

MINUTES

27TH NATIONAL REDD+ WORKING GROUP (NRWG) MEETING

HELD AT GOLDEN BEAN HOTEL, KUMASI

(TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 2018)

ATTENDANCE:

| MEMBERS PRESENT | ORGANIZATION | DESIGNATION |
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| Nana Frimpong Anokye II | National House of Chiefs | Co-chair |
| Mr. Alex K. Dadzie | GTA | Member |
| Naa Robert Loggah | National Forestry Forum | " |
| Mr. K.S. Nketiah | Tropenbos Int'l Ghana | " |
| Mrs. Mercy Owusu Ansah | " | " |
| Dr. Ernest Foli | FORIG | " |
| Ms. Roselyn Fosuah Adjei | FC (CCD) | " |
| Mr. Obed Owusu-Addai | Forest Watch | " |
| Mrs. Nora Pappoe | MLGRD | " |
| Mr. Robert K. Bamfo (Deceased) | REDD+ Consultant | " |
| Mr. Kingsley Amoako | MoFA | " |
| Mr. Eric Ofori-Nyarko | Energy Commission | " |

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

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| Mr. Musah Abu-Juam | MLNR | Member |
| Mr. Joseph Osiakwan | MLNR | " |
| Mr. Tabi Agyarko | MLNR | " |
| Mr. Emmanuel Afreh | Minerals Commission | " |
| Mr. Seth Osei-Akoto | MoFA | " |
| Mr. Peter Dery | MESTI | " |
| Mr. Chris Beeko | FC | " |

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| Mr. Emmanuel Opoku | COCOBOD | Member |
| Mr. Felix Addo-Yobo | NDPC | " |
| Mr. Franklin Ashiadey | MoF | " |
| Mr. Kyekyeku Yaw Oppong-Boadi | EPA | " |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Mr. Samuel Oteng | EPA |
| Mr. Reuben Ottou | SNV |
| Mr. Evans Mensah | " |
| Mr. Felix Nani | CCD - FC |
| Mr. Thomas Gyambrah | " |
| Ms. Hilma Manan | " |
| Mr. Raymond Sakyi | " |
| Mr. Jacob Amoako | " |
| Ms. Rhoda Donkor | " |

LIST OF ACRONYMS

| Acronym | Meaning |
|----------------|---|
| CCD | Climate Change Department |
| CE | Chief Executive |
| CERSGIS | Centre for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Services |
| CFI | Cocoa and Forest Initiative |
| CfRN | Coalition for Rainforest Nations |
| COCOBOD | Ghana Cocoa Board |
| COP | Conference of Parties |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| ERP | Emissions Reduction Programme |
| ERPA | Emissions Reduction Payment Agreement |
| ERPD | Emissions Reduction Programme Document |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organisation |
| FC | Forestry Commission |
| FCPF | Forest Carbon Partnership Facility |
| FFF | Forest and Farm Facility |
| FGRM | Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism |
| FIP | Forest Investment Programme |
| FLEGT | Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade |
| FMT | Facility Management Team |
| FORIG | Forestry Research Institute of Ghana |
| FRL | Forest Reference Level |
| GCF | Green Climate Fund |
| GCFRP | Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme |
| GRIP | Ghana REDD+ Investment Plan |
| GSA | Global Shea Alliance |
| GSLRP | Ghana Shea Landscape REDD+ Programme |

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| GTA | Ghana Timber Association |
| HIAs | Hotspot Intervention Areas |
| MDA | Ministries, Departments and Agencies |
| MESTI | Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation |
| MLNR | Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources |
| MLGRD | Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development |
| MMDAs | Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies |
| MoFA | Ministry of Food and Agriculture |
| MoF | Ministry of Finance |
| NDA | National Designated Authority |
| NDPC | National Development Planning Commission |
| NHC | National House of Chiefs |
| NRS | National REDD+ Secretariat |
| NRWG | National REDD+ Working Group |
| PCIs | Principles, Criteria and Indicators |
| PPP | Public Private Partnership |
| REDD+ | Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation plus conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks |
| RMSC | Resource Management Support Centre |
| SDGs | Sustainable Development Goals |
| SIS | Safeguards Information System |
| SoI | Summary of Safeguards Information |
| SNV | SNV Netherlands Development Organisation |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNFCCC | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| VPA | Voluntary Partnership Agreement |

