

CELEP Update

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1. Follow-up on the action plan and other issues related to the AM

It was noted during a recent Skype call with the CELEP core-group that each CELEP member and partner should consider the pledges made in the annual action plan and try to follow up on them. The focal point will send a round of emails around to re-encourage members and partners to work on their pledges. The workplan, annual report of 2015 and report of the meeting can be found [on the website](#).

For your action: Take a look at the annual action plan here and contact the people who will work with you together on the issues you will work on.

2. MEP visit to Kenya 9–11 February

As discussed during the annual meeting, CELEP will be involved in the organisation of a mission of four members of the European Parliament to Kenya on 9–11 February 2016. This mission is an official mission of the Development Committee (DEVE) of the European Parliament, meaning that the secretariat of the DEVE committee (in charge of development issues) is making all arrangements and is in charge of the thematic focus of the fact-finding mission.

The focus that was established by the DEVE committee is on Water, Food Security, Education, Governance, Peace and Conflict resolution. The members that are part of the delegation include:

- Linda McAvan (S&D), Chair of the Development Committee, British (http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/2327/LINDA_MCAVAN_home.html).



- Enrico Guerrero Salom (S&D), member of the development committee, Spanish (http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/96768/ENRIQUE_GUERRERO+SALOM_home.html)
- Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, member of the Development Committee, Spanish (http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/28397/AGUSTIN_DIAZ+DE+MERA+GARCIA+CONSUEGRA_home.html)
- Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Chair of Committee on Civil Liberties (http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/96812/juan+fernando_lopez+aguilar_home.html)

The CELEP Focal Point followed up on previously established contacts with the secretariat of the DEVE Committee (in Brussels) and managed to get an appointment with them to propose two things: a fact-finding field mission and/or a stakeholder meeting. Due to time constraints, it was finally decided that CELEP will hold a stakeholder meeting in Nakuru, organised by the CELEP Regional Focal Point RECONCILE. The meeting took place on 10 February in the morning and will be followed by a networking lunch. The provisional programme was the following:

TIME	ACTIVITY	Focus	RESPONSIBILITY
10.30 – 10.45 AM	Arrival at RECONCILE	Debriefing with RECONCILE Director and tea/coffee	Ken Otieno
10.45 – 11.00	Registration/ tea/ coffee	Speed-dating kind of introduction	Irene Mukalo & Christabel Naliaka
11.00 – 11.10	Opening remarks	The work of RECONCILE	Shadrack Omondi-ED – RECONCILE
11.10 – 11.20	Remarks from the MEPs	Background to the mission	MEP Head of Delegation
11.20 – 11.30	Presentation of CELEP	EA pastoralism and its advocacy work	Ken Otieno
11.30 – 11.40	Presentation	Water governance and management – pastoralism and livelihoods	Mr Joseph Kinto KEWASNET ¹
11.40 – 11.50	Presentation	Governance, devolution and pastoralism	Odenda Lumumba – Kenya Land Alliance (KLA)
11.50 – 12.00	Plenary	Panelists' response	All
12.00 – 12.10 PM	Focus of the EU	Reaction to the presentations from the delegation	MEPs
12.10-12.20	Video show	Topic TBC	VSFG
12.20 – 12.30 PM	Final reactions	Plenary & closing remarks	RECONCILE/MEPs
12.30 – 1.00 PM	Lunch		All
From 1.10 PM	Departure		

¹ Kenya Water and Sanitation CSOs Network

It was decided that costs related to organising this meeting will be split between the DEVE secretariat and CELEP. The DEVE secretariat will take care of all costs related to lunch while CELEP will take care of all other costs (participation of several experts, printings and media). The publication that will be printed is a CELEP reader on pastoralism, which can be downloaded [here](#). Several emails were sent through the google group and to the CELEP members and partners to look for interested partners for the meeting.

3. MEP visit of Mr Norbert Neuser to Uganda for the elections

On February 14-15, Mr. Norbert Neuser – who travelled with CELEP to Uganda in October 2015 – will be in Uganda as part of an observation mission of the EU to monitor the Ugandan elections. CELEP was asked by Mr Neuser's office to arrange for a meeting with some pastoralist representatives, as Mr Neuser would like an update on pastoralism in Uganda. Ugandan partner COPACSO will arrange this, assisted by the focal point in Brussels.

