

Minutes of the Tripartite Review Meeting

i. Basic Program / Project Information

Programme or project number and title:	00070190
Designated institution:	Centre for Multiparty Democracy
Implementing agency	Centre for Multiparty Democracy
Project starting date:	
Originally planned:	1 st January, 2011
Actual:	1 st January, 2011
Project completion date:	
Originally planned:	31 December 2011
New:	31 December 2011
Total budget (\$):	400,000
Delivery rate (%):	TRAC: 95%
	Cost Sharing: 93.2%
Date of the tripartite review	24 th January, 2012

ii. Follow up to the previous tripartite review and evaluation

This was the second TPR meeting. The meeting noted that the decisions that were taken during the last TPR meeting were implemented. These were the Leadership Training and the Study on the Political Situation – that was turned into the Benchmarking study. The work plan of 2011 built on the outstanding activities of the previous year. And finally after the study on Benchmarking, CMD embarked on the strategic planning process.

iii. **Programme review**

The meeting noted that CMD had implemented all the activities that it planned to do in the year. Only the strategic plan is yet to be completed. The activities completed included the finalization of the study of Benchmarking Core Capacities and Competencies of Political Parties, translation of Leaders' Training Manuals into Chichewa and Tumbuka and training sessions for leaders in all the three administrative regions. A training session targeting exclusively women was also conducted. After the development of training manuals for conflict resolution, a series of training sessions in Conflict Resolution and Management were run. The meeting learnt that there is a demand that CMD should consider resuscitating the now defunct Multiparty Liaison Committees that were being facilitated by the GTZ Forum for Dialogue.

The meeting learnt that there is continued demand for more accountability from the lower level leaders and this is an indication that these people are empowered to challenge the senior leadership which is a direct result of the leadership training. The call to CMD to resuscitate the multiparty liaison committees is also an indication that people see value of the CMD as a dialogue platform. A spill over impact of training sessions conducted by CMD is that parties are becoming more and more able to sit and work together, and that political leaders at the lower structures are appreciating that political parties can engage in constructive dialogue instead of being antagonistic entities. The meeting further noted that there is a group change of perceptions as to who owns a political party. The benchmarking study has helped political parties to appreciate that they have deficits and that they need to have deliberate programs to address these gaps.

The meeting was informed that some of the challenges that the project is facing include:

- Lack of institutionalized party structures which can be addressed by further assisting political parties to have professional and functioning secretariats.
- Weak resource base for political parties
- Lack of institutionalized democratic instruments to safeguard inter party democracy
- Lack of ideological base for political parties and the Lack of policy formulation capacity in all political parties
- Weak capacity of the CMD – Malawi secretariat to fully provide support to the dialogue platform of political parties

To address the challenges, CMD proposed to adequately implement the strategic plan since all the weaknesses identified in the benchmarking study are captured in the strategic plan.

CMD presented a draft annual work plan and indicated that a detailed AWP which will have multiannual outputs will be developed immediately after the TPR meeting. Activities presented in the AWP include: Finalization and launching of the strategic plan; CMD Board and Board of trustees meetings; activities on the review of the Political party registration and regulation act; activities on paid up party membership; Conduct a baseline study on the identities and ideologies of political parties in Malawi; Conduct Conflict resolution training to NEC members of political parties; Support institutional capacity of CMD secretariat

iv. Discussions

It was noted that it was encouraging to see how well the political parties themselves have taken the importance of CMD as a dialogue platform and as a springboard for cross party initiatives. In particular the success of outreach training to the regions and new contacts established at that level were encouraging.

The call for the resuscitation of Multiparty Liaison Committees is evidence that the work on conflict resolution is important especially because after the occurrences of July 20th 2011, the question of violence is no longer theoretical, but real.

Nevertheless, CMD needs to package different programs of technical support for different needs, for instance networking, capacity development of political parties, the multiparty liaison committees, networking etc while at the same time maintaining the internal governance agreements of CMD.

On the budget from UNDP it was mentioned that the budget to CMD can be increased to about \$300,000 depending on the proposed Annual Work plan that focuses more outreach to regional and district level and technical support to multiparty liaison committees . Multiannual cooperation e.g. a four year plan is also possible, though that might require to be formulated under the 2014 AWP.. Further support to the CMD secretariat can be explored, as well as coming up with an outreach strategy to establish a broader and firmer resource base for CMD.

CMD should continue moving at its own pace while it keeps on exploring ways of being more and more meaningful by scaling up its activities in the effort of achieving

results that it is setting for itself. As a dialogue platform, CMD should also be thinking of results that its wants to achieve in the context of electoral process (and in the immediate case, the tripartite elections). In diversifying its funding base, CMD should continue looking for partners through the UNDP as well as directly.

v. **Decisions taken**

1. There will be increased resources to CMD in 2012 to enable it to carry out its programs as CMD starts to implement its strategic plan.
2. Based on the strategic plan CMD and UNDP should start developing a support project document (2013 to 2016) that will address the capacity gaps of CMD as an institution, capacity gaps of political parties as identified in the Benchmarking study and the strategic plan as well as required support to elections.
3. UNDP to assist CMD to broaden its support base and will be reporting back to the parties through the CMD secretariat.

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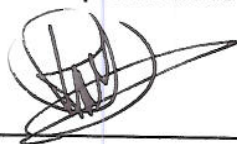


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I. **TERMINAL Review Report Annex**

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