

Brief Report of the Bomet Meeting Held on 12th May 2017



The agenda of the meeting

1. Presentation of the preliminary study/research findings and their validation
2. Establishing of the renewable energy technical committee/ working group
3. Way forward in terms of renewable energy policy intervention under the SP-E Program

1.1. Presentation of the preliminary study findings and validation of the study

- 1.1.1. The meeting started with a word of prayer, then a quick introduction from each participant. Daniel then gave an overview of the SP-E Program, as well as, the expected nature of engagement with the county government of Bomet
- 1.1.2. The chief officer at the ministry of ICT, Trade & Industry, Bomet County officially opened the meeting. In his speech he pointed out that County government of Bomet prioritizes renewable energy to promote sustainable development and taking into account the challenges that the people of Bomet face in accessing clean renewable energy.

1.1.3. The county government has developed energy asset map for Bomet and developed county energy master plan in an effort to promote access to clean renewable energy

1.1.4. In conclusion he pointed out that CUTS will form part of international/strategic partners and potential investors within the county with interest in improving access to renewable and clean energy to residents of Bomet County. He urged CUTS to share the research



study with the county government since such a baseline study that informs the situation of renewable energy can be used in formulating the energy policy that the county government is currently working on developing.

1.1.5. Boniface then presented the draft research study to the participants. In his presentations he highlighted the background of the study, statement problem, research objectives, research questions, the literature review, the methodology used in the study, results of the study and finally the policy recommendation.

- 1.1.6. From the discussion, it was identified that most of household use biomass there is need to prioritize the use of efficient cooking stoves. Other areas identified are the role of women in renewable energy since they are the ones who are heavily involved therefore there is need to factor this in the policy recommendations.
- 1.1.7. The draft research study on access to renewable was validated with a few amendments by the county government and other participants. Among the issues to be highlighted in the report include the role of women in renewable energy at the county level.
- 1.1.8. It was agreed that CUTS will share the draft research study to those present for further comments and will incorporate the few amendments before finalization and publication of the study

2.1. **Establishing a Technical Working Committee**

- 2.1.2. The participants agreed that a technical committee should be formed to lead the engagement between CUTS, Bomet County, and other stakeholders under the SP-E project
- 2.1.3. CUTS role in the technical committee will include the following: help in coming up with a renewable energy policy for Bomet county based on the baseline study; and facilitation in the renewable energy technical committee meetings, provision of technical advice, capacity building and awareness creation campaigns to create demand for renewable energy.
- 2.1.4. The technical committee will consist of the following members:
 - Energy Department – Bomet County
 - NEMA – CDE Bomet
 - CUTS – facilitating
 - Mr. Ngeno, Energy Center Representative
 - Chebet Winne (Youth and Women Rep)
 - Daniel Cheruiyot
- 2.1.5. CUTS will participate in the technical working committee on renewable energy to support policy process as a resource organization.

3.1.Way forward and action points

- 3.1.1 Involvement in the policy-making process. The policy should be simple and clear for everyone to understand and use. Identify the issues, options, and prioritization based energy needs from the study.
- 3.1.2 The policy should focus on a few areas that are identified in the baseline study. Interventions should be linked to poverty in the county. A bottom up approach should be adopted. NEMA can provide a forum to showcase or popularize or discuss energy technologies and issues.
- 3.1.3 CUTS to share the baseline report for further inputs before publication
- 3.1.4 The participants to be part of the county reference group (CRG) in the process of developing the policy and developing RE solutions
- 3.1.5 Other project activities such as capacity building, awareness should be on going as renewable energy policy is being developed.
- 3.1.6 All the participants present to be part of County Reference Group and will actively provide inputs to the draft RE policy after it has been developed.
- 3.1.7 The next meeting to be held on 30th and 31st of May to deliberate on a workplan in the formulation of RE policy.

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