

NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON DAMS AND DEVELOPMENT IN GHANA

12th National Coordinating Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 21st December, 2010

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

Venue: AGRA Conference Room

Chairperson

Dr. Mrs. Cecilia Amoah

NCC MEMBERS PRESENT

1	Dr. Mrs. Cecilia Amoah	Volta Basin Research Project
2	Mr. Gabriel Apatu	Bui Power Authority
3	Togbe Adom Drayi II	NAVRART 52
4	Dr. Liqa Raschid-Sally	International Water Mgt. Inst.
5	Mr. Richard Koranteng	Volta Basin Development Foundation
6	Nene Tetteh Amoako IV	Natriku Community
7	Nana Kwadwo Wuo II	Bui Community
8	Hon. Isaac Agboh-Tetteh	Lower Manya Krobo District Assembly
9	Mr. K.D. Bright Siayor	Volta River Authority
10	Togbe Emmanuel Kpakpa	Akainyakrom
11	Mr. Minta A. Aboagye	MWRW&H
12	Mr. Bob Alfa	Water Resources Commission
13	Mr. Mike Anane	League of Env. Journalists

OBSERVERS

14	Mrs. Rhoda Arthur	Volta River Authority
15	Mr. Ben Sackey	Volta River Authority
16	Mr. E.A.K. Kalitsi	Kalitsi and Associates
17	Mr. Rajeev Ahal	Organization Development Centre
18	Mr. Benjamin Ofori	VBRP
19	Mr. Edmund K. Akoto-Danso	International Water Mgt. Inst.
20.	Ms. Patience Asem	VRA Resettlement Trust Fund

MEMBERS ABSENT

1.	Mr. Samuel Ayeh-Dateh	Ministry of Energy
2.	Mr. S.A. Appenteng	AGI
3.	Dr. E.O. Bekoe	Water Research Institute

The NCC meeting began at 09:10 am with a prayer from Nana Kwadwo Wuo II.

Agenda:

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the 11th NCC Meeting.
2. Update on past events
3. Presentations
 - Findings of Evaluation of the Phase III of the Ghana Dams Dialogue
 - Concept Note for the next phase of the Ghana Dams Dialogue
4. Closure of Phase III of the Ghana Dams Dialogue
5. Presentation of Certificates

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Workers of BPA are exempted from these taboos and festivals .</i> • <i>Chieftancy/allegiance aspects are clear to those involved (and do not require further discussion).</i> • <i>Research historical facts on pouring of libation and prepare a protocol prior to moving to the new site.</i> 	
3. Presentations	<p>3.1. Findings of Evaluation of the Phase III of the Ghana Dams Dialogue</p> <p>Mr. Rajeev Ahal presented findings of the evaluation of the Ghana Dams Dialogue for the 3rd phase. He outlined the objectives of the exercise thus; to undertake the end-of-project evaluation of the process of growth and evolution of Ghana Dams Dialogue in its third phase; to document key experiences and lessons learnt. And finally to provide recommendations for the next phase of GDD. To achieve these objectives, the consultant used an Organisational Development approach - the integrated application of Gestalt Organisational Development. This approach is based on the principles of appreciative inquiry, systems thinking, group process, emotional and social intelligence as well as personal growth and mastery to enhance learning and the management of change at all levels of system in a multi-cultural environment, he added.</p> <p>He presented key findings, lessons learnt from the evaluation and impact areas for the next phase of GDD. He ended his presentation with some specific recommendations emerging from the evaluation :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Establishment of a decentralized Project level engagement by GDD. II. Broadening GDDs horizontal/thematic engagement through the extension of scope to upstream and downstream areas of dams. III. Being strategic in advocacy function leading to becoming a Knowledge Manager on Water Sector in Ghana IV. GDD’s strategy to safeguard its independence should be based on its independent NCC and a basket of funds. V. GDD’s strategy to strengthen its accountability by enhancing transparency of decisions made and process of decision making within NCC and accountability of Secretariat to the NCC. VI. Institutional management trough an improved minutes keeping and dissemination of NCC meetings; follow up, review and feedback of agreed actions within GDD; 	Mr. Rajeev Ahal

3.2 Concept Note for the next phase of the Ghana Dams Dialogue

Mr. Rajeev Ahal did his second presentation on the Concept Note for the next phase of the Ghana Dams Dialogue. He indicated that the Concept Note was designed to propose key policy and programme guidelines by the outgoing NCC to the new one (institutional memory and hand-over). This also forms the basis for the Secretariat to start identifying funding sources to recommend to the next NCC and finally define directions for the capacity of Secretariat to be built up for supporting the next phase of GDD.

Four strategic goals with respective objectives and outputs were discussed and approved by members of the NCC. The strategic goals include the following:

1. Lead a national level dialogue process on Sustainable Dam Development
2. Undertake evidence based and focussed advocacy and lobbying to push current policy and legal envelopes.
3. Support improved Implementation of selected key sustainability aspects of dam development in Ghana.
4. Capacitate Dam Affected Communities on voice and accountability aspects

In order for GDD to achieve the above in the next phase (2011-13), it was agreed to:

- introduce and manage the process of change towards the proposed institutional mechanisms. This will include a planned transition and capacity development of the proposed Secretariat of GDD. Apart from utilization of internal resources (in terms of leadership and experience), GDD will bring in Organisational Development expertise to make this transition smooth and effective.
- that, based on this Concept Note, the new NCC leadership will develop a detailed GDD Action Plan (including budget) for the Fourth Phase (2011-13).
- seek and secure funding for the next phase: The strategy would be to seek Core Support from a partner donor based on this concept note and identify other supports for some of the programmatic activities (including in-kind support from some of the GDD members). Having a 'basket of funds' will help GDD to ensure a balanced, secure and flexible funding to enhance the requirements of a multi stakeholder forum such as this one.

The last part of the meeting was employed to close the activities of the third phase of the Ghana Dams Dialogue. The Chairperson and the Project Leader (Dr. Mrs. Cecilia Amoah and Dr. Liqa Raschid-Sally) respectively gave valedictory speeches to close the current phase. The meeting ended with a cheerful presentation of certificates by the co-chairs, to members of the NCC and other personalities and organizations who have contributed to the successful implementation of the third phase of the dialogue process.

The meeting closed at 12: 30 with a closing prayer from Nana Kwadwo Wuo II.

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