| ITEM /ISSUE | DISCUSSIONS | ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN BY |
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| 1.0 OPENING | <p>1.01 The 27th National REDD+ Working Group (NRWG) meeting started at 10:25am with an opening prayer by Naa Robert Loggah.</p> <p>1.02 The meeting was chaired by Nana Frimpong Anokye II, who is the Co-chair for the NRWG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quick self-introduction was made by members present and other participants in attendance. • The Co-chair took members through the agenda for the day. A suggestion was made to include an introduction officially in the agenda even though members had already introduced themselves. • Without further inputs from members, Mr. Samuel Oteng (who represented Mr. K.Y. Oppong-Boadi) moved for acceptance of the agenda and this was seconded by Mr. Eric Ofori Nyarko. • There were apologies from members for being absent from the meeting. | |
| 2.0 CORRECTIONS ON PREVIOUS MINUTES | <p>2.01 The Co-chair took members through the minutes of the previous meeting and the following corrections were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "A" in MMDAs should be Assemblies not Assembly • UNU INR should be mentioned as the Institute for Natural Resources in Africa as this is specific to Ghana • Page 5 1.02: Members requested that subsequently approved minutes should be scanned and sent to them for their records. | CCD |
| 3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES | <p>3.01 The Co-chair then initiated discussions on matters arising from the minutes of the 26th NRWG meeting and invited the Acting Director for Climate Change Department (CCD); Madam Roselyn Fosuah Adjei to take members through the previous minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Acting Director took the opportunity to thank members for their support and immense contribution | |

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| | <p>towards the REDD+ programme regardless of how the year began with lots of activities and engagements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She indicated that SNV sponsored this particular NRWG meeting and in addition has been supporting the CCD on safeguards. They are also supporting in the development of a Management Plan for the Juabeso Bia landscape. A consultative meeting on the draft document has since been scheduled for 19th December, 2018. • Regarding institutional representation, the Ag. Director mentioned that Mr. Nketiah was no longer the Director for Tropenbos Ghana and therefore the reason why Mrs. Mercy Owusu Ansah the current Director was present at the meeting. • Mr. Nketiah mentioned that he was present at the NRWG as a representative from CSO and not Tropenbos Ghana. • However, there was no conclusive discussion on that particular matter. • In responding to matters arising from the previous minutes, the CDD was tasked to organize a field trip for NRWG members. This could not come on for the NRWG because an initial trip was organized for the Forestry Commission Board and Chief Executive to Juabeso Bia. However, one will be organized for members next year 2019. • The meeting planned for the National House of Chiefs will be finalized and the exact date agreed with the help of the Co-chair. • The Ag. Director in concluding matters arising wished members a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year and looked forward to members' commitment in the subsequent years. | <p>CCD</p> <p>CCD</p> |
| <p>4.0 PROGRESS UPDATE ON REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION</p> | <p>4.01 The Acting Director for CCD gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress made under the REDD+ programme (the presentation is attached for ease of reference).</p> | |

