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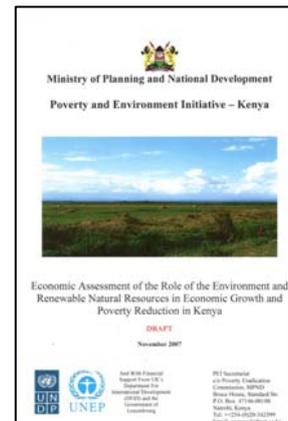
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The Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI) aims to integrate environmental concerns into national and district development planning, policy and budget processes to help achieve poverty reduction. The programme is coordinated by the Ministry of Planning and National Development (MPND) and works in close collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MENR) and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). The PEI Kenya programme also benefits from the inputs from the global UNDP-UNEP Poverty and Environment Initiative.

National Symposium on the Economic Valuation of the Environment

A MPND/MENR national symposium on the economic valuation of natural resources and ecosystem services is scheduled to take place **on 6-7 March 2008**. An organizing committee comprising of colleagues from MPND, MENR, PEI and IUCN is well advanced in organizing this event that aims to: 1) raise awareness on the economic contributions of environment and natural resources towards achieving long and medium term economic plans; 2) initiate discussions on key issues relating to strengthening integration of environment and natural resource management in economic planning and poverty reduction; 3) share experiences in tools and approaches for environmental economics in development planning; and, 4) reach agreement on follow-up actions. The Symposium presentations will include presentations of recent studies by PEI, IUCN, KIPPRA and other institutions. For further information, please contact Mr. John Nyangena, Senior Economist, MPND, jnyangena@treasury.gov.ke.



Progress on Environment Policy Process

PEI, along with the Danida/Sida Environment Programme Support (EPS), is supporting MENR with the preparation of a national environment policy for Kenya. Good progress has been made since the launch of the Environment Policy National Steering Committee (NSC) in August 2007. The "Road Map" endorsed by the National Environment Council and the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources aims to submit a draft Environment Policy to the Minister by June 2008. The Policy is to be prepared through a consultative process and to promote environment and development linkages.

The first Stakeholders Workshop held on 31 October was attended by 250 people representing a range of institutional partners. Thematic Taskforces will complete analysis of key issues and recommendations by February 2008. PEI is supporting the Environment Policy preparation process through the provision of short-term consultants, staff participation to the NSC, and financial and administrative inputs. For additional information, please contact Ms. Joyce Isiaho, Under-Secretary & Environment Policy Coordinator, MENR, tel. 2730808, jisaho@yahoo.com.

PEI Support to District Planning Processes Extended

PEI supported the preparation of District Environment Action Plans (DEAPs) in three districts (Meru South, Bondo, Murang'a North). During 2007/2008 support is being extended to six additional MPND/UNDP "Millennium Districts" (Siya, Suba, Bungoma, Turkana, Garissa, Kilifi) under a collaborative arrangement between the UNDP/GoK MDG Project and PEI.

The approach is to help communities identify linkages between poverty and environment at the local level through a participatory planning process and to develop community action plans (CAPs) which will then feed into the elaboration of DEAPs and District Development Plans (DDPs). Based on the experiences in the pilot districts, PEI is contributing to MPND's Handbook on District Development Planning, aiming at integrating relevant tools for capturing poverty-environment linkages into the handbook.

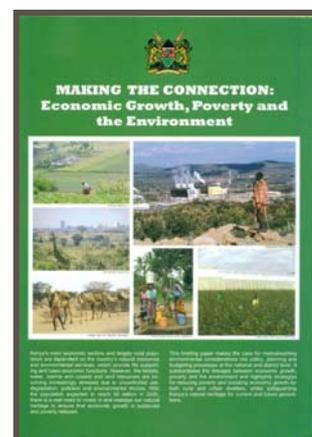
Forthcoming Study on Poverty and Environment Linked Indicators

During the next few months PEI will support a study on formulation of poverty and environment linked indicators for application within national and district level medium term plans. The aim of the study, led by the MPND, is to recommend relevant indicators that enable assessment of progress against national and district level plans. The study is grounded within the National Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation System (NIMES) of the MPND's Monitoring and Environment Directorate and implemented in close collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics and sectoral ministries and institutions. The results of the study will be presented to various stakeholders during the second quarter of 2008.

Briefing Note "Making the Connection Available for Distribution

PEI has produced a six-page popular briefing note on the linkages between economic growth, poverty and environment in Kenya. It is targeted at government officials and other stakeholders involved in development planning both at district and central levels. The briefing note serves to inform key policy makers of quantitative information demonstrating benefits arising from sound environment management and highlights local accounts of how environment affects livelihoods.

Hard copies are available for distribution from the PEI secretariat and the electronic version can be accessed at <http://www.unpei.org/PDF/PEI-Kenya-Briefing-Note.pdf>.



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