



REPORT ON 2ND MEETING OF MEMBERS' FORUM

OF THE

AFRICAN FOREST FORUM

27 FEBRUARY -3 MARCH 2017

1.0 Background

The meetings of the Members' Forum of the African Forest Forum are held once every five years as provided for in the AFF Constitution, Article 4 Section 4 (a) 4. However, the Members' Forum may hold extraordinary meetings at the request of any member, provided that such a request is supported by at least one-third of the members. The Members' Forum of AFF is constituted by the entire membership of AFF. Meetings of the Members' Forum usually consider and determine any matter which the Governing Council may refer to it, and generally provide broad guidance to the Governing Council in the discharge of its functions, among other functions as provided under the Constitution.

The first meeting of the Members' Forum was held electronically on 15-20 February 2012. It was during this meeting that members elected the Chair (Prof. Fredrick Owino of the Republic of Kenya) and Vice Chair (Dr. Abdelazim Mirghan Ibrahim of the Republic of Sudan) of Members' Forum; ratified the AFF Constitution, guidelines for administrative and financial operations and several Governing Council decisions.

This second meeting of the Members' Forum was held electronically and guided by the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Matters arising from the First Meeting of the Members' Forum
3. Ratification of major decisions made by the Governing Council
4. Information on key achievements by AFF:
 - a) Project implementation and achievements
 - b) Sharing of project outputs
 - c) Uptake and impact of work undertaken by AFF
 - d) Administrative matters
 - e) A programme for work of AFF
5. Election of next Chair and Vice Chair of the Members' Forum
6. Any other business

In order to address the agenda, the Secretariat prepared the following documents and shared to members in order to support their participation and contribution to respective agenda items:

Meeting agenda

Documents shared by AFF Secretariat

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| 1. Adoption of the agenda | a) Report on First Members' Forum of the African Forest Forum. 15-20 February 2012. |
| 2. Matters arising from the report on the First Meeting of the Members' Forum | |
| 3. Ratification of major decisions made by the Governing Council | b) Report on key decisions made by Governing Council meetings in the period 2012-2016 |

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| 4. a) Project implementation and achievements | c) Overview of achievements of project: Strengthening Sustainable Forest Management in Africa. Project Duration: 2014-2019. Funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). |
| 4. b) Sharing of project outputs | d) Overview of achievements of project: African Forests, People and Climate Change. African Forest Forum Climate Change Programme (AFF-CCP). Phase I: 1 Nov. 2011 to 31 December 2014. Phase II: 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017. Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) |
| 4. c) Uptake and impact of work undertaken by AFF | e) Highlights on uptake and impact of AFF knowledge products and services. |
| 4. d) Administrative matters | f) Administrative and management issues at AFF |
| 4 (e): A programmatic approach for the work of AFF | g) A programmatic approach to the work of AFF |
5. Election of next Chair and Vice Chair of the Members' Forum
6. Any other business

The members discussed each item electronically using two platforms, namely; info mail and an online interactive platform. A total of 371 (Annex 1) members participated in the five day meeting and effectively contributed to the agenda. The deliberations for each day are summarized in the following sections.

2.0 Day one: Monday 27 February, 2017

The following agenda items were covered for day one (27 Feb 2017):

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Matters arising from the First Meeting of the Members Forum
3. Ratification of major decisions made by the Governing Council

2.1 Agenda 1: Adoption of the agenda

The members who attended the meeting adopted the agenda as provided with following amendments:

- change the dates of the meeting discussion from Feb 21 Wednesday to 28 Feb 2017 on Agenda no. 4b;

2.2 Agenda 2: Matters arising from the First Meeting of the Members' Forum

There was only one change to the report on the first meeting and it was on the election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Members' Forum where it was recommended to include an opening statement that should read as "*The Chair and Vice Chair of the Members' Forum were elected by the Members' Forum to hold office for five years*".

Members expressed their satisfaction with the report, indicating that it was very informative and helpful. Members extended their gratitude to the AFF Secretariat for presenting a good report.

