, the training will focus on three main objectives:

- To equip KCRN and its members with skills to run the network successfully and engage more effectively in environment, natural resources and climate change advocacy.
- To enhance KCNRN and its member’s awareness and understanding of available public participation and engagement opportunities for environment and climate change mainstreaming in county development planning;
- To support KCRN and its members to analyse the draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations, and develop a memo of recommendation for submission to NEMA.

Participants will be drawn from members of Kwale County Natural Resources Network (KCNRN) representing community based organizations, women, youth and other special interest groups.

4. Programme

Day One: 21st July, 2017

Time	Activity	Responsibility
08.30 – 9.00am	Arrival and Registration	<i>ILEG/KCNRN</i>
09.00 – 9.15am	Introduction	Mohammed Salim, Coordinator – KCNRN
9.15 – 10.00am	<u>Welcome Remarks</u> Nathaniel Mwangeka, Chair – KCRN Benson Ochieng, Executive Director, ILEG	
10.00 – 10.30am	Workshop Objectives	Duncan Okowa, Programme Officer, ILEG
	<i>Comments, Clarifications</i>	
10.30 – 11.00am	Health Break/Group Photo	
11.00am – 12.00noon	Opportunities and challenges facing KCNRN in environment, natural Resources and Climate Change Advocacy.	<i>Mohammed Salim and Nathaniel Mwangeka</i>
	<i>Questions/Discussions</i>	
12.00 – 1.00pm	<i>Strategies for running community natural resource advocacy networks: The case of KCNRN</i>	<i>Duncan Okowa</i>
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch Break	
2.00 – 2.30pm	Presentation on EIA Vs SEA	<i>Mohamed Ali, KCNRN</i>
2.30 – 4.00pm	<u>Break out session:</u> Analysis of draft SEA and EIA regulations Group 1: Preliminary, Part IV (Integrated Environmental EIA study + relevant schedules Group 2: Registration of experts, Part V & Part VII (Environmental Audit and monitoring and Miscellaneous Provisions + relevant schedules Group 3: Project report Part VI (Strategic environmental assessment + Relevant schedules	<i>Chair: Nathaniel Mwangeka</i>
4.00 – 4.15pm	Health Break	

4.15-5.15pm	Reporting back to Plenary	
5.15– 5.30pm	Wrap up	Duncan Okowa
	Close of Day One	

Day Two: 21st February, 2017

Time	Activity	Responsibility
08.30 – 9.00am	Arrival and Registration	<i>ILEG/KCNRN</i>
09.00 – 9.15am	Recap of Day One	Duncan Okowa
9.15 – 11.15am	<i>Second Break out Session:</i> Finalising KCNRN recommendations on draft SEA EIA regulations.	Mohamed Ali
11.15 – 11.30am	Health Break	
11.30 am – 12.15am	Reporting back to plenary	
12.15 – 1.00pm	<i>Way Forward</i>	<i>Mohammed Salim/Benson Ochieng</i>
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch and Close of Workshop	