

TFT – Agenda for the period April 2004 through December 2004

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APRIL

Common operational travel of the TTL (Hans-Werner Wabnitz) and Lars T. Soeftestad, Supras Consult, Consultant (the Consultant) to Mauritania in order to:

1. In Nouakchott:
 - a) Introduce the Consultant to the Minister MDRE and/or his cabinet, as the case may be, and the Director Dept. of Environment of MDRE;
 - b) Introduce the Consultant to the staff of GTZ and the World Bank in Nouakchott;
 - c) Set up some logistical groundwork for future transport issues, money transfer etc.
 - d) hire local consultant(s) to facilitate and liaison contacts with the Mauritanian government, GTZ headquarters in the country and the World Bank resident office.

2. In Aioun:
 - a) Identify and agree upon the target area for TFT activities;
 - b) Announce the imminent start-up of activities to the local authorities, the Wali, the Hakim and the Delegate of the MDRE;
 - c) Organize local logistics for executing TFT activities:
 - (i) rent living and office space and arrange for telecommunications connection(s);
 - (ii) hire local consultants;
 - (iii) open a bank account;
 - (iv) explore logistics for transport (to and from Nouakchott and within the target area, TFT does not acquire its own car).
 - (v) make contact and establish relations with the partnering GTZ and World Bank projects / expatriate and local staff in the area.
 - d) request, appreciate, “receive” report Tidiane Wane on the 1942 Puled Nassr well close to Sâouna, and pay the consultant.

Upon return to Washington the TTL will:

1. write the formal TFEESD report for the Norwegian Grantor covering the period up to April 2004;
2. finalize transition arrangements for task team leadership beyond the time of his retirement (May 31, 2004);
3. ascertain appropriate disbursement and payment procedures are in place for the purpose of TFT.

MAY

The Consultant will remain in Aioun until approximately Mai 20. In this time he will undertake:

1. “desk research” concerning TFT activities, using his own resources and documentation obtained from the local partner projects of GTZ and the World Bank, the administration and other sources.
2. writing, final editing and timely expedition of a report paper to be presented at the August 2004 IASP Mexico conference on common property resource use. He will, as feasible, include as much detailed information pertaining to the target area as he deems necessary and obtainable. He will make a draft available to the local consultants of TFT in Nouakchott and Aioun, as feasible, and the TTL before expedition.
3. organize, with the assistance of local consultants,
 - (a) at least one on-site tour of an official introduction into upcoming TFT activities to the local population in the target area (presentation together with representatives of the Wali, the Hakim and the MDRE) (this may possibly be undertaken in phases: to different villages and/or population groups at different times).
 - (b) site visits to the place of a) in order to start the fieldwork of gathering information on access rights to natural resources.
 - (c) produce and deliver to the TTL:
 - (i) invoices concerning his own services, third party services and costs (the latter confirmed as eligible and received);
 - (ii) copies of the reports received by local consultants;
 - (iii) a detailed activity report for the period April and Mai.
 - (d) write, consult with local consultants, edit and expedite before the deadline (May 10, 2004) a report on TFT to be presented at the IASCP Tenth Biennial Conference in Oaxaca, Mexico in August 9-13, 2004.
 - (e) prior to leaving Aioun the Consultant will make appropriate arrangements for:
 - (i) description of tasks for the local consultants during the time of his anticipated absence;
 - (ii) the timely payments of amounts to local service providers (for the house and /or consultants) in Aioun.

Catherine Moyer, of the World Bank HQ, may visit Aioun while Consultant is still there to facilitate administrative work, all kinds of contacts, but notably interaction with women (Monika Potgiesser’s PAC heritage of Associations, for instance).

Before May 31, the Consultant will have furnished to TTL (copy Catherine Moyer) a detailed definition / explanation / agenda to proceed concerning the methodology to applied in going about with the interviews destined to elicit responses pertaining to

local traditional / customary natural resource access rights, with specific references whether the one or the other approach, as the case may be, has already been tested at the TFT target site.