2.3 Agenda 3: Ratification of major decisions made by the Governing Council

The members ratified the major decisions made by Governing Council as specified in the report. The following comments/observations/recommendations were made in relation to the report:

- The Members' Forum should be comprised of committed and active members and not only a long list of members who are not actively contributing to achieving AFF goals;
- All partners listed on the website as "AFF partners" need to be analysed with respect to how they are active or collaborating with AFF in achieving its mandate;
- AFF to cultivate strong collaborations and partnerships with more institutions. In this case the Secretariat should develop Memoranda of Understanding or Memoranda of Agreement with suitable institutions relevant to AFF's mandate;
- AFF Secretariat to ensure that all partners listed are "back linked" and their website active. A case cited is the University of Nairobi that is linked to AFF's website; and
- A framework be developed to link decisions made in succeeding meetings so as to appreciate and gauge adequacy of actions taken to implement actions in the intervening period.

3. Day two and three: Tuesday 28 February-1 March, 2017

The agenda item discussed during these two days was:

Information on key achievements by AFF:

- a) *Project implementation and achievements; and*
- b) *Sharing of project outputs.*

The resolutions from the meeting on each of the agenda sub items is summarized as:

3.1 Agenda 4a. Information on key achievements by AFF on project implementation

The members applauded the achievements made on implementation of the two projects, namely: *Strengthening sustainable forest management in Africa* funded by Sida and *African forests, people and climate change* funded by SDC. Specifically, the following are some highlights from the discussions:

- ❖ Lessons drawn from capacity development/training (in terms of imparting knowledge and skills) activities should be shared widely;
- ❖ The selected areas for in-depth studies, through postgraduate research fellowships given to African students, remain relevant and will yield information useful in addressing challenges facing African forests and trees outside forests in the context of climate change;

- ❖ The two projects facilitate harnessing of information from various studies to support taking decisions related to forestry and climate change on the continent;
- ❖ While the implementation of the two projects enhanced the profile of AFF and its mission, the projects reports for this meeting provided an opportunity for members to make their own contributions as well. Specifically, the members view the projects as having provided a platform for making the following a reality in relation to the objectives of AFF:
 - ✓ the very existence of AFF as a forum where Africans from all its sub-regions have a place to interact as professionals on issues that matter to them;
 - ✓ the specific role of AFF in bringing together African negotiators to various global forums (not just the UNFF) to effectively articulate Africa's specific concerns, interests and positions in global agendas related to forests and forestry;
 - ✓ the provision of a facility (that is AFF itself) that facilitates African professionals to think, research, write and discuss about opportunities and challenges to the development and growth of the forestry sector, and in the context of broader societal development goals; and eventually sharing such information widely in an accessible manner through AFF's various information sharing avenues; and
 - ✓ the direct contribution to capacity building and skills development in various forestry and related areas.
- ❖ The AFF Fellowship and Exchange Program with University of Applied Sciences, Bern, in Switzerland (AFF-HAL) that supports African students to undertake postgraduate training in international forestry as relates to climate change was very much appreciated by the students who benefited from it and they indicated that it has been very impactful.

Overall, members expressed great satisfaction with the achievements made through different projects and made useful insights from the findings. Below is verbatim expression by one of the members:

I am going through the SDC funded project and learning a lot. Again, I find the information presented very useful as we move forward.

I note in particular, the waning interest on REDD+, moving from the readiness to implementation phase and the sound reasons given on p7. In the case of Tanzania, unfulfilled expectations on C payments is proving quite challenging and is leading to the loss of momentum by local communities in readiness to move towards the implementation phase. The need to search for other approaches to bridge the gap cannot therefore be over-stressed. Perhaps, finding ways of paying/rewarding for other co-benefits may help.

In a related context, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda have each developed *National Climate Smart Agriculture programmes*. However, these need to be operationalized to address more effectively and efficiently the role of agriculture - both small-scale/shifting cultivation as well large-scale commercial farms - that are driving more deforestation and forest degradation. For example, large-scale commercial farms are in most cases being established in frontier areas which have high soil fertility and rainfall. Unfortunately, most of these areas happen to support rich tropical forest/woodlands. Is sustainable intensification an option?

The case of establishing large scale Liquid Biofuel farms if not well thought out, may actually increase

GHG emissions and not otherwise. These, also require areas of high soil fertility and water availability to ensure high productivity. Unfortunately again, such areas happen to be under natural forests that must be cleared to give way to these farms.

