

PPCR Pilot Countries Meeting

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT: ZAMBIA

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Stakeholder Engagement Activities



Stakeholder engagement was undertaken at different levels:

- Institutional assessment for fiduciary capacity of **district and provincial government** systems to implement the project. The outcome of the assessment was the identification of training needs and mechanisms for allocating and disbursing resources

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- During the preparation of project investments, the Secretariat organized **comprehensive visits** to the Barotse and Kafue Sub-Basins by a **multi-sectoral team which also involved civil society and private sector partners** (finance, natural products exporter). The field visits focused on institutional assessments at the district level and qualitative vulnerability assessments at the ward level with a view to deciding on district and ward prioritization for Phase II.

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- **Private Sector and Civil Society**
representatives are members of a Technical Committee constituted by the Secretary to the Cabinet.
- Further engagements of the officials from the **provincial and district level** including the Barotse Royal Establishment for finalising project implementation arrangements.

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- Other important engagements were those with the **Traditional Authorities** in which for instance the Barotse Royal Establishment who have been part of the major stakeholders and were provided representation during the District Assessments as they have leadership structures from the Barotse Sub-basin to the community levels.
- Engagement of Stakeholders will continue throughout and on the issues mentioned above **through the second quarter of this year or end of Phase I.**

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- The Zambian Institute of Environmental Management (ZIEM) helps in **tracking government financial commitments** on annual basis.
- This helps the **civil society in lobbying government for enhanced budgetary allocations** in the areas of environmental and climate change activities.

Stakeholder Engagement Challenges



- NGOs have been active partners of the PPCR since inception.
- However, the planned **contracting of an umbrella national NGO** to facilitate sensitization has yet to materialise, in part due to **Tender Committees lack of familiarity with NGO partnerships**
 - Should they be treated as contractors?
 - Is there justification for single sourcing?
- These contractual issues are **expected to be resolved during Phase II** as many of the partners active in the field also bring own resources to the partnership.

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- Budget tracking is still limited to government budget and **not civil society and other climate change implementing agents.**
- Tracking only captures budgetary allocations and **not actual expenditures.**
- Of late we have agreed to take the two issues above into consideration.