

PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS PLAN FOR THE LOCALIZATION OF THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

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1.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

1.1 Post MDG Development Agenda Consultations in 2012

Tanzania was one of the selected countries which participated in the Post MDG consultation process in December 2012. The findings from these consultations formed a major input towards building the Post-2015 Development Agenda. This consultation process was led by the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), and it targeted the Government (both the Central Government and local Government Authority (LGAs)); Civil Service Organizations (CSOs); youth, women, children, the elders, private sector, research and academic institutions.

The process involved three layers of consultations. The first layer involved consultations at the grassroots level in seven zones covering all regions in the country, including vulnerable groups such as women, elderly, and youth. The second layer was consultations with more educated groups consisting of the private sector, higher learning and research institutes, and the public sector officials. Consultations with government officials, higher learning institutions, local government officials and Non-State Actors were also held in Unguja and Pemba (the two isles in Zanzibar). In addition, parallel consultations were also held by youth groups, in particular the United Nations Association (UNA), and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) such as Restless Development. Final layer of consultations was at the national level for validating the findings. Further, Tanzania participated in the Rio+20 consultations, and it also co-hosted the global 'energy for all' post 2015 development agenda consultations. The e-consultations through Tanzania Knowledge Network (TAKNET) were also organized and undertaken in addition to the Media such as FM Radios.

1.2 Localization of the Post MDG Development Agenda

The UN Development Group (UNDG) has subsequently asked many UN Country Teams (UNCTs) to express interest in taking forward the Post 2015 discussions around implementation issues. Tanzania is one of the countries that expressed interests on localization of the Post 2015 agenda. Thus, Tanzania is required to organize consultations around the Post 2015 development agenda focussing mainly on implementation issues and monitoring. Once again, this process will be coordinated and will be under the leadership of the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF).

2.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTATIONS

This second round of consultations intends to address implementation issues in the localization of the Post 2015 Development Agenda. The main objective of the consultations is to see how the Post 2015 agenda will be

- Implemented
- Monitored, and
- Reported by various governance levels in the country namely, zonal, regional, district, city, local levels etc.

The consultations will therefore seek to answer the questions above, where institutions will be critical to ensure that

- The next development agenda is integrated in the various planning and budgeting documents of all levels of the country;
- Capacities necessary at the various levels to implement the agenda are available;
- Challenges to implement the localization of Post 2015 development agenda are addressed etc.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS APPROACH

There will be a total of 5 levels of consultations namely, the Local Government Authorities (LGAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), E-Platform (TAKNET), Zanzibar Consultations, and the National level.

3.1 The Local Government Authorities (LGAs)

This consultation forum will be organized in Morogoro Region and will take place on Wednesday, 11th of June, 2014 at Nashera Hotel. The workshop will draw participants or representatives from 8 LGAs. These are Bunda, Bukoba Rural, Sengerema, Uyui, Morogoro Rural, Ikungi, Ileje and Nyasa districts. The following criteria were used to select the 8 districts:

- The districts which implemented the Access to Information (ATI) projects in 2011. These were Bunda, Bukoba Rural, Uyui and Morogoro Rural Districts;
- The districts which implemented the MDG Acceleration Framework (MAF) projects in 2012. These are (Bunda and Bukoba Rural Districts); and

- Districts which have been included in the ‘Integrating Poverty, Environment and Gender (P-E-G) objectives in District Development Plans (DDPs) and District Budgeting’ project. These are Uyui, sengerema, Bunda, Bukoba Rural, Nyasa and Ileje Districts.

Thus, the 8 districts which will be invited are Morogoro Rural, Bunda, Bukoba rural, Sengerema, Nyasa, Uyui, Ikungi and Ileje (See Table 3.1). This group will include 7 participants and/or representatives from each district as follows:

- 2 participants from the district Headquarters
- 1 participant from Ward level such as Councillors or Ward Executive Officer (WEO)
- 1 participant from the village
- 1 participant from the Village Community
- 1 or 2 participants from Vulnerable Groups such as People with disability, Women, the elderly.

A total of 50 participants will be invited in this workshop. At Village Community either of the following will be selected: Farmers, Livestock keepers, fishermen and traders.