The case of Jatropha in Tanzania is a good case in point. Contrary to initial suggestions that the crop would be grown in marginal areas, it was soon realized that its productivity is quite low and unprofitable in marginal areas. The great enthusiasm to grow Jatropha in Tanzania led to serious clearing of some coastal forests (e.g. in Kilwa and Kisarawe districts), and once the investors had sold the valuable timber harvested, they pulled out unceremoniously. I hope this is not unique to Tanzania.

Another well published Biofuel (Ethanol) Sugarcane project in Bagamoyo (also along the coast) was recently stopped by the government for various ecological (incl. hydrological and biodiversity) and sociological (local livelihoods) threats. My caution and plea to AFF members is to advise their governments to insist on serious feasibility studies before large-scale Biofuel projects are implemented. The studies should make sure that projects are based on sound social, economic and ecological footing, especially in fragile environments. Once approved, the cost of rehabilitation if investors pull out (for various reasons), might be too costly to contemplate.

Salim Maliendo

Another notable contribution that could even widen the scope of Members' Forum meetings and activities came from a member who inquired about how AFF could partner with the Laboratory of Ecology and Forest Research, Doctoral School of Agricultural and Water Sciences at the University of Parakou in Benin in order to publish scientific findings and share the same in platforms that serve the Members' Forum. This could open up an avenue for the Members' Forum to constitute a platform through which members can share research findings and discuss other issues of interest even outside the period when meetings of the Members' Forum are held.

The following are some highlights from the discussions on the achievements from the two projects:

- ❖ There is a need to strengthen African research network(s) to enhance sharing of research outputs; presently some academic institutions and a few national agricultural (including forestry) research institutions (NARs) are generating useful information that is not shared widely;
- ❖ Undertake an assessment of the level of adoption (uptake) of knowledge products generated by the two projects as well as the impact made and its sustainability;
- ❖ Invest in media in order to increase the reach of AFF project activities and outputs, and especially in West Africa;
- ❖ Continue with supporting African governments and other actors in forestry with good scientific information to guide their decisions and other actions;
- ❖ Catalogue appropriate technologies and best practices on different issues suitable across different African landscapes and share them widely;
- ❖ Explore how AFF can link with the Green Schools/colleges/universities initiative of United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

- ❖ Evaluate and promote ways of safeguarding the endemic and indigenous tree species of Africa as unique heritages to be passed to future generations and to also be sustainably utilized for livelihood improvements;
- ❖ Undertake a review of current extension practices with the aim of increasing their effectiveness in enhancing sustainability of forest and trees in a climate change context;
- ❖ Improve AFF actions in North and Central Africa. These two sub-regions have few AFF activities, especially North Africa;
- ❖ Evaluate ways for intensifying forest based activities at grass root level through introduction and promotion of new technologies such as green energy innovations;
- ❖ Assess how much wood and non-timber forest products (NTFPs) the continent will need in future and how climate change could affect the availability of such resources;
- ❖ Evaluate the opportunity cost of forest and land degradation over time and how, together with scarcity of land and other factors, will drive shifts in land across various uses;
- ❖ Evaluate emissions mitigation models suitable in the context of SMEs on the continent;
- ❖ Continue with studies that could provide suitable alternatives for enhancing regeneration of degraded forests, as well as facilitate improving or maintaining community forests for sustainable use in Africa; and
- ❖ Explore possibilities for establishing regional offices, depending on the sub-regional division of the continent, in line with Article 11 of the Constitution. This could increase AFF's visibility and broad ownership, in addition to cultivating various platforms for discussing issues and sharing information. It could also facilitate follow up on capacity building initiatives to gauge how skills and knowledge gained from AFF's training sessions are being utilised.

3.2 Agenda 4b. Information on key achievements by AFF on sharing of project outputs

The members appreciated the achievements realised on sharing project outputs, and especially the information dissemination pathways used by AFF. They found the meeting documents interesting and informative. The knowledge products and the facilitation of access to them will strengthen the capacity of people and institutions dealing with SFM in Africa. Members noted further that in the future, it would be very helpful to think for a way that the acquired knowledge be translated into activities at national and regional level.

