

National Agroforestry Strategy for Kenya Core Committee Meeting

Venue: Board Room, Vi Agroforestry

Date: 13th March 2020

Present

1. Francis K. Nyambariga – MOALF (Chair)
2. Samuel N. Guto – MOALF
3. Jane Njeri Reuben – MOALF
4. Robert Nyambati – KEFRI
5. Paul Ongugo – KEFRI
6. Mercy Gichora – KEFRI
7. Joseph Machua – KEFRI
8. Charles Nyanjui – FF-SPAK
9. Jonathan Muriuki – ICRAF
10. Mieke Bourne Ochieng – ICRAF
11. Jane Mumina – ICRAF (Taking minutes)
12. Erick Otieno Wanjira – ICRAF
13. Meshack Muga – FAO Kenya
14. Rose Akombo – KFS
15. David Mulwa – MOFF
16. Amos Wekesa – Vi Agroforestry
17. Judy Matu – AWAK
18. Gerald Katothya – Vi Agroforestry Consultant on Agroforestry related policy review

Apologies

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| 1. Beatrice Kamuli | Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives |
| 2. Philip Kisoyan | FAO |
| 3. Peter Oloo | KEPSA |
| 4. Peter Odhego | National Treasury |
| 5. Beatrice Atemo | Ministry of Environment and Forest |
| 6. Irene Ojuok | World Vision Kenya |
| 7. Clare C. Lokomol | Ministry of Education |

Agenda

1. Pillar team membership
2. Data collection process
3. Write shop
4. Regional Consultation budget
5. Presentation by Vi Agroforestry on policy review

Introduction

- The meeting commenced at 10:20 am with a word of prayer.
- Amos Wekesa welcomed everybody to We Effect / Vi Agroforestry offices and said that the Regional Director would come later to say a word and welcome the members once more.

Agenda 1. Pillar Team Members

- The list compiled by the 4 pillar leads was reviewed to ensure that there was no duplication.
- There were cases of some people being included in more than one pillar, so it was agreed we can get other representatives from the organization (represented by the multi-listed people) who have skills that are needed for the specific pillars.
- Amos from Vi agroforestry had been selected in 3 pillars (value chains, gender and knowledge management) but opted to remain in the value chain development pillar. He will link the group to Vi Agroforestry staff members who are dealing with value chains and gender and also to We Effect. Amos will communicate the information of the process so far to the colleagues and bring on board.
- The pillar lead for Value chain expressed the challenge he faced while selecting the team list which he had shared given that majority were from government and suggested bringing in more private sector actors.
- It was agreed that this would be a snow balling exercise and it will keep growing but the leads should bear in mind that we should limit write shop participation to about 10 people in order to create something tangible.
- Charles Mbutia of AAK to be removed from the value chain development pillar to avoid having all the farmer's organization representatives in one group and have them spread out to other groups to ensure their voices are represented equally.
- Rose Akombo opted to be in the Value Chain development group instead of the gender and social inclusion pillar and she requested Oscar Simanto from KFS to be added in the knowledge and communication pillar.
- KEFRI will also consult with their team and provide a name to be added in the Gender and social inclusion pillar.
- FAO to communicate with their gender personnel Husna and give feedback on her availability to be part of the process.
- Meshack Muga from FAO was moved to the Enabling environment pillar and Robison Ng'ethe from GARA was also added. Violet from GARA was included in the value chain development pillar.

Actions

- The revised list of pillar members should be shared with the core committee members who will give any additional comments based on the adjustments made.
- Vi Agroforestry to give feedback on availability of their gender specialist as well as value chains and WE Effect.
- FAO to give feedback on availability of their gender personnel Husna in the process.