Table 3.1: Participants from Local Government Authorities (LGAs)

	District	Ward	Village	Vulnerable/CSO	Champions
Bukoba Rural	DALDO, DPLO	WEO/MAF	VEO/MAF	Women	Farmer
Bunda	DALDO, DPLO	WEO/MAF	VEO/MAF	Disabled	Fish Farmer
Sengerema	DED, DALDO	WEO	VEO	Elderly	Herdsmen
Ikungi	DED, DPLO	WEO	VEO	Women	Beekeeper
Nyasa	DED, DPLO	WEO	VEO	Children	Fisherman
Ileje	DED, DALDO	WEO	VEO	Disabled	Farmer
Moro rural	DALDO, DED	WEO	VEO	Elderly & Youth	Trader
Uyui	DED, DPLO	WEO/MV	VEO/MV	Women & Youth	Farmer
Total	16	8	8	10	8

3.2 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

A maximum of 35 participants representing CSOs will form the second consultation forum. These CSOs will mainly be drawn from Dar-es-Salaam based CSOs such as Tanzania Non Governmental Organization (TANGO) and the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS), and it will include the disadvantaged groups. The workshop will be organized at ESRF on Saturday, the 14th of June 2014.

3.3 E-Consultations

In addition to workshops proposed in sections 3.1 and 3.2 above, the E-platforms such as Tanzania Knowledge Network (TAKNET), Community Radio through Maendeleo Studio, M-Platform, Face-book, Twitter, Whats Up, and Blogs will be deployed to inform the targeted society about the process, sensitize the society to participate and contribute their views, ideas, perceptions and experiences, and disseminate their voices to a wider audience. Other channels which will be used include newspapers, emails and television. Some programmes will be prepared at Maendeleo Studio for Community Radios and Television stations. Questions or topics will be prepared for online discussions through TAKNET platform to attract opinions from audience. The discussion platform which is hosted by the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) in Dar-es-Salaam will be able to capture views and comments from all places with the internet facilities. Comments will be synthesised into policy briefs and shared via face book, websites and other social media. A special online banner with messages will be designed and uploaded in different partners' websites and blogs.

3.4 Zanzibar Consultations

Another consultation workshop will be carried in Zanzibar, targeting government representatives, the various ministries, such as Finance and Planning Commission, Foreign Office, Health Ministry, etc. More so, the private sector, CSOs, vulnerable groups, research and academic institutions will also be included. The stakeholders will be invited to the workshop expected to take place on Monday, 16th of June 2014. This workshop will precede the national level workshop.

3.5 National Level

At national level, the Government representatives (MDAs) specifically from key central and sectoral Ministries will be targeted eg. Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government, President's Office Planning Commission, Ministry of education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture etc. Furthermore, private sector, research and academic institutions will also be included. The stakeholders will be invited in one workshop in Dar-es-Salaam on Tuesday, 24th of June 2014. This will be the last consultation forum which is also meant to validate the findings from other workshops. A total of 30 participants will be invited.

4.0 EXPECTED OUTPUT

The following activities will be implemented (See Table 4.1). First, ESRF will prepare the Implementation Plan, and consultation instruments. Afterwards, two workshops will be conducted. These are LGAs and CSOs (See chapter 3). As noted earlier, E-Platforms will also be used to collect views from the people. The information from the first two workshops and the E-Platforms will be consolidated in one report which will be presented during the National Workshop.

The final two deliverables will be the draft and final Post 2015 Consultation reports which will be submitted to the President's Office – Planning Commission and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Table 4.1: Deliverables and the Timeframe

S/No.	Deliverables	Timeframe
1	Implementation plan	23 rd May
2	Instrument for consultations	5 th June
3	Local government consultations	11 th June
4	CSOs consultations	14 th June
5	E-consultations	June/July
6	Zanzibar Consultations	16 th June
7	National level consultations	24 th June
8	Preliminary Draft	30 th June
9	Final draft	15 th July

5.0 WORKSHOP PROCESS (APPROACH)

All the consultation workshops will be facilitated by a seasoned facilitator, and will adopt and use a similar approach. After the official protocols the consultant will present a background paper on the genesis of the second round of the Post 2015 agenda and localization consultations, objectives and expected outputs. Participants will thereafter be given time to make some reflections after the presentation. One of the instruments to be used for collection of views and ideas will be a Discussion Topics which is intended to be used in Focus Group Discussions (FGDs). In other words, a checklist of topics and questions will be prepared for FGDs. A maximum of 5 groups will be formulated in each of the three workshops for discussion of the proposed Discussion Topics.