

**Ministry of Environment and Forest**

**National REDD+ Secretariat**

**Minute for SESA/ESMF Task Force**

**Date: October 6, 2014**

**Venue:** Meeting hall of Ministry of Environment and Forest ,Addis Ababa

The chairman of the task force, Dr. Girma Balcha, has opened the meeting and briefly explained members of the SESA/ESMF technical force on the agenda items.

**Agenda items :** 1. Presentation on the status of national SESA/ESMF/C&P

2. Lesson from C&P Plan of Oromia

3. National C&P plan development and modalities

4. Measures that should be taken on members that do not participate more than once

Subsequently, Mr. Eyob Tenkir (National Safeguard Specialist) and Mr. Lulu Licasa (Farm Africa) were called by the chairperson to present on the agenda items specified above.

**Agenda Item 1:** Status of national SESA/ESMF

With regard to the status of the national SESA/ESMF/C&P plan, the presenter highlighted the following major points to the participants:

- Terms of Reference of the national SESA/ESMF
- What has been done so far in recruiting firms for SESA/ESMF study
  - Major tasks in SESA/ESMF study
  - The responsibility of the TF in following up the study
- Importance of Consultation and Participation plan
- Modalities for Consultation and Participation plan development and
- Integration of SESA/ESMF in the national REDD+ strategy

**Agenda Item 2:** Consultation and Participation (C&P) Plan of Oromia

Mr. Lulu Likasa, representing FARM AFRICA, has described the following major points to the task force members regarding the progress in developing the consultation and participation plan of Oromia region.

- The Need for Consultation and Participation Plan
- Basic Principles of the C & P Process
- The C & P Management Structure
- Stakeholder Mapping and Identification of their Roles
- Issues for consultation and participation

- Consultation and participation outreach methods
- Conflicts and Grievance management strategy
- Consultation and participation action plan

<b>SHORT SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES RAISED, DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE UNDER AGENDA</b>
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Following the two presentation the chairperson has opened the floor for discussion. The following major points were raised by the task force member as issues for discussion and clarification.

1. The need for exhaustive identification of stakeholders and communities in order to reduce the probability of overlooking the participants that should take part during consultation and participation (Traditional medical practitioners who reside in towns were raised as example)
2. A question on how REDD+ process could include the range lands
3. A concern of intensive involvement of World Bank in the REDD+ process (according to the reflection this intensive involvement could back lag the REDD+ process of the Country)
4. Clarification on the link between CRGE and REDD+
5. A question on how the REDD+ process could incorporate insurance mechanism during its implementation (issues of forest fire and wild animal attack on the forest surrounding communities has been raised as examples)
6. With regard to the presentation of Oromia consultation and participation plan, issues raised were,
  - Who should do the consultation and participation
  - How the C&P plan addresses the benefit sharing mechanism
  - The need for conducting prior community consultation in order to capture all the points that should be taken back to the community during actual C&P
  - Clarification between the interface and distinction of REDD+ process and the “Wall to Wall” approach

Mr. Eyob and Mr. Lulu has reflected on the respective points. Comments were endorsed and responses were given to the points that needed clarification and to the question that were raised during discussion. Accordingly,

1. To include range lands that intertain significant acacia wood and shrub lands, the national forest definition should be awaited for endorsement. Once the forest definition has been agreed on it will make clear that which land use type to include in the REDD+ process implementation
2. Since the administrative process of WB is their own internal procedure, the solution to deliver things faster is to do them on time and urge WB for quick “no objection”
3. REDD+ is a tool that the country uses to implement activities under one of the CRGE plan which is the forest sector

4. Regarding the insurance (Community safety) mechanism there is no clear direction in the REDD+ strategy. However, this may be considered in the benefit sharing mechanism.
5. The response to the issues raised on the Oromia consultation and participation plan, taking the comments into account, the main consultation and participation document has encompassed most of the concerns raised by the participants. The main document has been distributed to all the participants via email a day after the presentation.

### **Agenda Item 3: National Consultation and Participation Plan**

The basic issues forwarded under this agenda were three:

1. Should the national C&P plan adopt the Oromia CP Plan or develop a separate plan for the national
2. Who should take the responsibilities to adopt (with some amendments) the Oromia or Develop a new national CP plan
3. What should be the modalities that should be followed in the CP plan development process

The floor was again opened by the chair person to intertain veiws of the technical force member. After a few minutes discusion on the forwarded agenda and listening to the experience of the national REDD+ strategy development group, the following decision were set.

1. To Adopt the Oromia C&P plan after reviewing the document and making some amendments to serve as a national C&P plan
2. The SESA/ESMF/CP task force members to take the responsibility of developing the national C&P plan
3. The agreed modalities were the following
  - The national safeguard to distribute the Oromia C&P plan to members of the SESA/ESMF task force members via email (accomplished before the submission of this report)
  - The task force members to meet shortly after reviewing the document plus with their comments
  - The REDD+ secretariate to organize the meeting date and place
  - The members to be incentivised for the C&P plan development Task (The procedures followed by the national REDD+ strategy team was adopted by the meeting members)

### **Agenda Item 3: Measures to be taken on absentee members**

The task force members has reminded representatives of the national REDD+ secretariate to replace members (institutions) of the task force that do not attend two subsequent meetings.

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