

Activity 1.2.2 CUTS VCA LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY MEETING WITH COUNTY ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE, CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR INCREASED BUDGETARY ALLOCATION TOWARDS CLIMATE CHANGE AND INTERGRATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDA IN THE THIRD CIDP GENERATION 2022-2027 FOR HOMA BAY COUNTY.

DATE: 19TH OCTOBER, 2022

VENUE: HOTEL STARRIDGE



Majority Leader Hon. Ogindo making his remarks on the need for increased climate change budget

INTRODUCTION

This Special Engagement Lobby meeting was conducted by CUTS International bringing together the County Assembly Budget Committee, County Economist and Budget Officers, Gender Expert, Climate Change Directorate Representatives, the Homabay CSO Network representatives, Community Dialogue Forum Representatives drawn from the three wards Kaksingri West, Gwass North and Lambwe to discuss ways of budgetary allocations for climate change actions & integration in the generation CLDP 2022-2027.

SESSIONS OBJECTIVES

- i. To influence the process of Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) in considering priority budgetary allocation and supporting climate change actions.
- ii. To increase the MCAs capacity in strategizing and unlocking external funding opportunity for addressing climate change actions.

- iii. To influence the county assembly to adopt the CUTS VCA- model of community development facilitation (CDFs) as mediums for enhancing public participation on issues of climate change at the grass root levels.

SESSIONS OUTCOME



a) The MCAs resolved to consider setting a special purpose account to safeguard a percentage of budgetary allocations towards climate change programs.

b) The omission of the “Climate Change Fund” article was conspicuously noted for the case of Climate Change Policy but demonstrated in the proposed Climate Change Fund regulation. This was noted for amendment.

c) Remuneration for the Ward Climate Change Committee was noted to be missing in the proposed climate change finance regulation other than the mention that it will be decided by the Technical Committee, yet a number of the operations will be conducted at the ward and village level. This was pointed out for immediate amendment.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- During the plenary, the committee reiterated their commitment in fast tracking the passage of the climate change bill to unlock funding opportunities including the World Bank Funding for Financing locally led Climate Change Actions (FLLCCA) and to ensure that every department must demonstrate commensurate allocation towards climate change as envisaged in the Kenya Climate Change Act of 2016.
- Hon. Julius Gaya- County Assembly Speaker gave the assurance that his legal team were working to ensure that draft climate change bill is ready for publication and that once that is done then CUTS and other partners will be called upon to facilitate by way of mobilization, through the various forums the community engagement on public participation before finalization by the legal committee for subsequent readings and assent by the governor.
- Of interest was his reaffirmation of the fourteen (14) days target that he had made during the sensitization meeting for the members of the county assembly.



The Assembly Speaker Hon. Gaya on the issue of Climate Change Bill

- He also requested CUTS to lead the process of community sensitization on the contents of the Climate Change policy, and the ensuing regulation at the ward level. He mentioned the need for CUTS to expand to other wards to scale up climate change advocacy and actions.
- The budget committee committed to improve financial allocation and resources to the key departments of Water, Environment and Climate Change and Health to mitigate climate change related issues.

CONCLUSION



Group Photo MCAs, PSO, CSOs during Climate Change Budget Lobby meeting

The committee through the Honourable Speaker, Majority Leader and Chair for the Budget Committee appreciated the support so far from CUTS VCA project that enable all the MCAs to understand the contents of the Bill and enable them to fast track the process of its passage in the assembly.

The two teams of the Budget Committee and the department of Water, Environment and Climate Change resolved to work together through consultation and collaboration for the passage of the Climate Change policy.

The assembly requested continued support from CUTS VCA program in ensuring that the local communities are properly sensitized to take initiatives that help in climate change mitigation and adaptation. The speaker's office is to do a formal request to CUTS on the same.



Climate Change Director Roy Odongo Leading Budget Lobby Meeting

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