

NOTES OF THE CIDRZ META COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2011



Council Members at the first Council Meeting of the second phase of MeTA Zambia

The meeting was held on 21 October 2013 at CIDRZ on Thabo Mbeki Road in Lusaka with the following Agenda.

1. Registration and Introductions
2. Welcome Remarks
3. Objectives of the Meeting
4. Overview of MeTA Zambia
5. Election of office bearers – chairperson, vice chair person, Secretary General, two committee members and sub committees

6. Introduction to Log Frame and priority areas
7. Discussion of Log Frame and priority areas
8. Closure

After introductions the Core Group chairperson Mr Davy Nanduba welcomed Council Members. He appealed for active participation especially that this was the first MeTA Council Meeting of the second phase of the MeTA project.



Mr Nanduba during the Council Meeting

Objectives of the Meeting - Mr Nanduba outlined the objectives of the meeting which included a description of the background to and position of MeTA Zambia, election of the Executive Committee, a discussion of the Log Frame and priority areas.

The MeTA overview was presented by Violet Kabwe. She was the MeTA Zambia local consultant during the first or pilot phase. In her presentation Kabwe discussed the background to MeTA emphasizing the multi-stakeholder nature of the project – involving government, private and CSOs, the core principles of MeTA, country commitment, MeTA Council participation, objectives of the pilot phase, the log frame – its goals and objectives were also covered. Other points included MeTA Zambia structure and governance and the multi-stakeholder process. She also discussed major achievements, successes and challenges.



Violet Kabwe presenting the MeTA Overview

Future Areas of Work

Discussion of this included issues of accessibility and availability of medicines. There was emphasis on the need to define these issues within the essential medicines concept. The meeting was informed that the new administration was interested in what the public sector can afford. Members were informed that the Deputy Minister has a pharmaceutical background and issues of human resource and essential medicines were a priority. There should be a description of what essential medicines and these should include an indicator list or index. MeTA should fit well within this context especially with Government's zero tolerance to corruption.



Mr Nyambe from PRA and Mr Kandeke from CHAZ listening to presentations



Ms Bridges from World Bank and Hon Chota from APNAC listening to presentations during the first MeTA Council Meeting of the second phase.



Ms Shindano former MeTA Coordinator in the first phase and now TIZ with Ms Mudondo from ZPBF listening to a presentation



Mr Ngambi from ZPBF, moderator of the Council Meeting speaking to Ms Kabwe during the MeTA Council

General Practitioners Representative welcomed his organisation's participation on the MeTA Council. He would brief his colleagues and hoped to bring a list of various issues they hoped could be addressed by MeTA Zambia.

MeTA should obtain more details about the Stop-Stock Out Project and provide such information to the MOH.

After deliberations the MeTA Council elected the following Executive Committee

Chairperson	Hon Lazarus Chota
Vice Chairperson	Chikuta Mbewe
Secretary General	Goodwell Lungu
Committee Members	Ruth Mudondo
	Davy Nanduba



Members of the Executive Committee elected at the MeTA Council

It was resolved that election of members of sub committees be deferred to a later date.

Priority Areas

It was agreed that whatever these priorities they should provide continuity from the MeTA Pilot Phase and they should take into account ideas discussed during the teleconferences.

1. Establish MeTA Zambia Secretariat – seek office accommodation. The meeting agreed that MeTA should write to the MOH Permanent Secretary with regard to the requirements for office accommodation including its cost.
2. Explore registration of MeTA Zambia
3. Promote Policy Dialogue
4. Seek MeTA Involvement on National Health Policy
5. Develop the MeTA Platform
6. Continue with Communication
7. Slides 1 to 2 agreed
8. Support PRA on action regards draft ADDO Bill
9. More information on ZPRA Act

Teleconference with DFID

1. Analysis of Information – research reports, surveys etc
2. Policy Development and Implementation
3. Cost efficiency and additional information
4. Budget for the 7 MeTA countries is 5 million pounds over four years
5. Demand drive funding of activities
6. Outreach to other donors
7. Core MeTA functions

Challenges and Opportunities

DFID next steps

1. Design of proposals
2. Details of Delivery
3. Real time information gathering
4. Partner with Stop Stock-out

CORE GROUP

Following additional names

1. Billy Mweetwa
2. Chikuta Mbewe
3. The Secretary General Should write to PRA regards Mr Nyambe's participation in the core group



Ms Mudondo talking to Mr Mbewe during a break in the deliberations



MeTA Zambia chairperson Mr Chota talking to MeTA Secretary General Mr Lungu during a break in the Council deliberations.



General Practitioners representative, Dr Tim seen here talking to Mr Billy Mweetwa of CIDRZ during a break in the deliberations of MeTA Council Meeting.