



Summary Report of the Sixth SADC EWG PFM Meeting 26th November to 3rd December 2019 in Gaborone, Botswana.

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1. Background

With the support from the SADC-JICA Project for Forest Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources in Southern Africa the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) formed the Southern African Development Community Expert Working Group on Participatory Forest Management (SADC EWG PFM) in September 2016. The 1st SADC EWG PFM meeting was held in Moshi Tanzania in November 2016. The main objectives of the meeting were to discuss the overview project plan. The 2nd EWG PFM meeting was conducted in Thailand from 1 to 12 February, 2017 to follow-up the activities discussed during the 1st meeting. The 3rd EWG PFM meeting was conducted in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa from 23 to 25 May 2017. The meeting discussed and agreed with the skeleton of SADC PFM guideline and good practices for PFM. The 4th EWG PFM Meeting was held from 2nd to 6th October 2017 in Arusha, Tanzania. At the 3rd and 4th EWG PFM meeting, the good practices for PFM on each SADC member state were introduced and shared by EWG PFM members. The 5th EWG PFM was held from 3 to 7 September 2018 in Lilongwe, Malawi and discussed on the concept of SADC PFM database system and the project idea note. The 6th EWG PFM which was the last meeting was held in Gaborone, Botswana from 26th November to 2 December 2019.

2. Meeting objectives

Within the 8-day meeting, SADC EWG PFM aimed

- 1) To conduct the skill up training for PFM
- 2) To conduct the operation training of SADC PFM database
- 3) To share the progress of the Action Plan Development

3. Highlights of the 6th EWG PFM meeting

Below are the highlights of the proceedings for the 6th EWG PFM meeting.

1) Welcoming remarks by Director of Forestry

The welcoming remarks were given by Dr. Mmasera Manthe-Tsuaneng, Director of Forestry and Range Resources under the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism from the host country Botswana. In her remarks she welcomed all participants of the 6th EWG PFM to Botswana and wished them a warm stay for the duration of meeting. She further commended the project PMU and EWG PFM members for their continued and

effortless participation, contribution and commitment to the implementation of the project. She also highlighted that the project seeks to address PFM in accordance with the SADC Forestry Strategy 2010-2020 in addressing alleviation of poverty in rural areas. She also said she was aware that PFM guidelines developed something that is commendable. She urged the EWG members to continue working hard applying their minds in order to bring development to the region. She also indicated that the team members will have a chance to visit some community project in a rural area in Botswana to appreciate their efforts in PFM. Lastly she urged SADC Secretariat to continue facilitating and providing a conducive environment for EWG PFM to execute its activities.

2) Remarks by JICA

The Remarks by JICA were given by the Chief Project Advisor, Ms Kayoko Gomi. She thanked all the EWG PFM members for their attendance to the 6th EWG-PFM meeting which was the last meeting. She indicated that the meeting would build capacity in organisation management and marketing in PFM which were identified by EWG members to be capacitated on. She highlighted that the SADC JICA Forestry Project play a major role in sustainable forest management and that forest play an important role in combating land degradation, climate change effects, and wetland management. She indicated that a lot of activities had been done under the project in order to support member countries and a lot of ideas on PFM has been shared. The participants were urged to actively participate and share ideas amongst each other.

3) Remarks by SADC Secretariat

The remarks by the SADC Secretariat were given by the Senior Programme Officer, Natural Resources and Wildlife Ms Deborah Kahatano. She thanked the member states for the commitment and dedication to participate in the 6th EWG on PFM. She further thanked them for the active involvement in the implementation of the SADC Project on Forest Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources in Southern Africa (commonly referred to as the SADC/JICA Forestry Project). The participants were informed that progress report for the 2018/2019 and the work plan for the 2019/2020 for the EWG on PFM were presented to the 5th JCC meeting by the Chairperson and the work plan was approved. She further highlighted that the SADC Forestry Strategy 2010- 2020 was coming to an end and that a process to review it has commenced with the view to have its draft considered in the next JCC meeting in April 2020. The participants were informed that the consultants to undertake the process are being contracted and will be visiting some countries to solicit their input. She thanked JICA, FTI, JAFTA and EWG on PFM and wished them a productive meeting.

4) Nomination of the new Chairperson

Ms. Joyce Munkombwe from Zambia was anonymously nominated as the new chairperson of the EWG PFM. She thanked all members for showing trust on her and promised to continue where his predecessor left off and make a good account.

5) Marketing Analysis and Project/Organisation Management for PFM training

The skill up training on Marketing Analysis and Organisation Management for PFM was

conducted and facilitated by the instructors from the Forest Training Institute from Tanzania .The three facilitators were Messrs Celestine Mafuru, Samwel Mawinda and Ms Philipina Shayo. The main curriculums of the training were as follows;

Marketing Analysis for PFM

- Elementary economics and principles of PFM enterprises
- Market assessment and development of forest products and services
- Value chain analysis and strategic alliance development for PFM enterprises
- Basic bookkeeping for PFM enterprises
- Enterprise development plan

Organisation management for PFM

- Purpose of organization management for PFM
- Basic characteristics and cultural environment of organization for PFM
- Approaches of organization management for PFM
- Organization management and issues related to community forestry activities

6) Field Visit to Kgetsi ya Tsie Women Resources Enterprise Community Trust in Lerala

A Field visit was made to Kgetsi ya Tsie (KYT) women Resources Enterprise community Trust in Lerala. The women's community group was formed in 1997 for the management and sustainable utilization of Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP) in the Tswapong area. The main activity the group is involved in is marula and other forest products harvesting, processing and package for sale. The group extracts marula oil for sale both for local and international market. KyT constitutes members from 26 villages which share forest land and resources. The Trust is governed by a board of trustees which has ten (10) members with representations from the KyT regions headed by an elected chairperson. Through the visit and interaction with the women group the EWG PFM members were able to evaluate the KyT project in terms of the marketing analysis and project management for PFM and drew lessons.

7) PFM Database Operation Training

The Database Operation training was conducted by Jinliang Mi a JICA consultant .He started by reminding the participants on the processes that had taken place in previous meetings regarding the Database development. He also provided solutions to issues that were raised in the 5th EWG PFM meeting regarding data inputting to the database. The participants were taught how to access the portal, register and update data to the database. The facilitator emphasised on building database into a system that will benefit everyone. The participants suggested that during the JCC meeting recommendation should be made for the provision of Funds to the enable EWG PFM collect data on other projects dealing in PFM in order to populate the database.

8) Action plan for external funding

The pathway for pin preparation for mobilising external funding was presented by Mr Takashi Nanaumi JICA Consultant team leader. He presented the pin development status by

country. Seven Countries namely Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe presented their idea notes in order for the other member states to appreciate efforts of other member states.

9) Appreciation of SADC Regional guidelines on Participatory Forest Management Final version

This session was supposed to be facilitated by Mr Kaala Moombe from Zambia the consultant who was engaged in the development of the PFM guidelines but he was not able to come due to other commitments.

10) Conclusion

The 6th EWG PFM meeting which was the last meeting was successful. This was as a result of the support from the Botswana Government and the valuable contributions from the EWG PFM members and the trainers. The participants gained knowledge on the Marketing analysis and organisation management for PFM. The field visit to the KyT project provided an opportunity to the EWG PFM members test the knowledge on market analysis and organisation management for PFM. The Database training received by the EWG PFM members enabled them to know how to access the portal, register and update data on the database on PFM good practices. A report of the 6th EWG on PFM meeting will be presented to the JCC meeting by the Chairperson.



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