

Reconciliation and reforms teams formed



Christian Partners Development Agency (CPDA) in collaboration with *Uraia*, have formed teams to enhance Kenyan's participation in reforms and reconciliation processes.

Under the banner *Reconciliation and Reforms Consensus Groups*, teams have been formed in larger districts of Western province including: Butere-Mumias, Bungoma, Mt. Elgon, Teso, Busia, Kakamega, Lugari and Vihiga districts. In South Rift similar teams have been formed in Narok North, Narok South and Trans Mara districts.

The formation of these teams comes at time when Kenyans are flooded with various reconciliation and reforms initiatives. Currently, there are up to 15 commissions and taskforces in operation or waiting to be set up by the government. They include the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC), the Interim Independent Electoral Commission (IIEC), the Interim Independent Boundaries Review Commission, the Committee of Experts on Constitution Review, the taskforce on the Mau Resettlement. Others such as National Cohesion and Integration Commission, Special Tribunal and Interim Constitutional Dispute Resolution Court are expected to be formed.

Despite the formation of these commissions, informed citizen's participation in these commission remains ad hoc and uncoordinated. Regrettably, many of these commissions have caught many Kenyans unawares. Collection of views from Kenyans is characterized by short notices, hurried and done with little consultation with stakeholders. For instance, it now the norm that taking views from a few people for a few hours constitutes a regional position.

Besides, upbeat implementation of the 22 billion, Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) set for completion by 21st December 2009 has caught many Kenyans off the hook. With so many resources going to constituencies, the capacity of residents must be enhanced to monitor and track implementation of the proposed projects.

The established *Reconciliation and Reforms Consensus Groups* are now avenues for consolidating district and regional positions on reconciliation and reforms, particularly on the Harmonized Draft Constitution. These groups are also upbeat in monitoring and tracking resources sent to constituencies under the Economic Stimulus Programme and other devolved projects.

The groups are also mentoring youths to spur entrepreneurial activities through peer-to-peer approaches

These are some of the milestones under the project dubbed “Towards Realizing Accord Priorities (TRAP)” that promotes national reconciliation and cohesion; enhance citizens’ participation on reforms, monitor and track local development projects, and cultivate a culture of leadership accountability in Kenya.

This is a build-up on the National Response Initiative (NRI) project that helped to spearhead peacebuilding dialogue, healing, reconciliation, and justice processes in Western province. These initiatives are also in line with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Civil Society Democratic Governance (CSDG) Facility emerging issues fund under project dubbed “Reconciliation times -Nyakati za Marejeano” in Rift Valley Province (Narok North and Narok South districts); and Western Province (Vihiga, Kakamega and Busia districts).

The following are the officials spearheading the processes per district

WESTERN PROVINCE

I. Busia Reconciliation and Reform Consensus Group

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| 1. Michael Khasindu | Chairman |
| 2. Isaac Rubiya | Secretary |
| 3. Victorine Nduguli | Treasurer |
| 4. Stephen Musungu | Member |
| 5. Kadima Dorcas | Member |

II. Vihiga Reconciliation and Reform Consensus Group

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| 1. Samwel Obondo | Chairperson |
| 2. John Lumbasio | Vice chair |
| 3. Alfred Asitiba | Secretary |
| 4. Caroline Ayoma | Vice Sec. |
| 5. Elphas Shava | Treasurer |
| 6. Douglas Chavanga | Member |

III. Kakamega Reconciliation and Reform Consensus Group

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| 1. James Lukongo | Chairperson |
| 2. Shaituni Mohamed | Vice Chair. |
| 3. Denilson Abuga | Secretary |
| 4. Sally Lubembe | Treasurer |
| 5. David Kahi | Member |
| 6. Seth Sejero | Member |
| 7. Billy Kapima | Member |

IV. Bungoma Large Reconciliation and Reforms Consensus Group

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| 1. Joan Sitawa Khamala | Chairperson |
| 2. Wycliffe Namaswa | Secretary |
| 3. Lilly Okello | Treasurer |
| 4. Charles Wafula | Vice Chair |
| 5. Addah L. Wanyama | Vice Sec. |
| 6. Jane Kerubo | Member |
| 7. Emily Wasike | Member |
| 8. Khalid Hassan | Member |
| 9. Peter Muigua | Member |
| 10. Joan Elima | Member |
| 11. Wilbright Busolo | Member |

