



ITTO-IUFRO PROJECT ON REDDES

(Reducing deforestation and forest degradation and enhancing environmental services from forests)

REPORT OF STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON SPECIFIC STRATEGIES TO CONTROL DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION AND ENHANCING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES HELD AT OWENA, ONDO STATE, NIGERIA

Date/ venue - 20th - 23rd June 2013, 2012 @ Owena



Forest degradation and logging vehicle in action



Water path during raining and dry season

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1.0 Opening remarks, workshop objectives and welcome address

The workshop started with opening remarks from Dr. O.R. Adejoba the expert group leader for Nigeria team, after a prayer from one of the participant. He welcomed all the participants and gave a review of the last meetings held at Aponmu and Owena given the deductions from these meetings that led to the specific strategies. He appreciated the traditional rulers that were present at the last meeting and those present at the last meeting, he however said that this is a follow up meeting to the earlier meeting to show the seriousness of achieving concrete result from the exercise. He said that those present today were representatives of the various groups at the earlier meeting. He solicited their cooperation towards the success of the workshop as we deliberate on the specific strategies and their further input if any.

He later introduced the royal Highness of Owena as the chairman for the occasion. The chairman took over, and requested the cooperation of the indigenes to make the meeting a success he further requested that the project will not just be a talkshop it should go with practical action he stressed further that the government should be serious about solving the problem of deforestation. Furthermore the representative of the state forestry also gave an opening remark. The workshop was held on **THURSDAY 20th June, 2012 at Owena**. The deliberations on strategies started by **12pm on Thursday**, tree planting proper was done from house to house of ready participants starting from **8am on Saturday 21st June, 2013** and negotiations for demonstration plot started by **12pm on 22nd June, 2013**.

2.0 Attendance and Approaches

The workshop was attended by a total of 32 participants from Aponmu and Owena. These were drawn from representative of statutory local government and community level organisations, research organisations and private organisations in the area. The stakeholder groups included, Cocoa research Department (CRIN), Local Govt. Officer, State Forestry officer, traditional rulers, farmer groups, Loggers, clergy and others (cf. complete list of participants in Appendix 1). The presence of the Royal Highnesses from the communities and the State forestry officials at the workshop was an added advantage to the deliberations.

This workshop was therefore organized in the Township Hall of Owena in Akure Forest reserve area. The workshop programme took three days the first day was for thorough deliberations on the specific strategies then tree planting by the traditional rulers, the second day was tree planting exercise by the participants who had earlier on received tree seedlings, the last day was for consultation for community plot for demonstration planting.

3.0 Deliberations

Two two pilot sites (Aponmu and Owena) participants were separated in the hall into different half of the hall before the deliberations on the specific strategies. The deliberations was anchored by one of the expert group member Mr Gbadebo, J.O while others participated in the deliberations taking notes of responses given explanations where necessary. The identified specific strategies to combat deforestation and forest degradation and enhance environmental services were read out and explained thoroughly before the response of the participants and contributions.

4.0 Photo shots of the meeting



Dr. O.R Adejoba giving his opening remark



Traditional ruler giving his opening remark



Cross section of participants at the meeting



Cross section of audience during discussion on the specific strategies



High table with the traditional rulers



Tree planting by the traditional rulers





Group picture of participants



**5.0 SPECIFIC STRATEGIES TO CONTROL DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION AND ENHANCING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FROM FOREST**

STRATEGY INVOLVING COMMUNITY					
Serial no	Strategies to address deforestation and forest degradation	OWENA	APONMU	TOTAL	REMARK(S)
1.	Planting of trees/re-afforestation of degraded areas (if permitted to use the land or incentives given)	10	8	18	Very strong
2.	The community should guide the forest	10	8	18	Very strong
3.	Setting up of boundary lines when burning	10	0	10	strong
4.	Construction of fire belts around the forest	10	7	17	strong
5.	Maintenance of trees on farmlands	10	8	18	Very strong
6.	No burning of farm debris during harmattan season	10	8	18	Very strong
7.	People should be trustworthy and maintain trees on their farmland and allotted land	10	8	18	Very strong
8.	Release land as demonstration plot for forestry practice	0	0	0	Very poor
9	Planting of boundary trees on farmland e.g Teak, Gmelina, Millecea excelsa etc	10	8	18	Very strong

STRATEGY INVOLVING GOVERNMENT					
1.	Soldiers to join the wildfire team in patrolling	0	0	0	Very poor
2.	Government to provide social amenities and farm inputs to communities	10	8	18	Very strong
3.	Educate communities on the dangers of deforestation and degradation	10	8	18	Very strong
4.	Government to provide task force with needed requirements	10	8	18	Very strong
5.	Strict law binding illegal chainsaw and logging	3	2	5	Poor
6.	Indiscriminate fire burning should be abolished	10	8	18	Very strong
7.	If you fell one tree there should be a law to plant one(it should be enforced)	10	8	18	Very strong
8.	Forest guards should be given logistics	9	0	9	Fair
9.	Enforcement of laws on forest including illegal farming	0	3	3	poor
10.	No construction of roads in the forest	10	0	10	strong
11.	Motivate farmers to protect the trees by	10	8	18	Very strong