Agenda 2 Write shop and Data

- There is need to plan for different dates for the write shop due to the validation meeting of the Draft National agriculture research policy being scheduled at the same time as the initial dates set.
- It was unanimously agreed that the date for the write shop will be set for 6th-9th April 2020.
- The venue had initially been set as ICRAF campus in order to bring on board other scientists to give their views on different sections of the strategy and to leverage on a parallel process. The wider stakeholder group event was to take place on the 1st and 2nd day and the 3rd and 4th day would be devoted to intense work by pillar teams to write the details of the strategy.
- Mieke explained the research output that was intended for the initial day and would play a key role in building on the policy review and the agroforestry status. It involves looking at how decision makers use data, whether they use it in a meaningful manner and the type of data available and in what forms they prefer it to be in. She further said we would look at what information exists, e.g. reports and what each organization has and can be brought together and used to feed into the facts of the strategy formulation.
- Members suggested that the write shop should put more emphasis on the pillars and drafting the strategy so that the output of the week is a comprehensive draft document.
- A skeleton structure of what we aim to achieve, how it would look like and the critical areas that should be included to be shared by the secretariat to core pillar leads who, once agreed on the basic structure, will lead the group members to collate materials that will feed into the document.
- The secretariat to share data collation guide to support the process
- It was also agreed that a strategy that is more active should include the implementation aspect, resources and bring key donors to support the realization of the strategy.

Action

- Secretariat to meet with the pillar leads and consultant from the ministry to advise on how the structure of the strategy should look.
- Secretariat to share the data collation guide, the outline of the structure and a revised road map.

Agenda 3: Budget for the regional consultation process

- Jonathan so far had estimated for 100,000 USD for the whole regional consultation process based on estimated 35 participants per meeting roughly costing an average of 15,000 USD per meeting.
- He further said that since FAO are willing to cover the strategy validation meeting he could reallocate some of the funds set out to cover the validation meeting to the consultation process.
- He also said that after the write shop we should aim to have 1 or 2 meetings to support the pillar groups to have a concrete document.
- GIZ is waiting for our request to see what they can fund. It was agreed that we should ask them if they can fund the write shop and what exactly they can cover.

Action

- Jonathan to update the regional consultation approach and budget and share with the core committee so that they can contribute through sharing with other interested donors.

- Amos Wekesa from Vi Agroforestry to consult with Kenya Vi Office on how they can support and give back feedback to the core committee.
- Jonathan and Francis to find out what GIZ can fund for the strategy process and give feedback to the core committee.

Agenda 4: Presentation from Vi Agroforestry Consultant on Policy Review by Gerald Kathothya

- Gerald had reviewed the policy environment as well as gaps in the policy and was to propose entry points for formulating an agroforestry policy.
- Sectors focused on were agriculture, forestry, livestock and environment and then climate change.
- Overarching documents consulted include Vision 2030, Constitution of Kenya, County government Act, Executive Orders, Acts, Rules and Regulations, Action Plans, Programmatic documents.
- Some of the key findings were that the country is shifting to a more integrated policy environment.
- The primary relevant instrument in relation to agroforestry was the Agriculture (Farm Forestry) Rules of 2009 though it's repealed so it is not applicable anymore.
- Overarching documents support environmental sustainability, but they need to be operationalized.
- There is no common terminology for agroforestry.
- There are claw back clauses related to agroforestry from the policies that are being adopted after the previous ones have served their term, example NCCAP and the agriculture strategies for 2010 and the new one for 2019.
- Based on the review of the policy documents, the key benefits of enacting a national policy and an Act of parliament for agroforestry are that such instruments:
 - i) Anchor the mainstreaming of multi-sectoral or thematic issues across different government ministries in a more binding manner (e.g. as seen with environment and climate change laws);
 - ii) Provides for establishment of an institutional arrangement for enhancing coordination and oversight (e.g. NEMA for Environment and National Climate Change Council for climate change);
 - iii) Provides for mechanisms to mobilize resources (such as climate change fund, forest conservation and management fund and trust fund under EMCA Act 2015) and,
 - iv) Rhyme with the trend of mainstreaming cross cutting social issues such as gender equality, integration of youth and people with disabilities.
- Based on the review of other county processes, entry points that could be applied in creating an agroforestry policy include; inclusive and consultative process, legitimacy anchored in Action plans, capacity building for government officers and study tours, leverage on resources from donors and international commitments made by the country and finally publicity.

Next Meeting to be held on 27th April 2020 at KEFRI Karura from 9:00 am