



Zambia Community Based Natural Resources Management Forum Newsletter

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Figure 1 : ZCBNRM Forum Board meeting in Lusaka, 11.01.2019

Chairman's Welcoming remarks



Zambia is endowed with numerous natural resources across the entire country, which if tapped and well managed could sustainably contribute to improved economic well-being of its citizens. There is generally a growing need for the participation of resource users in achieving sustainable use and conservation of natural resources. It is indeed our duty together with our members and stakeholders to champion

in creating an enabling CBNRM environment in Zambia. It is in this sense that we need to consider communities as key players in conservation, as working with local communities to raise conservation awareness and promote sustainable use of natural resources will contribute to economic development. The Zambia CBNRM Forum is one such suitable mechanism through which member organizations participation could be enhanced. I would like to acknowledge the fact that there has been limited participation of civil society and the local communities in natural resources management. One such reason is that there has been no clear legislation on natural resources management as it relates to CBNRM. Similarly, poor information dissemination or lack of it has contributed to the slowdown of CBNRM in Zambia. The need to strengthen the capacity of local communities to manage natural resources and the environment at large therefore arises. In acknowledging this requirement, the Zambia CBNRM Forum aims to provide a valuable and useful platform through which CBNRM could be enhanced. We believe we can have a greater impact in areas with limited existing capacity. I wish to assure all members, communities and other stakeholders that our current strategic plan, 2018-2022 will provide to the forum among others a number of strategic options and interventions to guide the operations of the forum. Recently,

Zambia CBNRM Forum experienced financial challenges, but we have been able to adapt to changing and often challenging situations, working to improve our efficiency to ensure more of our revenue goes towards our intended programs. In 2018 the Zambia CBNRM Forum entered the first year of its corporate operational and mobilization strategies, with an aim of taking action so that the organization becomes more sustainable and feasible. As an organization, we consider this as a bold ambition and one we can aim to achieve by becoming a leader in promoting community-based natural resources management in Zambia. On behalf of my board I would like to thank you for backing us in our new direction, which in reality is an evolution of our work to date. We will always strive for a world where vulnerable communities are heard and empowered to create their own futures in the management of natural resources.

Dr. Rodgers Lubilo,

Board Chairman, Zambia CBNRM Forum.

National Coordinator's Statement



It is now fourteen (14) years down the line since the Zambia CBNRM Forum was established in 2004 and launched by the former Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources (MTENR) in 2005 with the aim to reduce poverty through community-based management of natural resources. The forum has recently been registered with the Ministry of Community Development, Mother and Child Development since December 2014, in accordance with the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Act No. 16 of 2009. Indeed, the Forum's focus has been around creating secure livelihoods for communities in Zambia through sustainable utilization of natural resources that includes; forestry, fisheries, water, agriculture, land and wildlife. Through all these years, we have been building on our mandate for strengthening the capacities of vulnerable rural communities in their role in conserving nature as well as holding government accountable on the enforcement of policies and regulations for sustainable natural resource *management* and climate justice. Strengthening the capacity of these communities and upholding their rights to demand for implementation of policies and programmes to promote inclusiveness, accessibility, accountability is one of our key ingredients in our fields of work. 2018 marked Zambia CBNRM Forum's tremendous transitional milestone for the organization and one that has seen us witness great change in the CBNRM sector and across the country. We're proud of our new status as champions of Community-Based interventions, but we understand that the world we were founded in is a very different one to the one we see now. In order to make the largest possible impact for the vulnerable communities we target, we need to be as forward thinking and willing to adapt as we were at our inception. Zambia CBNRM

Forum is now one year into its five-year corporate strategy (2018-2022). This strategy has seen us adopt new ways of working, a stronger voice as advocates for pro-poor and inclusive CBNRM policies. Our advocacy locally has seen communities take the stage and fight for their rights. Our work with these vulnerable communities and stakeholders through our programs has continued to strive for greater inclusion throughout communities so that the most marginalized in the utilization of our natural resources are heard. We acknowledge that climate change and conflict have continued to threaten the well-being of society, especially rural communities. As the world changes we are proud that we have been able to adapt with it. It is imperative that we equip communities and our members to have the tools, resilience and a voice in the face of this shifting world. Our work is only possible with your support. Whether it's sponsoring a group of community, advocating for change, fundraising, supporting our passionate CBNRM efforts, or even remembering Zambia CBNRM Forum in your will, your support is invaluable. Thank you for associating with us.

Mr. Noah Chongo,

National Coordinator: Zambia CBNRM Forum.

Our team

The ZCBNRM Forum Board

- **Dr Rodgers Lubilo** – Chairman
- **Dr Stellah Mungaila** – Vice Chairperson
- **Mr Vincent Ziba** – Board Secretary
- **Mr Isaac Banda** – Vice Secretary
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- **Dr Patricia P Muyamwa** – Board Member
- **Chieftainess Muwezwa** – Board Member
- **Chief Luembe** – Board Member

The Forum is currently growing with a full Secretariat including a National Coordinator, a Project Officer, a Finance Officer and a project Assistant working on 6 different projects in Zambia.

Noah Chongo – National Coordinator

Mr. Noah Chongo, Founder of *Climate Protection Zambia (CPZ)* and *Continental Professional Excellence (CPE)*, is currently the National Coordinator for the Zambia CBNRM Forum. He is graduate in Development Studies from The University of Zambia and with a master professional qualification in Quality and Environmental Management from Saarbrucken University of Applied Sciences in Germany. He has more than 6 years of research experience in Climate Change, Natural Resource Conservation, Urban and Industrial

Ecology, , Environmental Management, Water and Sanitation, and Integrated Quality Management.