5.0 DISCUSSIONS

- 5.01 The Co-chair thanked the Acting Director for the presentation and opened the floor for discussions on the presentation.
- 5.02 The Ag. Director responded to the following questions after her presentation.
- 5.03 A question was posed whether there are plans towards marking the end of the REDD+ readiness phase?
- The Acting Director indicated that end of readiness would be celebrated once Ghana signs the Emissions Reduction Payment Agreement (ERPA) with the Carbon Fund of the World Bank. A budget has been put together to do a wrap up and the CCD is waiting to complete negotiations and successfully sign the ERPA.
- 5.04 A member congratulated the CCD for the milestones achieved so far. He enquired why the focus on the shea plant and wondered whether another plant can be considered as the focus is solely on shea.
- It was explained that shea is only an entry point and other plants had already been identified in the Ghana Shea Landscape REDD+ Programme (GSLRP) document. Subsequently, the Global Shea Alliance (GSA) has committed \$50m and this is a strong Public Private Partnership (PPP).
- 5.05 A question was asked pertaining to the location of the shea processing plant and whether there can be negotiation to have a second shea processing plant in Tamale rather than only Tema.
- It was made clear that the processing plant is already located in Tema and it is not a new one to be constructed. The idea is to upgrade it instead. It was added that two-thirds of the processing will be done in Tamale and one-third in Tema.
- 5.06 With regards to the GSLRP proposal to the GCF Board, the Acting Director revealed that the GCF had some issues and could not sit in October, 2018 to review the GSLRP proposal Ghana submitted. There is however another

meeting scheduled for February, 2019 and the National Designated Authority (NDA) is pushing for Ghana's proposal to be accepted in February.

- She added that if it did not happen, they would have to wait until June, 2019 for approval.

5.07 A member hinted that Savannah Foods buys and processes shea and there is the need for the CCD to further strengthen our engagement with them.

5.08 A member sought clarification on whether a high resolution imagery was used in producing our maps?

- The Ag. Director explained that no high-resolution imagery was used. Landsat was used however, going forward Ghana will need to use high resolution imagery as Landsat had a lot of cloud disturbances. Though individual maps produced in the past had accuracies of more than 80%, the accuracy of the change maps were relatively low. Going forward, Ghana will make use of other freely available images of higher resolution such as Sentinel and other high-resolution images in estimating forest loss or gain.

5.09 Further clarification was needed on the condition for effectiveness.

- The Ag. Director clarified that the team that worked on the new accuracy assessment of the change maps did a good work according to the World Bank who received the report on the scheduled time.

5.10 A member sought further clarification on engagements with private sector on the REDD+ program.

- It was explained that the Cocoa and Forest Initiative (CFI) identified as a good platform for engagement with cocoa private sector actors has developed an Implementation Plan. Cocoa companies were developing their Implementation Plans to align with the objectives of the CFI. Eventually private sector will have to meet with FC

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| | <p>and COCOBOD to further strengthen the Public-Private Partnership (PPP).</p> <p>5.11 A member needed clarification on the Coalition for Rainforest Nations (CfRN) catalytic fund and where funds are sourced from?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ag. Director indicated that the CfRN Catalytic Fund was recently launched and there is currently no money yet. The idea is to obtain bankable projects before approaching investors. It is envisaged that funding will be sourced from Norway and Germany. Private sources not known yet. <p>5.12 A member enquired whether Ghana's REDD+ Safeguards Information System (SIS) and Safeguards documents will be linked to the Climate Change Data Hub hosted at the EPA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was indicated that a hyperlink could be inserted on the Data Hub to the SIS as a form of disclosure. This would be done once the SIS web platform has been upgraded with data populated on it. | CCD/EPA |
| 6.0 OTHER MATTERS | <p>6.01 Members reminded the CCD about their end of year package which is usually given at the last NRWG for the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Acting Director hinted that in terms of logistics, the budget prepared for the NRWG had not been approved yet as at the time of the meeting and she regrets about FC's inability to top up what SNV was paying members. She added that the end of year package will be given to members during the new year. Mr. Reuben Ottou from SNV thanked members for the opportunity to observe proceedings of the NRWG and wished members a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. | CCD |
| 7.0 CLOSING | <p>7.01 The Co-chair thanked members for their time and contributions and also wished members a Merry Christmas and prosperous new year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the absence of any further contributions, Mr. K.S. Nketiah moved for the close of the meeting and this was seconded by Mr. Dadzie. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting closed at 1:00pm with a closing prayer by Naa Loggah Robert. | |
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Nana Frimpong Anokye II (Co-Chair)

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