Members also observed that more has to be done to promote participation of practically all members in such meetings and in AFF activities, as well as increased recruitment of young forestry professionals and students to be directly involved in AFF activities. This is because there is a lot of useful information available and a wealth of good forestry professionals who could help inspire change and influence the course of forest resource management on the continent.

In the same vein, one member observed that AFF generates considerable forestry information in the continent. In his remarks, he stated:

“AFF generates a lot of information on forestry in Africa. We can exploit this capacity by placing ourselves as “Forest Observatory for Africa”....AFF/FOA. This will require limited added capacity but ...can be done! Alternatively, among our partners, we should include forest resources observatories and forest watershed observatories in the different sub-regions of the continent. An example in the Congo Basin is the, “Observatoire Satellital des Forêts d’Afrique Centrale (OSFAC), which generates highly specialized intelligence on forests in its area of coverage. There are others on forest watersheds in West

The following are highlights from the discussions on this agenda item:

- ❖ The absence of routine forestry inventories in most African countries was identified as a big constraint to the development of the forestry sector. Over the years, inventories have been conducted only to meet specific project requirements, rather than national inventories that feed into national forest policies and decision making processes. The FAO forest statistics are adequate for broad-based overviews but are inadequate for local level forest planning purposes. The critical aspect of SFM is to have in place Forest Practice Plans (FPP) that are independently verifiable and monitored for self-compliance, and this will then form a good basis for SFM in Africa. In this regard mechanisms be identified to strengthen periodic country specific inventories as well as incorporation of new and emerging issues like climate change and green economy in forestry management ;
- ❖ The SFM project outcomes could be strengthened by undertaking an additional task on production of Forest Practice Plans (FPPs) that encompass all forest types in order to secure attainment of SFM. In this regard, FPPs could be construed as good tools to achieve sustainable management of both public and private forests. AFF could then build the capacity of countries to develop the appropriate FPPs.
- ❖ There is a need to improve/strengthen professional forest bodies in Southern Africa and especially in dealing with community/social forestry;
- ❖ There is need to strengthen the forestry component of Southern African Development Community (SADC) as the profile of forestry is quite low in this sub-region;
- ❖ There is a need to assess how the information shared is used by different players in the forest sector to make decisions for sustainable management of forest resources;
- ❖ There is need to increase the capacity for forest planning at all levels in order to make use of wealth information generated from the SFM project so that it doesn't remain as grey literature without significant impact;
- ❖ AFF could enhance synergies with country specific forestry professional organizations in order to reach a wider membership, encourage its participation in AFF activities, as well facilitate mentorship of young forestry professionals;
- ❖ AFF should research more and share information on challenge of forest pests such as *Leptocybe invasa*, *Thaumastocoris peregrinus* and *Glycaspis brimblecombei* ; especially in Southern Africa where the Eucalyptus spp are under serious threats; and
- ❖ AFF to continue to improve use of digital media including blogs, social media such as twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, digital publications among others.

4.0 Day four: Thursday 02 March, 2017

The agenda item discussed during the fourth day of the meeting focused on the following:

Information on key achievements by AFF on:

- c) Uptake and impact of work undertaken by AFF
- d) Administrative matters

The following were the key observations on the agenda item.

4.1 Agenda 4c. Information on key achievements by AFF on uptake and impact of work undertaken by AFF

Members appreciated the good work done by AFF on reporting the impacts of the projects implemented by the Forum. A member appreciated the protocols on “pick me up manuals” that will enhance forest stewardship in Africa. Members also noted more needs to be done to increase the visibility of AFF in the continent. In this regard, AFF needs to be more focused on how to reach the local people or grassroots who are the direct beneficiaries of the knowledge products generated by the institution. Such information could support the communities to effectively address sustainable management of forest and tree resources. Presently, AFF is relying on extension agents and NGOs who receive such knowledge products to share the same with the local communities they interact with.

The project monitoring and evaluation activities undertaken by AFF were also appreciated and were viewed to provide guidance on management of the two projects.

The packaging and sharing of information generated to inform policy making at national and sub-regional levels was commended by members.

4.2 Agenda 4d. Information on key achievements by AFF on administrative matters

The highlights on the administrative issues were well received. Overall members felt the administrative arrangements demonstrated team work in the implementation of AFF activities.

