

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIRINYAGA



KERUGOYA/KUTUS MUNICIPAL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WORKSHOP FOR THE KERUGOYA
KUTUS MUNICIPALITY CLIMATE RISK PROFILE FORMULATION HELD ON 14th
FEBRUARY 2024.

VENUE: BEKAM HOTEL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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1. Lucy K. Munyi – Board Chairperson
2. Erick Muthii Kinyua – Vice Chairperson
3. Rev. Grace Wambui Kamwagire – Board Member
4. Fredrick Bundi- Board Member
5. Rev.Samuel Kanjobe - Board Member
6. Paul Muchira – Municipal Manager
7. Sylvia Muli – Municipal Accountant
8. Dickson K. Ngari – Board Member
9. Brian Gitei – Municipal Economist
10. James Njiru W. – County Roads Inspector
11. Antonio Gikonyo – Environmental Safeguards Officer
12. Ian Ngugi Gakunyi – KUSP Urban Planner
13. Christine Wangeci – Municipal social safeguard Officer
14. Jemimah Mugo – Municipal Strategy and Communications Officer
15. Timothy Njeru – Board Member
16. Murage Muraguli – County Director of Planning
17. George Macharia – County Social Safeguard Officer
18. Mary Muthoni Cooper – Board Member
19. Kaara Muriithi – County Environmental Specialist
20. Geoffrey Maina – Municipal Civil Engineer
21. William Mutegi Zachary – Senior Physical Planner

22. Isaiah Mwangi – Municipal ICT Officer
23. Naphtary M. Muikia – Municipal Budget Specialist
24. Isaac Ndungu - Business Community representatives
25. Ziporah Wanjiku “
26. Elijah Mwai Kabiru “
27. Poline Wakothio
28. Jeremiah Wachira
29. Faith Muturi
30. Hesbon Gitura
31. Rose Wamou
32. Peter Maina
33. James Mwaniki
34. Pauline W Nyaga

AGENDA ITEMS

1. *Preliminaries*
2. *Climate Risk profile Policy*
3. *Closing Remarks/AOB*

MIN. 1/MUN/SEC/2/24: Preliminaries

The meeting was called to order at 10:20a.m., with quorum confirmed by the board chair. The Board Chairperson, Lucy Mbogo, requested Jemimah Mugo to lead the opening prayer. All the members present did a round of self introduction. The Municipal manager made the opening remarks and introduced the day's agenda. He further welcomed the environmental officer to make a presentation of the municipality climate risk profile draft paper.

MIN. 2/MUN/SEC/3/10/24: Municipal Climate Risk Profile

The environmental specialist, Antonio Gikonyo presented the draft Municipal Climate Risk Profile, providing a detailed overview of the profile. He guided members through the document and emphasised on the following content of the framework

The assessment identified key climate risks specific to Kerugoya/Kutus, including:

1. Flooding: Increased intensity and frequency of rainfall events have led to significant flooding, affecting homes, roads, and agricultural land.
2. Drought: dry spells disrupt agricultural production, affecting food supply and livelihoods, particularly for smallholder farmers.
3. Some Landslides: The topography and land-use practices increase susceptibility to landslides, particularly during heavy rains, impacting both safety and infrastructure.
4. Temperature Extremes: Rising temperatures are affecting crop yields and exacerbating health issues, particularly for vulnerable populations.

To address these challenges, the municipality shall implement targeted adaptation strategies. This includes;

- Enhancing community awareness and engagement in climate resilience initiatives
- Investing in sustainable agricultural practices, and improving water management systems.
- Furthermore, integrating climate risk assessments into local planning and development frameworks is essential to bolster infrastructure resilience and enhance adaptive capacities.

Kerugoya/Kutus Municipality therefore stands at a critical juncture in addressing climate risks. proactive measures and collaborative efforts among local authorities, communities, and stakeholders are vital for fostering resilience and ensuring sustainable development in the face of climate change. Through these initiatives, the municipality can better protect its inhabitants and resources, paving the way for a more resilient future.

Participants Responses.

Kaara Muriithi, County climate change director further explained the concept of a climate risk profile, emphasizing the importance of member input. He clarified that while landslides are not a significant climate risk within the municipality, land degradation due to various factors poses a serious threat. He also highlighted the County Climate Change Act of 2023 as a valuable resource, along with existing frameworks such as the County Climate Change Committee, Climate Change Unit, and Ward Climate Change Committees.

Members suggested that the Kerugoya/Kutus Municipality Local Physical and Land Use Development Plan (2020-2030) should be referenced to identify areas prone to climate risks, such as flooding.

Kori Gichobi recommended forming a stakeholder team with representatives from various sectors to enhance the climate risk profile. This idea was unanimously supported by the members.

MIN. 2/MUN/SEC/2/24: AOB

The Municipal Manager, Paul Muchira appreciated the participants for their inputs and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m. He also reminded members to observe punctuality for subsequent meetings. Faith Muturi concluded with a word of prayer.

Paul M Muchira

Municipal Manager.....

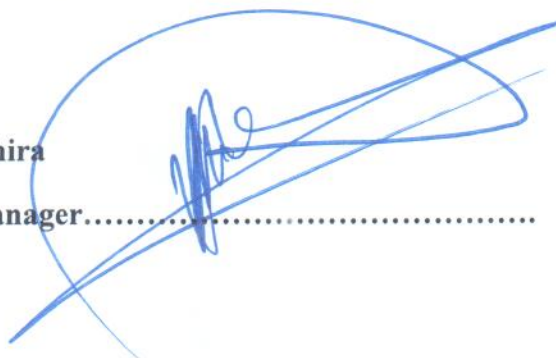


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