

**Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy and Monitoring Tools for the
Climate Change Policy Dialogue Meeting**

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Government of Malawi is in the process of finalising a National Climate Change Policy (NCCP) as an overarching framework in climate change sector in Malawi. In line with this, CISONCEC in collaboration with CADECOM, with funding from DFID through Trocaire, developed a Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) Strategy and Monitoring Tools as supplementary material to the Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy of the Draft NCCP. The strategy is designed to stimulate and facilitate stakeholder participation in monitoring implementation of the NCCP within their own spheres/localities and at different levels. Bearing in mind that the NCCP has not yet been adopted, the PME Strategy and Monitoring Tools are intended to be a preparatory contribution to the roll out of the NCCP implementation and monitoring upon adoption.

In line with the above, CISONCEC organised a policy dialogue meeting which took place at Livingstonia Beach Hotel in Salima on 30th September, 2014 to share the PME Strategy and the Monitoring Tools with government. Participants to the meeting comprised senior government officials from different departments and ministries which included, among others, the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD), Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development (MoAIWD) such as departments of Crops, Animal Health and Livestock, Water Resources, Irrigation, Land Resources Conservation and Department of Disaster Risk Management Affairs. Other stakeholders who participated in the meeting include the Catholic Development Commission (CADECOM), Evangelical Association of Malawi (EAM), the Civil Society Agriculture Network (CISANET), IFPRI and the media.

During this meeting the Principal Environmental Officer from the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) and the UNFCCC Focal Point, Mr. Evans Njewa, presented the status of development of the NCCP. Mr. Njewa highlighted that key stakeholders were consulted during the process of developing the NCCP. Mr. Njewa informed participants that the draft NCCP is currently being reviewed at OPC and it is planned to be presented to the Principal Secretaries Meeting later in October, 2014. However, he hinted that the Government of Malawi is yet to start work on the development of the National Climate Change Bill. Mr. Njewa also informed the meeting that, apart from the development of the M&E framework for the NCCP, the Government of Malawi through the department of Economic Planning and Development (EP&D) was about to commission development of the M&E Framework for Climate Change actions in Malawi.

CISONCEC and CADECOM presented the PME Strategy and Monitoring Tools which generated a lot of interest, comments and discussions. Participants were informed categorically that the PME Strategy and Monitoring Tools for the NCCP will remain a draft until the policy is finally adopted and hence any changes to the current draft NCCP will necessitate review of the PME Strategy and the Monitoring Tools. During the presentation, it was explained that the PME framework was chosen on the basis that it seeks to promote participation, learning, negotiation and flexibility unlike conventional M&E which is often associated with data collection for external use and accountability. CISONCEC informed the participants that the tool will complement the existing M&E for the NCCP by ensuring that a broader spectrum of stakeholders are involved in monitoring implementation of the NCCP. It was suggested that the academia should be fully involved in the capacity building of wider stakeholder on the implementation of the PME Strategy and Tools. The government

stakeholders commended CISON ECC and CADECOM PME initiative and thanked the two organisations for sharing the tool.

As a way forward, it was also suggested that the developed PME Strategy and Monitoring Tools for the NCCP should be shared with the National Technical Committee on Climate Change. Furthermore, it was suggested that CISON ECC should hold a technical discussion meeting with the government of Malawi to harmonize the conventional monitoring and evaluation tool and the PME Strategy developed by CISON ECC and CADECOM.



Figure 1: Mr. Herbert Mwalukomo presenting on the objectives of the meeting



Figure 2: Mr. James Kalikwembe presenting on the Climate Change Participatory M&E strategy and Monitoring Tools

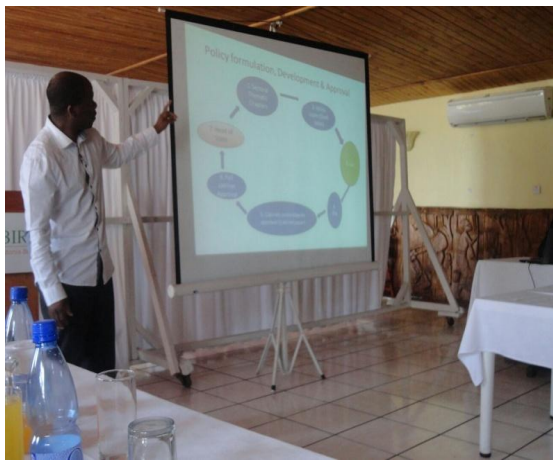


Figure 3: Mr. Evance Njewa presenting on the status of Climate Change Policy development process



Figure 4: Martin Mazinga of CADECOM giving his views on the discussion