However, there was a concern from a member who indicated that even though the use of postgraduate students in implementing some tasks was found to be cheaper than the experts, it may always not guarantee quality outputs. Below is verbatim presentation of member’s concern:

Question: which evidence do you have that postgraduate students will provide a much better work than qualified and experienced experts? To my opinion it might or it might not, depending on supervision. If the supervisors are involved in one of the AFF programmes, close supervision and understanding of the objectives pursued by the supervisors, will certainly lead to very good output. My point is that we should not sacrifice output’s quality because we want to save money!
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Additional information from AFF on this: All supervisors of postgraduate students meet with AFF staff who work on specific aspects of the projects, and together they harmonise the students’ research in the various countries with AFF’s expectations and develop programmes for implementation. Supervisors provide AFF with quarterly reports on how milestones have been achieved and finances used. These reports are in addition to the final outputs submitted to AFF by the supervisors. This way quality assurance is secured.

5.0 Day five: Friday 03 March, 2017

This was the last day of the meeting and focused on the following agenda items:

4. Information on key achievements by AFF:

e) *a programme for work of AFF*

5. *Election of next Chair and Vice Chair of the Members Forum*

6. *Any other business*

The highlights from the discussions are:

5.1 Agenda 4e. Information on key achievements by AFF on a programme of work for the forum

The approach taken to build capacity at post-graduate level taken by AFF was viewed as a big milestone that perhaps could go on to formation of fellows of AFF and alongside a mentorship programme for forest professionals in Africa.

Members appreciated and commended the shift to programmatic approach that is being developed at AFF and expected to enhance closer linkages with partners. However, the following observations were raised:

❖ General views on the programmatic approach:

While developing the programmatic approach, the following issues are recommended for consideration:

- ✓ Medicinal and pesticidal trees;
 - ✓ Better valuation of forest benefits in the account of national economies (GDP, GNP). This is because income contributions of forests to local communities such as from sale of fuel-wood, medicinal plants, grass, etc., as well as intangible benefits, are not accounted for in the national accounts in most African nations and this underestimates the contribution of forests to GDP;
 - ✓ Forests and energy: support and promote forest conservation activities of tree growing and energy conservation activities like use of energy saving stoves, and promotion of alternatives e.g. biogas
 - ✓ Combating desertification
 - ✓ International and regional cooperation on forestry and networking.
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- ❖ On Pillar A: A better understanding of forests and trees outside forests and ways to manage them better
 - ✓ Reword to read as: A broader understanding of forests and trees outside forests and techniques to manage them for better economic returns
 - ✓ Include: Improving quality of primary forest production and on-farm forest products
 - ✓ There has been and continues to be growth in small scale timber grower plantation development in East and Southern Africa. These plantations are mainly Eucalyptus and Pine based for commercial production. It would be good to identify these and other commercial locally controlled forestry plantation ventures as a key element of the programme;
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- ❖ On Pillar B: The contribution of forests and trees to environmental health
 - ✓ Reword to read: The contribution of forests and trees to environmental health and human well-being in built-up environments;

- ✓ Include: Enhancing the contribution of forests and trees outside forests to climate change, biodiversity conservation, quality water supplies, sustainable cities and other ecosystem services;
 - ✓ It should be good to create a sub-axis on the promotion of the forestry of dry lands and semi-arid lands and fight against desertification, which remains a serious concern among countries at the extremes of Africa (West Africa Sahelian Africa and Maghreb; Eastern Africa ; and meridional Africa.
 - ✓ Pillar B refers to economic and social development of trees outside of forests, does this or any of the other trees outside of forests theme incorporate plantation related developments?
- ❖ Pillars B and C: they are somewhat overlapping since the contribution of forests to the SDGs cover both themes. What is the rationale behind keeping the themes separate?
- ❖ Pillar E: Cross cutting issues
Section 2 on “Capacities and skills development”
- ✓ To include: enhance and strengthen more proficiency and expertise in application of GIS in forests;
- ❖ Other issues:
- ✓ Due diligence to be done when selecting experts for undertaking AFF tasks. Only competent consultants/experts to be considered who can adequately and timely deliver the assignments;
 - ✓ Provide a brief statement on the progress of the East African Professional Forestry Association;
 - ✓ Is the AFF able to continue growing and delivering all these good things by only counting on support of existing donors? What approach should AFF follow to ensure sustainability of the Forum in terms of financial support?
 - ✓ AFF should encourage the diaspora to support its activities by associating the Forum to various projects that Africans in the diaspora are conducting in Africa;

