

## National Agroforestry Strategy for Kenya Core Committee Meeting

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Time 10:00 am-12:12pm

### Present

1. Jonathan Muriuki -ICRAF Chair
2. Erick Otieno - ICRAF
3. Samuel Guto - MOALF
4. Mercy Gichora - KEFRI
5. Jane Mumina - ICRAF
6. Mieke Bourne - ICRAF
7. Francis Nyambariga – MoALF
8. Jane Njeri Reuben – MoALF
9. Rose Akombo - KFS
10. Irene Ojuok – World Vision Kenya
11. Robert Nyambati – KEFRI
12. Meshack Muga – FAO
13. Joseph Machua – KEFRI
14. Beatrice Kamuli – MoALF
15. Charles Kinyanjui - FFSPAK

### Apologies due to poor network

1. Paul Ongugo - KEFRI
2. Judy Matu – AWAK
3. Peter Oloo – KEPSA
4. Amos Wekesa – Vi Agroforestry

### Agenda

1. Brief Presentation and discussion of the stakeholders mapping report by Mieke Bourne
2. Finalization on pillar formation (Group membership, formation of WhatsApp groups and Formal member invitation)
3. Final Feedback on data gathering instruments and discussion on process (including secretariat support to groups)
4. Timelines and budgets in the evolving context.
5. A.O.B

## Introduction

Francis read the agenda and welcomed people to the meeting. He noted that we could have gone far without corona, but now we need to fast track activities and work virtually with the pillar groups to prepare for the write shop.

### Agenda 1. Brief presentation and discussion of the stakeholder mapping report by Mieke Bourne Ochieng

- Mieke started by stating that the survey was a build up to a similar one that had been completed during the Regreening Africa workshop in October 2018 and that a total of 47 individuals from 36 organization took part. The report had been shared with all the members prior to the call.
- The survey had a range of questions on agroforestry, such as: What was needed for agroforestry development about which she highlighted some of the feedback from the respondents including; policy and strategy, value chain development, germplasm quality improvement and incentives.
- The types of organizations that responded to the survey included mostly those working on program development and implementation, including capacity development as well as some from research, finance and value chain development institutions.
- All organizations responding to the survey were involved in program design and development, policy and dissemination of information on agroforestry to some degree, highlighting the need to engage a wide range of stakeholders in the strategy development. Fewer organizations were involved in markets or incentives, this is a gap that needs to be filled by the value chain pillar.
- On the question of accessing data and information, majority of the respondents preferred to interact with data online, either through online dashboards, websites, online databases or social media. The organizations they represent use a range of information/evidence sources with training sessions or workshops followed by websites and research reports and papers the most used.
- On data that should be collected, a wide range of data was identified as important for development of the agroforestry strategy. The broad data groupings were soil and land health, land, water, climate change, agroforestry practices, value chains, germplasm, stakeholders, population, policy and general information. The pillar groups can look at the categories and specific data suggestions to help guide their information gathering.
- Coordination mechanisms that would work for agroforestry development were broadly grouped into: secretariat or steering committee type of arrangement, multi stakeholder and sector process, engagement, farmer led initiatives and inclusion of data evidence.
- Stakeholder mapping was done using social network analysis which produced sociograms. The stakeholder network sociograms explain how the stakeholders interact between each other. KEFRI, KFS, ICRAF and MoEF were the four organizations mentioned most often by survey respondents which aligns well with the secretariat and core committee composition.

### Feedback

- The report highlights that there is a lot of information out there that we need to capture – need to consider this in coordination and information sharing within the strategy.
- Is gender and social inclusion missing in terms of organization focus and actors? – yes in terms of the partners it is limited and needs to be highlighted but it is mentioned in the survey response under approach to coordination.

In response to the observation in the report that market and value chain actors were less represented the following discussion took place:

- Commercialization of agroforestry products could form a chapter in the strategy and advised by a parallel process on commercial forestry policy.
- A strategy for non-timber forest products and services is being prepared by FAO and could be linked
- Community nurseries with women and youth could provide germplasm and ensure inclusion. - Commercial nurseries were mentioned in the survey but were mostly linked to a certain organization. FFSPAK mentioned that there are many tree nurseries but lack capacity to produce good quality germplasm. We need to bring out the enterprise and marketing skills into the producers. These gaps should be considered in the strategy development.
- The quality of germplasm in the many tree nurseries was questioned and what can be done to regulate and ensure proper marketing. Recommendation to have a database of all the nurseries in the country to register and certify. KFS has been reporting on the number of seedlings raised through information from field officers at sub-county level but this database can be improved.
- Indigenous species of the trees in our community can be saved and commercialized and this will prevent them from disappearing in the ecosystem and included in the community seed bank.
- Seedlings on the roadside or seed vendors are catered for under the commercialization policy, they are supporting tree seedling regulations which will provide certification of the seed and tree regulation.
- A benchmarking trip, supported by Gatsby Africa, to South Africa showed how commercialization of trees can be done and how to raise quality seedlings. We can learn from the practices in South Africa including quality control etc.
- Value Chain group to consider learning Uganda nursery seedling quality management protocols. In Kenya many people expect seedlings for free. We don't even have a good database of the stakeholders and the providers. Everyone can fill into this system (nurseries, where, who, what they have).

The discussion was closed agreeing that the pillar on value chains will take this forward with good membership and learning from past experience from other countries.