Pauline Carron – Programme and Fundraising Officer

Pauline Carron is the current Programme and Fundraising Officer for the Forum. She is a Swiss eco friendly young women. Graduated from Science Po with a specialisation in Public Administration and Natural Resources Management, she always had a green vision of life, fighting for different environmental protection NGO during her studies. She worked three years in Nouakchott, Mauritania, managing a water and sanitation access programme for the Swiss cooperation before she came to Zambia, and then worked for a environmental NGO in Lusaka before joining the Forum.

Stephen Banda – Finances Officer

Steven is a highly skilled Administrator and Manager, holder of Diploma in Accountancy, Theology, Project Management and Human Resources with 17 years NGOs, private & public administration practical experience. Sober, honest, hardworking and reliable with ability to develop, implement and improve any Organization.

Denny Daka – Programmes Assistant

Denny holds a Bachelor in Business Management from the University of Zambia. He assists the management team for the day-to-day work at the office and on the ground. He has good communications and leadership skills.

The Forum

Our Vision

To foster sustainable livelihoods among rural communities through sustainable management and utilisation of natural resources.

Our Mission

To promote CBNRM and sustainable utilization of natural resources in Zambia and facilitate the implementation of CBNRM programmes through lobbying, advocacy, capacity building activities, networking and information sharing

Goal

Our goal to influence coordination of CBNRM interventions, influence CBNRM related policy formulation and facilitate effective implementation of CBNRM programmes and projects that develop sustainable strategic partnerships among communities, private and public sectors through continuous consultation and networking.

The Forum is currently working at the implementation of different programmes all around Zambia.

Governance Assessment to Protected Areas Project

We are leading a governance assessment project for protected and conserved areas in Zambia. In collaboration with IIED of London, the forum has championed early experience of a multi-stakeholder methodology for ensuring equity and effectiveness in Chiawa and Mumbwa Game Management Areas. Last year, in 2018, we have increasingly recognized that governance is key for enhancing the effectiveness, equity and sustainability of conservation efforts.

LeAP Project

The Learning and Action Platform for Community Engagement against IWT project addresses site-level poaching of high-value species in source countries (with a particular focus on African elephants but drawing on experience of poaching other species in other countries where valuable lessons can be learned). In the longer term the improvements in evidence, capacity and voice will lead to increased opportunities to participate in, and benefit from, the anti-IWT initiatives implemented by governments, donors and NGOs. It will also lead to the avoidance of negative impacts on poor people from IWT projects – such as loss of access to resources, human rights abuses – and actively engage and support them in enforcement conservation and sustainable use, including through equitable benefit sharing from the use and conservation of wildlife.

PPCR Project

We have hugely undertaken the mission to contribute to The World Bank and the Government of Zambia's efforts in improving climate-adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities in the Barotse Sub-Basin in Zambia through *the Pilote Programme for Community Resilience*. Among our interventions include facilitating the implementation of pilot projects in Mandia, Sekute and Sikaunzwe wards of Kazungula District.

ICCA

For many of the local communities, there is a close association between specific indigenous people or local communities and specific territories, areas or bodies of natural resources. The Zambia CBNRM Forum are taking a leading role in ensuring that for many people in Zambia's identified emblematic Indigenous and Local Community Conserved Territories and Areas have a much richer relationship with the natural resources around them through the *Supporting Indigenous and Local Community Conserved Territories and Areas, (ICCAs Project)*.

It is our responsibility as a national catalytic organization to involve indigenous communities in development of projects for cultural and biodiversity conservation

FRSP Project

With our corporate partners like USAID and the government we have been supporting local efforts to enhance extension services and the production of information materials for communities living around protected forests reserves in Eastern province through the *Forest Reserve Support Project, (FRSP Project): Promoting sustainable forest management In Protected Areas (PAs) in Zambia*. We are grant managing a program that targets 17 forest reserves in the province covering a total of 222,600 hectares and 743.7 kilometers of forest boundary.

Join us ! How ? Why ?

Become a member ! Why ?

We can learn from each other

1. **Training Workshops** with international and local experts on various topics as fundraising, new technologies for NGOs, strategic planning, media relations, board development, and other practical issues.
2. **Consultancy for short term work** for the Forum : members can participate in the Forum's work while working on short-term consultancy for specific projects.
3. **Practical Information** will always be disseminated regularly to fully paid members on diverse topics of practical relevance, such as getting grants, strategic management of NGOs, networking, developments in the NGO world, and others.
4. **Relevant Details** of Fully Paid Members will be elaborately displayed on the Forum Website as a source of pride to the Forum stating the expertise of the members.
5. The art of **Sharing fully paid members** details on the website will allow members to gain status to the worldwide community in instances where an organization may search for an individual partner for a project based on expertise, post upcoming events, or comment on some activity or area of interest. The ZCBNRM FORUM Secretariat also will occasionally posts information that may be of interest to fully paid members.
6. **Multiple Resources** will be used to offer information of practical relevance, such as recent papers presented at ZCBNRM conferences or symposia, useful articles, or practical tips to fully paid members.

7. **An Annual Dissemination** of fully paid members will be disseminated on social media such as Newspapers, Facebook etc.
8. **Only Fully paid up members** will also be prevailed to take part and assist with their expertise in relevant activities aimed at achieving the forums objectives. e.g. Project Field Trips
9. **Fully paid members** will also be privilege to an indispensable networking with viable NGO leaders for advancing the mission of the forum, establish partnerships and promote professional and personal development.
10. **The ZCBNRM Forum** will recognize only fully paid Members' exceptional efforts, service, innovation and excellence, which would be displayed in the annual membership publication and privileges such as the ability to use the Forum Logo to advance various natural resource conservational programs, will be accorded.

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