



International Year of Biodiversity 22 May 2010 Kumba Cameroon.



AGENDA

1. Registration of Guests, Schools and Colleges, Civil Societies, the Media 8-12.30 p.m.
2. Introduction of the day and presentation on program By Corinne Dianne and Ivoline Viban
3. Welcome speech from FEEDAR & HR Board Member, Mr Ikoanuma Peter Sakwe
4. Comments from the Audience and invited Guests.
- 5. Presentation of posters and papers 13:15 –1500**
 - The CBD and related agreements and protocols, Ms Ivoline and Ms Corinne Dianne.
 - Community leaders, their Role to Forests and Biodiversity Conservation by Ikoanuma Peter Sakwe Traditional Council, Kwakwa
 - Conflicts Resolution on Agriculture and Food Security, Meme River Community Forest, by Mr Diony George Makia, Delegate, South West Multi-Purpose Farmers Common Initiative Group.
 - Municipal Solid Waste Management and their impact to Biodiversity. Presented by Mr Ashu Tabe Gilbert, Co-ordinator Cameroon Environmental Science Society
 - Mr Ikoanuma Peter Sakwe; Case studies of Climate Change effects , Kwakwa Village
6. Questions and answers session 15.00 – 15:30 PM
7. Break and coffee 15.30: 16:30
8. Introduction of Partnership Documents
 - EDF ACP-EU Water facility Restricted Call for Partnerships for Capacity Development in the ACP Water & Sanitation Sector
 - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion for the Millennium Development Goals
9. Display of biological diversity opportunities
10. Way forward for communities
11. Closing 17:30pm

Introduction:

Upon request to celebrate the International day of Biological Diversity 22 May 2010 from the United Nations Organisation, other stakeholders and the Secretariat of Biological Diversity (CBD); The Secretariat of FEEDAR & HR received a pack from the CBD containing 8 T-shirts of IYB (worn by conference participants), posters, pens and small brochures.

No support for conference materials, publications or financial assistance to organise the event came from external funders except from our local member's donations. We thank God for that.

However, FEEDAR HR was able to host over 30 guests and covered their local expenses.

Three weeks prior to 22 May 2010 FEEDAR & HR staffs visited Schools and Colleges within the Kumba Central, the Various Municipal Councils and Government Ministries, Businesses, Civil Society within the Kumba Central.

This was to give awareness and sensitisation on the International Biodiversity day, the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable lifestyles among communities.

A) Registration:

Registration and attendance of event took place at the FEEDAR & HR headquarters Kumba. Celebration and Conference was initially scheduled to start at 8 am Saturday 22nd May 2010, but unfortunately due to weather conditions and distance, some community leaders and other stakeholders came a little late.

In attendance were farmers, students, youths, women, traditional rulers, the indigenous community, members of Municipal Councillors, The Press and Media. Over 30 participants attended the event, meanwhile over 10,000 were informed in schools, colleges and within communities prior to the celebration of the day.

B) Presentations: Full version upon request from feedarsecretariat@yahoo.com

Four Presentations were made. Bringing in the main opportunities and challenges within these communities. Targeting Food Security and hunger, Waste Management, Poverty and climate change effects which continue to hit hard on communities and their families making them losing hope everyday, even though much is been said by policy makers and no action takes place on the ground to alleviate sufferings among communities and families.

Some examples were taking into consideration;

i) River Basins:

With abundance of fish and other biological resources in river basins many village communities lack fish protein because of lack of fishing equipment except for small household consumption which does not solve the problem of alleviating rural hunger and poverty.

ii) Agriculture:

With abundance of forest harvest many communities lack storage facilities or possibilities to process and transform them to other forms. This is primarily due to the absence of basic facilities like electricity, roads, pipe born water and increasing poverty.

Moreover, these communities lack access to markets for their agricultural products and are therefore caught in the trap of been unable to bargain on prices. Prices are dictated on them not taking into cognisance the labour and costs involve.

This equally makes farmers unable to allocate for agricultural inputs as a means to increase agricultural production, thereby leaving the family and children vulnerable to many challenges of hunger, illness, Crime, HIV/Aids and Malaria.

Food security

iii) Biodiversity:

In terms of biological resources, there is an exponential decrease in their numbers as many go into near extinction if care is not taking. These communities depend from these resources for their sustainability and untill their capacities is increased and opportunities provided for them to sustain these capacities, we risks having many species go into extinction. Endangered species will suffer most.

Examples; over hunting, fishing by poisoning water sources and cultivating forests by bush fires.

iv) Forests:

Forests are fast disappearing taking over by farming lands and farming lands taking over by unfertile degraded lands which are later abandoned.

Painful of it all is that lands expropriated by government (RESERVED FORESTS) within these communities face severe deforestation without action taking to address the situation in a vigorous manner, especially by increasing capacities of local communities.

Deforestation and poverty remains on the rise because no action is taking on the ground meanwhile a lot of resources is spent world-wide especially on meetings.

PAPER PRESENTATION SESSIONS



Climate Change Effects Kwakwa



Municipal Solid Waste Management, by Mr Ashu Tabe Gilbert.



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C) Expected Outcome of Conference:

- a) FEEDAR & HR recognises the abundance of biological resources among these communities which are disappearing so fast that immediate action is needed to revert the situation.
- b) We also recognise that the participants to the event, the traditional rulers and councils represent communities of the forests regions as the main stakeholders who can bring real change in reverting the state of matters in Forests Degradation, Deforestation including Bush fires and loss of Biodiversity and climate change adaptation.
- c) We also envisaged a more stronger collaboration, working with these communities directly and promoting opportunities to poverty alleviation and sustainable Development, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion for the Millennium Development Goals.
- d) A Long Holidays Volunteer Program between June- September will be to promote MDGs in these communities more vigorously which will be one of a big approach to meet the challenges.



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