

MINUTES OF KENYA CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP  
 PASTORALIST AND CONSERVATION THEMATIC GROUP INAUGURAL  
 MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013 AT KCCWG BOARDROOM.

**PRESENT**

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**Agenda:**

1. welcome remarks from the NSC Chairman
2. Introduction to KCCWG
3. Inauguration of the Pastoralist and conservation thematic group
4. Nomination of the group's convenor
5. AOB

### **Min 1/11/13: WELCOME REMARKS**

The meeting was called to order by the chair Mr. John Kioli at 10:00am. He welcomed members and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting despite the short notice. The meeting was opened with a word of prayer from Mr. Collins. Mr. Kioli then invited Mrs. Kibe to give the objectives of the meeting and what the KCCWG management expected from the newly formed thematic group.

### **MIN 2/11/13 INTRODUCTION TO KCCWG**

Mr. Kioli led the new members through the genesis of the organization. He stated that KCCWG was formed way back in 2009. He pointed out that the organization was formed from a resolve by members of various CSOs and donor partners in Kenya to come together to form a united front in confronting the causes and effects of climate change. He added that KCCWG is a national climate change network composed of 270 agencies working on climate change and drawn from local, national and international CSOs, research and learning institutions, the media and the private sector. The chairman also pointed out that the organization operates through nine thematic areas: forestry; energy; conflict over natural resources; health; agriculture, livestock and fisheries; water; urbanization, housing and infrastructure and now the pastoralism thematic group. This he said is important stating that an organization is like a church with many members who might not be recognized or participate actively in the activities in the church thus the need to form small sub-groups to facilitate active participation.

Mr. Kioli enlightened the members that membership of KCCWG is by organization and is guided by the spirit of volunteerism, transparency and commitment; bringing something to the table as opposed to taking something from the table. He also mentioned the 2009 drought in which livestock and agriculture produce was negatively impacted which justifies the rationale for the formation of the pastoralism thematic group which despite being very vital has been lacking in the organization. The chair urged the members to choose a responsible person to be a good custodian of the group and to be representing it in the national steering committee adding that the position entails a lot of sacrifice and commitment. He also mentioned that the organization has an active secretariat adding that one of the officers was in Tana River on official assignment while the programs manager is in Poland for the on-going climate change negotiations. He also said that the members had a lot to gain by joining KCCWG as through it, they could fundraise

and tap into many opportunities. On membership, Mr.Kioli stated that there was no joining fee as yet and that members are treated equally despite the time of joining adding that the new members would sign a commitment form and be enrolled to the Google list through which they would be reached. He also mentioned that KCCWG has been involved in many activities including the climate change Bill and formulation of several policies. He then welcomed Mrs.Kibe to give the objectives of the meeting and what was expected from the new members by the management.

### **Min 3/11/13: Inauguration of the Pastoralism thematic group**

Mrs.Kibe who is the treasurer, KCCWG, congratulated Mr.Kioli for representing the organization well during a recently held interview on issues of climate change through the media. She brought to the attention of the members that sometime back, a meeting was held and a resolution to split the pastoralism and conflict over natural resources thematic group as the group was too big(76 organizations)thus the task to reach its members very enormous as only members within the vicinity could be met due to scarce resources. As a result of this meeting, it was agreed that the group be separated and approved by the National Steering Committee (NSC) and formed as an agenda during the AGM Thus the decision to split the group. She echoed Mr.Kioli's sentiments that membership to KCCWG calls for a lot of volunteering adding that pastoralists have been seriously impacted by climate change thus the need to have a platform for advocacy within KCCWG.

Mrs.Kibe pointed out that the day's meeting had been organized for the official opening of the newly formed pastoralism thematic group. She then officially welcomed the new members and asked them why they had chosen to join the group. Two of the members responded as follows:

- Mr. John Ngure said that he felt it wise to join the group as he had an interest in tourism which is directly interlinked with pastoralism and conservation.
- Mr.Marapash said that it was time such a group was formed particularly in the ASAL areas to mitigate and adapt to climate change as such areas practice pastoralism as their major economic activity which is directly affected by climate change.
- Mr.Colins Linyole also felt it wise to join the group as he had a soft spot for wildlife which is directly connected with conservation and pastoralism.

Mrs.Kibe then asked the members to highlight some of the conservation activities in the pastoral areas which they gave as sanctuaries set aside for conservation of flora and fauna, watering

points, wildlife and forest conservation. She also gave the following as expectations of the management from the members of the pastoralist and conservation thematic group:

- Members are tasked to look out for issues that threaten the existence of citizens and livestock and report to the management which would then map out the strategy to champion for change thus play a big role in advocacy.
- Bring out the visibility of KCCWG for people to know of the existence of the organization/Be ambassadors to push for the visibility of KCCWG
- Tell the management about any show case on conservation as on adaptation and mitigation strategy to climate change/Identify projects that KCCWG could document.
- The convenor is expected to bring to the table what happens across the country (all pastoralists).
- Encourage mitigation to climate change/reduce further impacts of climate change.

Mrs.Kibe stated that the management would judge the performance of the group by its aggressiveness adding that a majority of the members were youths thereby urging them to be aggressive and play their role as the custodians of the country's resources.

#### **Min 4/11/13: Nomination of the group's convenor**

The chairman asked the members which mode of election they preferred. The group unanimously agreed to go for acclamation (7members agreed to this) and Mr.Maraph was nominated as the pastoralism thematic group convenor. The chair thanked the members for the smooth election and congratulated Mr.Marapash for his victory and urged him to deliver and not to disappoint his electorate and the faith that they had expressed in him. He also asked Mr.Marapash to be aggressive and fundraise for the group adding that his new position calls for a lot of sacrifice, commitment and input to the NSC.

Mrs.Kibe congratulated Mr.Marapash on his nomination adding that it was good that the members had seen his capacity thereby urging him to deliver as is expected of him. She added that an official communication would be made to the NSC with regard to the convenor's nomination as he would be the direct link between the pastoralism thematic group members and the organization. Mrs.Kibe mentioned that the pastoralist and conservation thematic group was the tenth of the thematic groups through which KCCWG operates. She also mentioned through

the platform, members would be engaged in different activities. She pointed out that civil society is political in nature adding that if politics was to be put in a group, the group would definitely fall urging the members to feel free to contact their convenor who would convene an impromptu meeting to iron things out in case a misunderstanding came up. She thus urged the members to always separate politics and the core objectives of the organization.

Mr.Marapash thanked the members for nominating him as their convenor. He promised them to be vibrant as he now had a platform for advocacy. Mr.Marapash promised his electorate to represent them well and not to disappoint them for their faith in him for the two years that he would serve them. He also mentioned that the meeting was important as it implemented the decision of the AGM.He stated that the first move would be to know the members across the country thereby urging the members to fill commitment forms that would facilitate fair engagement/representation in the organization's activities. He also asked for co0operation and information sharing among the members.Finally, Mr.Marapash thanked the members for attending the meeting within a short notice.

**MIN5/11/13 AOB**

1. Mrs.Kibe thanked the members for attending the meeting .She brought to the attention of the members that since the group was new, there was no budget for them thus they were not going to receive transport refunds but they would be served with tea.
2. Mr.Kioli said that he was grateful to all the members present for availing themselves, He also urged Mr.Marapash to look at how the members of his thematic group would add value to KCCWG.

There being no other business the chairman thanked the members for finding time to attend the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at noon and closed with a word of prayer from Ms.Victoria.

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**CHAIRMAN-----**

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