5.2 Agenda 5. Election of next Chair and Vice-Chair of the Members Forum

The election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Members Forum is anchored in Article 4 Section 4 a (3) of the Constitution that states: “The Chair and Vice Chair of the Members’ Forum shall be elected by the Members’ Forum and shall hold office for five years, i.e. until the following Members’ Forum meeting. The Chair shall be a member of the Governing Council.”

The current Chair of the Members’ Forum, Prof. Fredrick Owino, informed members that he is not standing for re-election.

The following list of the members of the Governing Council covering different sub regions were circulated to the members for election of the Chair and Vice Chair except for observers and ex-official:

Central Africa

1. Sebastien Malele Mbala (Vice-Chair of the GC)-Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
2. Andre Mandigou-Gabon

3. Ms Marie Louise Avana Tientcheu- Cameroon

East Africa

4. Fredrick Owino-Kenya (Chair of the Members Forum).
5. Jean Baptiste Nduwayezu- Rwanda
6. Gerald Monela -Tanzania

North and North Eastern Africa

7. Demel Teketay-Ethiopia
8. Abdelazim Mirghani Ibrahim –Republic of Sudan

Southern Africa

9. Ms Alima Issufo-Mozambique.
10. Ms Anna Chileshe Masinja-Zambia
11. Peter Gondo- Zimbabwe

West Africa

12. Marcathy Afolabi Oyebo (Chair of the GC)-Nigeria
13. Ibro Adamou - Niger
14. Victor Kwame Agyeman-Ghana.

Private Sector

15. Humphrey Mwaniki Ngibuini- Forestry Development Trust

Civil Society Organisations

16. Ben Chikamai –Network for Gums and Resins in Africa (NGARA)
17. Joseph Cobbinah-Forestry Research Network for Sub-Saharan Africa (FORNESSA)

Friends of African Forestry

18. Bjorn Lundgren (Sweden)
19. Juegern Blaser (Switzerland)

Observers- (do not qualify for nomination as Chair or Vice Chair)

20. Almami Dampha- Africa Union Commission (AUC)
21. Ms Afsa Kemitale-Rothschild- United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat
22. * Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)-has not renewed their representation to the Governing Council
23. Berhanu Abegaz- The African Academy of Sciences (AAS)
24. *International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO)- has not renewed their representation to the Governing Council
25. *Commission des Forêts d' Afrique Centrale (COMIFAC)- has not renewed their representation to the Governing Council
26. Ravi Prahbu-World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)
27. **Ex-Officio** – Godwin Kowero – Executive Secretary

Twenty three members casted their votes for the position of a Chair (Table 1) and 20 casted votes for the position of Vice Chair (Table 2) of the Members’ Forum as follows:

Table 1: Votes cast for the position of Chair of the Members’ Forum

	Candidate	Total votes garnered
1	Demel Teketay	6
2	Peter Gondo	5
3	Andre Mandigou	3
4	Ibro Adamou	3
5	Joseph Cobbinah	2
6	Abdelazim Mirghani Ibrahim	1
7	Anna Chileshe	1
8	Juegern Blaser	1
9	Madame Alima Issoufo	1
	Total	23

Based on the tallying of the votes cast, Prof. Demel Teketay was elected as the Chair of the Members’ Forum, and shall hold office for five years, that is 2017- 2021.

Table 2: Votes cast for the position of Vice-Chair of the Members’ Forum

	Candidate Name	Total Votes garnered
1	Ibro Adamou	8
2	Demel Teketay	4
3	Peter Gondo	2
4	Marcathy Afolabi Oyebo	2
5	Abdelazim Mirghani Ibrahim	1
6	Sebastien Malele Mbala	1
7	Jean Baptiste Nduwayezu	1
8	Anna Chileshe	1
	Total	20

Based on the tallying of the votes cast, Mr Ibro Adamou was elected as the Vice Chair of the Members’ Forum, and shall hold office for five years, that is 2017-2021.