4. ECHO proposal ERC – VSFI – CELEP synergy

VSF-International (VSFI) wrote a project proposal for a call for proposals by DG ECHO on Enhanced Response Capacity. Central theme of the call was to focus on Early Warning Systems. VSFI – as CELEP Focal Point – introduced some specific activities regarding CELEP into the call and, if the project is accepted, plans to include CELEP in their implementation.

For your action: When writing project proposals, take into account the CELEP action plan and try to include some CELEP actions as well or vice versa.

5. Follow-up on FAFO consultation VSFI

The network of VSFI recently obtained a grant to prepare a special side-event of the IFAD-organised Farmers' Forum in Rome. This preparatory work is based on a series of questionnaires and regional gatherings in Latin America, West/Central Africa, East/Southern Africa, North Africa and the Middle East and Asia. You can find more information on the [VSFI-International website](#). The final aim of the consultation is to have input from pastoralist civil society organisations about which investments regarding pastoralism would be most suitable.

In several regions, the organisation of regional gatherings is being done jointly with the launch of the Pastoralist Knowledge Hub by the FAO. This was, for instance, the case for West/Central Africa and also for East/Southern Africa. Regarding the latter, the Hub recently published an article on its website as a summary of the meeting which was organised by COPACSO – CELEP's Ugandan partner organisation – and VSFI, another EU member of CELEP. You can find the article [here](#).

The final statement and recommendations to IFAD related to the East/Southern Africa meeting can be found [here](#). Three of CELEP's partner organisations will be taking part in the side event of the FAFO on pastoralism: URCT (Edward Loure), Pastoralist Women Health and Education (Shoba Liban) and COPACSO (Benjamin Mutambuka). Benjamin will also participate in the FAFO itself.

6. Follow-up on a proposal by Terra Nova for a fact-finding mission to Eastern Africa

The CELEP Focal Point was recently contacted by Terra Nova (TN) – a CELEP member – to ask whether CELEP would be interested in organising a fact-finding mission to Eastern Africa. The scope of this fact-finding mission is still a bit unclear; however, the mission would have to be related to EU policy and focus on pastoralism in Eastern Africa. It was agreed that the Focal Point would get more information from TN and then work with the core group/other interested members on a proposal. However, ideas on this can already be shared with the Focal Point. The Regional Focal Point suggested a focus on land issues.

For your action: Send interesting cases (for instance, related to large-scale investment in pastoralist areas) to the Focal Point that might be the focus of a fact-finding mission (of journalists, politicians, etc.)

7. Discussion on expansion into West Africa

This discussion has been going on for a while now and there is also a clear interest both from inside of CELEP and from outside to expand CELEP into West Africa. However, it is still unclear on how to do so, what means to use, etc. Therefore, it was agreed during a recent skype call of the CELEP –core group that the CELEP members and partners interested in this expansion – coordinated by the Focal Point – should come up with some sort of Roadmap to define some specific ideas on how to go to the next level: identify some clear results and activities that would lead to an expansion. This would also include a financial plan. Expansion in Eastern Africa however, will be given priority; as discussed during the most recent annual meeting.

8. Follow-up on the revamped website

There was also a discussion on the website during the Skype call of the CELEP core group. It seems that the revamped website is fine in being attractive and presenting the coalition; however, the knowledge management component of the website seems to be less developed and was better in the previous website. For instance, the “search” function on the website is very slow, the button with useful links (before non-existing) is not well positioned, etc. It was agreed that all remarks on the website will be gathered and shared with the web designers to see how we can adapt the website.

The core group also discussed the management of the website. Currently, Ann Waters-Bayer – as part of Agrecol, a CELEP member – is managing the website voluntarily, but would like to pass this responsibility on to a younger person, although she would continue to provide information for the website. Steps should be taken in terms of who can take up the CELEP website management.

For your action: If you have a webmaster who could assist in the management of the CELEP website, please get in touch with the Focal Point.



9. Summary of action points

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