	employing them as forest guards				
12.	Spraying with agro-chemicals should be banned	5	4	9	Fair
13.	Provide seedlings for replacement planting.	10	8	18	Very strong
14	Involve traditional rulers in forest protection	10+ traditional ruler	8+ traditional ruler	20	Very strong
15.	Community to share from proceeds from the forest.	10	6	16	strong
16.	Create awareness on family planning	10	8	18	Very strong
17.	Discourage fuelwood collection in the forest	10	8	18	Very strong
18.	Youth empowerment training to be self employed	10	8	18	Very strong
19	Revival of tree planting campaign in the area	8	7	15	Strong
20	Alternative energy supply apart from firewood should be promoted	8	6	14	Strong
21.	Resuscitation of tree planting campaign	10	8	18	Very strong
22.	Visitation to Primary and Secondary Schools for awareness campaign	9	8	17	Very strong
23.	Government should provide more land for Agroforestry for farmers – creating more land	10	8	18	Very strong

	slots outside the existing forests				
INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION					
1	Awareness seminar on REDDES should be taken to all communities in the area and should be continuous	10	8	18	Very strong

6.0 SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC STRATEGY

- 1. Awareness is critical and must be pursued vigorously**
- 2. Allocation of land for agroforestry is very important for the farmers participation**
- 3. Communal forestry should be practised**
- 4. Farming inputs should be given to the farmers as well as supply of seedlings**
- 5. Youth empowerment should be taken seriously by the government and not lip service only**
- 6. The community and traditional rulers should be empowered to guide the forest**
- 7. Projects such as IUFRO-ITTO ON REDDES should continue and made practical**

Appendix 1: Attendance at the meeting



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Special guest ATTENDANCE

S/N	NAME	occupation / phone no	sign / date
1	Mr Clement Ukpabi	Farming 08094911881	20/6/2013
2	HRH Oba Stephen Akintan	climber extract oba of owens idemise	20/6/2013
3	Mr Fatoba Josiah	Farming 08074139161	20/6/2013
4	Mr Adeyeye Ademiran	Farming 08130566402	20/6/2013
5	Mr Simeon Ajibola	Farming 08134383071	20/6/2013
6	Mr Akinnulami Festus	Farming 08167137616	20/6/2013
7	Mr Ologunbura L A	Forest officer 08033518885	20/6/2013
8	Mr Oseke G. S.	Forest officer 08033799116	20/6/2013
9	Mr Adelakunmi S	✓ ✓ 0814670760	20/6/2013
10	Mr Adarami Gbenga	FRIM 108036391629	20/6/2013
11	Mr Sunday Adeyeye	Logger owner 08101170057	20/6/2013
12	Hon. Oladepupo Sanjo	Farming/ politician 08137551577	20/6/2013
13	lude lamolate	Farming/Business 08132633551	20/6/2013
14	Mr Ajayi Oshewa	Farming	20/6/2013
15	Oyebansi Lanigil	" 08094903184	20/6/2013
16	Munday Ibode	" 070548336	20/6/2013
17	Samson Okunfemi	" 02091894822	20/6/2013
18	Saka		20/6/2013



ATTENDANCE

SN	Name	Occupation / phone no	Sign/Date
19	Akinkuehin B.T.	Civil Service 08067381372	AK 20/06/2013
20	Ogunleye Henry	Businessman	<i>[Signature]</i>
21	Ayodeji Lanlatin	Businessman	<i>[Signature]</i>
22	Akindaramoni Cecilia	Business	Mrs. C. Akin 20/6/13
23	H.R.H OBA OSUNDSADE		
24	I.M. OLU OF ABABA BUBU - IDANRE,	RULER IDANRE	
25	Hon Jimmy Akintade	Civil Servant	<i>[Signature]</i>
26	AJAYI Sunday	Farming	A 5
27	AKINOLA ALABA	FRAN 08030540253	<i>[Signature]</i>
28	Chief Kolawole Tapa	Farming	<i>[Signature]</i>
29	Isaac Adejaye	Farming	<i>[Signature]</i>
30	Bulala Egunla	Farming	<i>[Signature]</i>
31	OLOFINLEMI	BUSINESS	<i>[Signature]</i>

Appendix 2: Letter of invitation to the meeting



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Dear sir/ma,

INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDERS MEETING TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC REDDES STRATEGY TO COMBAT DEFORESTATION AND DEGRADATION

As a follow up to our first meeting it is necessary to meet and discuss strategic step to address deforestation and forest degradation as well as improve environmental services from forests in tropical countries, IUFRO and FORNESSA, in conjunction with ITTO, are cooperating to conduct this study in Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia and Cameroon. The main aim of the study is to strengthen the capacity of African countries to generate and disseminate information to stakeholders especially policy makers on reducing deforestation and degradation and improving services from the forests.

You are hereby cordially invited to attend an interactive meeting due to hold on **THURSDAY 20th June, 2013 at Owena hall.**

Venue – OWENA HALL

Time –12:00PM

Thank you for honouring the invitation.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Adejoba, Olajide .R