**Action:** Rose from KFS will enquire and find out how far the database has been developed and updated.

**Action:** KEFRI and FAO representatives to share relevant policy documents.

**Action:** Joseph Machua of KEFRI to share benchmarking report from South Africa trip.

**Action:** Charles of FFSPAK to share the report from a benchmarking trip to Uganda.

## **Agenda 2. Finalization on pillar formation – (Group membership, formation of whatsapp groups, formal members' invitation)**

- The wider list of the stakeholders had been discussed in the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March. We now have the updated pillar lists with the contacts which was shared with members. If there is agreement on these the secretariat will work with the ministry (MoALFC) to have invitation letters to pillar members sent out on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

- Rose (KFS) noted that letter from the ministry to individual pillar members is fine but also need to send letter to KFS CEO with all the names of the people from KFS that are participating. Other organizations where this is deemed necessary to be sent letters as well
- The pillar leads were asked if they were satisfied with the formation of their members and they responded by saying the following:
  - Pillar 1 Enabling Environment - ok
  - Pillar 2 Knowledge and Communications – KEFRI shared an update that is Dr. Mercy Gichora will be the lead for the Knowledge and Communications in KEFRI but she will contribute to content in the Gender and Social Inclusion, Dr. Ebby Chagalla and Robert Nyambati will be in charge of the content and contribution in the Knowledge and Communication pillar, Joseph Machua will represent KEFRI in the Value chain development and Paul Ongugo will be in the Enabling Environment pillar.
  - Pillar 3 Value Chain development – will require input from some other institutions but happy with the proposed core team.
  - Pillar 4 Gender and Social inclusion – leader ok with membership but need ensure farmer representation (response by Jonathan - Judy Matu from AWAK will be representing farmers in the pillar).
- Any comments on the pillar membership must be received by COB today (24<sup>th</sup> March) so we can send the letters on Monday.

**Action:** Jonathan and Francis to follow up on NDMA representation and KALRO in the Gender and Social inclusion pillar.

**Action:** Irene to check if they can select somebody from World Vision to be included in the value chain and policy pillars.

### **Agenda 3. Final feedback on data gathering instruments and discussion on process (including secretariat support to groups)**

Feedback on the data gathering instrument:

- The chair said this had been introduced in the last core committee meeting and it had been initially requested to have a guide for data gathering to be used by the pillar teams.
- The team leads were asked to look at the categories and after the team WhatsApp groups are formed share the documents with the members.
- Mercy from KEFRI reported that they had done a test run and found it quite challenging to fill the whole form. When then whole team comes together, only then can the full form be filled.
- Francis noted that not all areas of the form are applicable to each group.
- It was agreed that we need to add to the form guiding intro that it is flexible and does not need to be filled in every section by each member. All information gets filled at the very end by the whole group.

Pillar teams:

- We need a plan to support the pillar teams and Jonathan will see how this is done by the consultant and secretariat.
- Suggested that pillar teams can meet once per fortnight.

#### Agenda 4. Timelines and budgets in the evolving context

- Jonathan said that a tentative budget of close to 30,000 USD was available for the write shop, validation and the consultation meeting but we had to source close to \$140,000 to finalize regional consultations. This had widely discussed in the secretariat meeting that was held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
- He further said due to the situation of COVID 19 not being clear we were looking to utilize April and May for data collection and drafting of the documents while tentatively planning for the write shop in June, Regional consultation meetings in July and in August have the validation meeting.
- He further said that he had foreseen having the write shop on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of June 2020 to allow sufficient time to collect data and finish compiling the required documents. Thus the tentative dates for the write shop would be the week of 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, either be held in Naivasha or Machakos, but this would depend on the COVID 19 containment situation.
- July and first half of August were planned for the consultation process to begin with South Eastern Kenya Economic Bloc (SEKEB) and Jonathan suggested we include Narok and Nairobi under this cluster (July 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>).
- Followed by the Jumuiya ya Kaunti za Pwani from July 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> in Mombasa.
- We should have one week break to review the process and what we need to change or make improvements on.
- Next consultation would be in Nyeri covering Mount Kenya and Aberdare region followed by the Frontier counties in Isiolo same week. Another one week break for process review would follow.
- He then suggested next consultation should proceed to LREB which would be at Kisumu, then NOREB venue in Eldoret.
- ICRAF and MoLFC to explore if it is possible to piggyback on already planned regional consultations in the ministry for another policy and also explore other delivery plans should COVID lockdown explain beyond the estimated period
- Zero draft of the strategy should be in place by end of May. A core writing team would take the lead and asking the stakeholders only to contribute when this has been prepared.
- Need a nicely done situation analysis and introduction by the consultant.
- Pillar teams need to be guided on how to collect information and how to package it

#### A.O. B's

- Rose noted that synergies with FLR need to be considered – **Action:** Rose to share the FLR document after working on some comments from the technical group.
- Discussion on something to cover airtime costs and how to support the members who are not able to access internet by ICRAF – **Action:** Jonathan to discuss modalities with ICRAF Finance and advise
- Comments on pillar list by COB today also any additional comments on the stakeholder mapping by early next week. – **Action:** Any member with comments
- Francis thanked member's commitment and closed the meeting.
- Beatrice Atemo will chair the next meeting.

15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 proposed for the pillar and secretariat meeting.

Next Core committee meeting is proposed for the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.