5.3 Agenda 6. Any Other Business (AOB)

The following were the AOBs emerged from members:

- AFF to facilitate training and mentoring young and upcoming scientist in forestry, ecology or whatever discipline embedded in the context of AFF framework through workshops, seminars,

conferences and consultancies. The future of Africa lies on the shoulders of the young generation in this challenging era;

- Empowering the young African generation would help to shift paradigm from war to research and problems solving in a peaceful way;
- The length of years of experience required to qualify for most consultancies and leadership positions at AFF discourage participation and involvement of the many young and upcoming professionals in forestry and other related areas. This needs to be looked into in such a way that future consultancy opportunities could enhance experiences of the young African scientists;
- AFF to explore ways members can join the mobile APPs gravy train where knowledge products could be distilled for this , e.g. troubleshooting tree pests; and
- Journalists reporting on environmental issues could facilitate disseminating information emanating from this Members' Forum meeting. In this regard, summary report on the meeting be made and shared with journalists.

Annex 1. Members in attendance

No.	Name	Country
1	Agnoro Maliki	Benin
2	Alcade C. Segnon	Benin
3	Ariel Hardy Houessou	Benin
4	Assogba Amandine	Benin
5	Ayodele Balley	Benin
6	Azizou El-Hadj Issa	Benin
7	Bertin Akouta	Benin
8	Didier Madafime	Benin
9	Gérard Gouwakinnou	Benin
10	Hospice Gerard Gracias	Benin
11	Juliano Houndonougbo	Benin
12	Kisito Gandji	Benin
13	Laurent Gnonlofin	Benin
14	Rodrigue Gohoungbe	Benin
15	Rodrigue Frank Idohou	Benin
16	Sabin Guendehou	Benin
17	Sagbo Anicet	Benin
18	Samuel Atchade	Benin
19	Sunday Kakpo Berlioz	Benin
20	Sylvanus Mensah	Benin
21	Tchegoun Atchikpa	Benin
22	Hesekia Garekae	Botswana
23	Walona Sehularo	Botswana
24	Belemsogbo Urbain	Burkina Faso
25	Daouda Zalle	Burkina Faso
26	Gansaonre R. Noel	Burkina Faso
27	Moise Medah	Burkina Faso
28	Patrice Savadogo	Burkina Faso
29	Faustin Harumukiza	Burundi
30	Joel Ndayishimiye	Burundi
31	Armand Asseng Ze	Cameroon
32	Basil Ewane	Cameroon
33	Cecile Bibiane Ndjebet	Cameroon
34	Cedric Chimi	Cameroon
35	Chimtom Ngala	Cameroon
36	Christophe Kamga	Cameroon
37	Chupezi Julius	Cameroon
38	Denis Mahonghol	Cameroon
39	Elias Ntungwe Ngalame	Cameroon
40	Elvis Paul	Cameroon

No.	Name	Country
41	Engono Adrienne	cameroon
42	Fesvie Cameroon	Cameroon
43	Francois Hiol	Cameroon
44	Jean Dzavi	Cameroon
45	Jiofack Bernadin	Cameroon
46	Jules Christian Zekeng	Cameroon
47	Kamga Christophe	Cameroon
48	Killian Ngala	Cameroon
49	Koffi Maxime Loukou	Cameroon
50	kouedji Monthe	Cameroon
51	Lambou Pauline	Cameroon
52	Martin Nganje	Cameroon
53	Masso Rose	Cameroon
54	Maximilien Djomo	Cameroon
55	Noiha Valery	Cameroon
56	Patrice Aimé Ngokoy	Cameroon
57	Paul Donfack	Cameroon
58	Rose Pelagie	Cameroon
59	Ruth Mebenga	Cameroon
60	Silenou Blondel	Cameroon
61	Tamoifo Marie	Cameroon
62	Tcharbuahbokengo Nfinn	Cameroon
63	Tchoffo Benjamin	Cameroon
64	Tchoffo Florentine	Cameroon
65	Tenekwetché Sop	Cameroon
66	Yves Ndi	Cameroon
67	Achille Mapouka	Central African Republic
68	Hamid Abakar Souleymane	Chad
69	Romeo Ekoungoulou	Congo
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