

ECBI Regional Workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa

18 to 21 October 2005

Mt. Kenya Safari Club

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Kenya

Summary

A total of 25 participants from 11 countries of Eastern and Southern Africa participated in the first ECBI Regional Workshop on Climate Change negotiations held in Kenya from 18 to 21 October 2005. There were two participants from each country, one the Climate Change Focal Point and the other a representative from a development ministry (see Annex -? for participants list). The local organisation was done on behalf of ECBI by the Africa Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS). The Resource Persons included Dr. Saleemul Huq, IIED, UK; Dr. Benito Muller, OCP, UK; Mr. Victor Orindi, ACTS, Kenya; Mr. Richard Muyungi, Government of Tanzania and Ms. Emily Massawa, Government of Kenya.

The discussions included a briefing on the history and evolution of the climate change debate and policy making at the international level, through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its annual meeting of parties (COPs). It also focused specifically on the upcoming eleventh conference of parties (COP11) to be held in Montreal, Canada in December 2005. Mr. Richard Muyungi, former Chair of the least developed countries (LDC) group in the UNFCCC gave a history of the group and Ms. Emily Massawa, Chair of the Africa Group described the functioning of the Group's activities in the COPs (see Annex -? For programme).

Each of the country representatives also gave short presentations on their respective country situation with regard to climate change issues and how they are dealt with institutionally. There followed a detailed discussion on how to carry forward work on climate change in future in the countries and region. All the participants were asked to provide written feedback on the workshop (see annex-? for feed-back comments).

Based on the feedback and discussions the following were some of the issues that were brought up by the participants:

- Need to focus on the clean development mechanism (CDM) and its performance in Africa
- Need to assess the lessons learned through the national adaptation programmes of action (NAPA) process in the LDCs
- Need to find ways to mainstream or integrate climate change issues into national and sectoral policy and practice in the countries.
- Suggestion to include some European climate change negotiators for an exchange of views in future workshops.