V. Butere Mumias Reconciliation and Reforms Consensus Group

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| 1. Hamis Omulisia | Chairperson |
| 2. Frida Wabuko | Secretary |
| 3. Qassim Mukoya | Treasurer |
| 4. Elizabeth Anziya | Vice Chair |
| 5. Erastus Were | Vice Sec. |
| 6. Lustana N. Sitoki | Asst. Trea. |
| 7. Livingstone W. Namai | Member |
| 8. Agnes Olesi | Member |
| 9. Omar Benja | Member |
| 10. Halima Emily Mukoya | Member |
| 11. Moses O. Amakobe | Member |
| 12. Evans Eshitemi | Member |

VI. Lugari Reconciliation and Reforms Consensus Group

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| 1. Edgar Tojo | Chairman |
| 2. Justus Imbai | Secretary |
| 3. Dorcus Mwariri | Treasurer |
| 4. Peter Enonda | Member |
| 5. Calvin Ayuya | Member |
| 6. James Anzeze | Member |
| 7. Moses Ngugi | Member |
| 8. Leah Chahilu | Member |
| 9. Edwin Musilikwa | Member |

VII. Mt Elgon Reconciliation and Reforms Consensus Group

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| 1. Moses Masai | Chairperson |
| 2. Albert Mshando | Secretary |
| 3. Jenipher C. Painito | Treasurer |
| 4. Moris Cherongis | Vice Chair |
| 5. ArapMwok D. Pambu | Vice Sec. |
| 6. Geoffrey Kisieo | Member |
| 7. Pamela Juma | Member |
| 8. Martin Kasisi | Member |
| 9. Justus M. Olinyo | Member |
| 10. Edwin Juma Ndiema | Member |
| 11. Micheal Ndiwa Ndinia | Member |
| 12. Hilder Tamnai Kiberass | Member |
| 13. Isaac Chele | Member |

VII. Teso Reconciliation and Reforms Consensus Group

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| 1. Oduori Japheth | Chairman |
| 2. Cornel Juma | Secretary |
| 3. Mary Emadua | Treasurer |
| 4. Roselyne Esaaba | Vice Chair |
| 5. Mary Okedi | Vice Sec. |

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| 6. Humprey Olyana | Vice Trea. |
| 7. Denis Saja | Member |
| 8. Dickson Okumu | Member |
| 9. Anthony Omusugu Ojuka | Member |
| 10. Jennifer Maasai | Member |
| 11. Ekapolon Vincent | Member |



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SOUTH RIFT

I. Narok South Reform and Reconciliation Consensus Group

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| 1. Philip Meriki | Chairman |
| 2. Robert Shunkur | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Brenda Korieta | Secretary |
| 4. Simon Tome | Vice Sec. |
| 5. Jackson Masago | Treasurer |
| 6. Agela Seela | Vice Trea. |
| 7. Nicholas Kipees | Member |
| 8. Jackson Paro | Member |
| 9. Nonkisaruni Muntet | Member |
| 10. William Saika | Member |

II. Narok North Reform and Reconciliation Consensus Group

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| 1. John Maitai | Chairperson |
| 2. Naoroi Esho | Vice Chairlady |
| 3. Paul Sopia | Secretary |
| 4. Mary Sinigi | Vice Sec. |
| 5. Rose Nakula | Treasurer |
| 6. Luke Dapash | Member |
| 7. Josephine Teeka | Member |
| 8. Salash Reson | Member |
| 9. Pauline Kinyarkuoo | Member |



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III. Kilgoris Reconciliation and Reforms Consensus Group

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| 1. Johnathan Mokire | Chairman |
| 2. Nicolas Korinko | Secretary |
| 3. Gladys Koskei | Treasurer |
| 4. Francis Ramet | vice Chair |
| 5. Jared Rioba | Vic. Sec. |
| 6. Lidia Shankil | Member |
| 7. Ali Nchayua | Member |
| 8. Joseph Chara | Member |
| 9. Johanathan Munturi | Member |
| 10. Micheal Seme | Member |
| 11. Peter Nturu | Member |
| 12. Jeremiah Kirui | Member |
| 13. Elijah Soi | Member |

The groups comprise diverse stakeholders including peace committee members, council of elders, women leaders, youth leaders, religious leaders, community leaders, human rights defender, and people with disabilities, among others.

Through the groups, regional consensus meetings on the Harmonized Draft Constitution will be held on 4th and 5th December 2009 for South Rift (Narok North, Narok South and Trans Mara); and 10th and 11th December 2009 for Western province.



Narok North Workshop, 13th November 2009