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The 8th Community-Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Annual Conference convened key stakeholders, including community leaders, government officials, policymakers, development partners, and academics. The 2024 conference was officially opened by the Minister of Green Economy, Honourable Mike Mposha, MP, with various keynote speeches



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The call for conservation practitioners to address the urgent need for sustainable natural resources management is louder and overwhelming as we foster for management and equitable governance of natural resources. Community Based Natural Resources Management is the driver for sustainable futures and natural resources stewardship. We recognise the importance of natural resources to livelihoods, our culture, social and economic well-being in our landscapes anchoring on achieving sustainable development, reducing poverty and promoting social and climate justice. As we continue to work towards common goals in natural resources management this year's conference has the following key notes or resolution;

1. SECURING NATURAL RESOURCES AND BIODIVERSITY:

The Need to advocate for stronger frameworks that ensure local communities has a significant role in decision-making processes regarding natural resource management. This includes the implementation of legal and institutional reforms that recognize and support community-based governance structures.

There is need to promote and strengthen mechanisms that integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies into community-based natural resource management plans to ensure long-term sustainability and resilience of communities and landscapes.

The call for urgent action to combat deforestation, uncontrolled bush fires, over fishing, poaching, illegal wildlife trade and other anthropogenic /human driven activities to be reduced.

Embrace Long term strategies that cushion the effects of over exploitation of natural resources such as sand mining, excess timber collection and over harvest of natural resources. Building Community resilience to mitigate Human Wildlife Conflict.



STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

Need to foster and improve partnerships and relationships between government agencies, NGOs, private sector players, and local communities' participation in collaborative management approaches. to create integrated approaches to natural resource management.

There is need to strengthen mechanisms for regular dialogue between stakeholders, ensuring that all voices, particularly marginalized groups (such as women, different abled persons and youth), are heard and considered in decision-making processes.

The Need to Support capacity-building programs for local communities, especially in terms of managing and conserving natural resources, through training in sustainable practices and governance structures through partnership support.

Improve the coordination of government department that are key in CBNRM these are Department of National Parks and Wildlife, Forestry, Fisheries and line ministries to ensure good working relationships and continued support.

Ensure Bottom-up approach and participatory of key stakeholders on key issues that concern conservation.

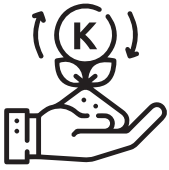
Promote a bottom-up approach in conservation efforts



MR. GEORGE TEMBO,
CRB President



RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND REVENUE GENERATION



Establish financial mechanisms such as small grants, micro-financing, and partnerships to support community-driven conservation initiatives.



Strengthen financial management capacities for community-based organizations (CBOs).

Diversify revenue sources by exploring carbon credits, fish farming, game ranching, and horticulture.



STRENGTHENING DATA AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



DR. RODGERS LUBILO,
Chairperson, Community Leaders Network



Improve knowledge management systems to facilitate feedback sharing on conservation



impacts and best practices. Organize exchange visits for CBOs to learn from successful conservation models.



Develop conservation education programs for schools and mentorship initiatives in sustainable resource management.





Community Resources Boards

should be mandated to manage and access their own accounts independently. The Government roles through DNPW should be to monitor the implementation and its effectiveness.

Community Resources Boards who are at the same time Community Forest Management Groups (CFMGs) should be allowed to open separate accounts for carbon fees.

Concession Fees Sharing Mechanism (SI) Statutory Instrument should be Enacted in order to allow communities to benefit from concession fees as well as photographic and lands.

To advocate for communities to get more shares on carbon benefits than carbon private investors.



ADVOCATING FOR POLICY AND LEGISLATION

i. There is need to encourage policies that action sustainable land-use practices, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable livelihoods for communities dependent on natural resources.

ii. The call for government to adopt a community conservancy model as one key wildlife economic activities which communities can fully be engaged in and replicated in various landscapes.

iii. Lobby for sustainable financing through creation of a national funding basket for CBNRM

iv. Support and mobilise resources for implementation of CBNRM policy

v. Lobby for a national framework on modalities for community carbon initiatives



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CHIEF KAPUTA,
Representative from the House of Chiefs

vi. Call for enactment of CBNRM law to support implementation of national CBNRM policy

vii. To lobby for the CBNRM Policy to be housed at Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources.

viii. Lobby for recognition and establishment of community conservancies across the country.

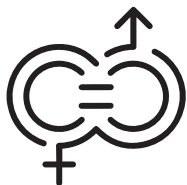


GENDER AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Ensuring that there is inclusivity at all levels in the implementation of the policies in CBNRM fraternity for improved social justice and inclusion.



There is need to continue strengthening efforts to ensure gender equality in natural resource management by empowering women and other underrepresented groups to take leadership roles in community governance structures.



MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING (MEL)

Engage in the implementation of the CBNRM Policy to ensure community benefits and active participation in conservation.

Develop robust monitoring and evaluation systems to assess the effectiveness of CBNRM initiatives.

Promote the integration of indigenous knowledge with modern conservation techniques to manage natural resources sustainably.



SPECIAL GUESTS AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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Hon. Sylvia Masebo,
Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, MP



Honourable Mike Mposha,
Minister of Green Economy, MP



Dr. Rodgers Lubilo,
Chairperson, Community Leaders Network



Mr. George Tembo,
President, ZCRBA



**His Royal Highness
Chief Kaputa,**
Representative from the House of Chiefs



Mr. James Wakiaga,
Resident Representative, UNDP



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These distinguished speakers emphasized the urgent need for sustainable natural resources management, advocating for effective governance and equitable distribution of natural resources.



The 8th CBNRM Annual Conference

reaffirmed the critical role of community-driven conservation in achieving sustainable development, reducing poverty, and promoting social and climate justice. As we move forward, a collective commitment from all stakeholders will be essential in ensuring the effective and equitable governance of natural resources in Zambia.



ADVOCATING FOR EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND
EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