JUNE

The Consultant does not intend, at this time, to return to Aioun in June. He will furnish to the TTL in a timely manner and appropriate form all information required for the next TFESSD report due for the period ending June 2004, copy to Mrs. Catherine Moyer, LEGAF. This information should include all activities undertaken on-site up and until then. (In case no new information has become relevant over and above his activity report April/May 2004 the Consultant will inform the TTL and C. Moyer of this fact in time).

The Consultant will keep contact with the local consultants in Mauritania through channels as he sees appropriate at least once.

An outline will be provided concerning the “next steps” – how to proceed (where and when and why – e.g., a new area in the target zone or further probing of the first selection, or both).

JULY (normally rainy season)

The Consultant will spend at least about 14 to 20 days in Aioun / the target area. During this time he will:

1. request information from the local consultants on new developments / insights / proposals, if any concerning the situation in the target area and events which confirm / infirm the findings from April/May;
2. organize an introductory tour (Wali/Delegates’ staff) into another (the second / final) area of the target area (Cherif) and follow-up subsequently with interviews;
3. revisit the first area for additional / subsequent information, if considered warranted and feasible;
4. consolidate the information / findings and experience concerning methodology and approach.

AUGUST

1. Presentation of TFT at the IASCP Tenth Biennial Conference in Oaxaca, Mexico (see www.iascp2004.org.mx);
2. Elaboration of rough sketch of first map of access rights to natural resources covering the entire target area, with data filled in stemming from interviews taken;

3. Following discussions with participants of Conference, previous review of results achieved so far (information gathered at at least two different places / villages / resource user communities (e.g. planters / herders) and considering rough map (above (2.)), decide on feasibility / probability that a reasonably detailed and accurate map of access rights to all natural resources available in the target area can be established before April 2005 without assistance of additional international consultants and justification of said decision in writing to the TTL.

In case of negative opinion, prepare terms of reference and agree on suitable time for implementation of intervention of consultant Gregory Lazarev and his team in the target area, following consultation of remaining reasonable time frame and budgetary resources.

SEPTEMBER

The Consultant will spent at least about 14 to 20 days in Aioun / the target area. During this time he will:

1. introduce the TFT activity to all remaining inhabitants of the target area (sensibilization with staff from the Wali and Delegué of MDRE), if not yet covered earlier, and following on-site visit of members of all identified natural resource user groups claiming access rights to resources in the target area (some of whom may normally reside outside the area);
2. improve on the sketch of the map of access rights covering the entire target area;
3. identify at least one subject worthy of interest for in-depth analysis and study by local consultant Tidian Wane, write terms of reference, conclude contract and review resulting report;
4. write a summary report about results achieved and evaluation of same, discuss both with all local consultants, and furnish copy (in French and English) to authorities in Aioun and in Nouakchott in the appropriate form, to the representatives of the partners of the Initiative, mainly the World Bank project's ("Community Based Development Project" approved April 20, 2004 CBDP) national Director Mohamed Mahmoud O/ Ely and representative in Aioun, available representatives of GTZ in Aioun and/or Nouakchott and to the TTL;
5. facilitate arrival and working conditions for international consultant team, in case this option has been retained, accommodate them in the house in Aioun, organize the appropriate site visits, assist at interviews and discussions pertaining to their interpretations and fixation of results onto the site map of access rights;
6. prepare detailed agenda and action plan for the time up to April 30, discuss same with all local consultants and the appropriate authorities as well as representatives of CBDP and GTZ and furnish said agenda to the TTL.

NOVEMBER

Consolidate findings so far, finalize desk study of material relevant to TFT and write and submit :

- a) progress report
- b) outline of a paper destined for publishing in an edition previously identified by Consultant.

DECEMBER

Subject to the updated action plan agenda the Consultant will spent at least about 14 to 20 days in Aioun / the target area. During this time he will:

1. refine, together with the local consultants, the access right map, discuss the results represented with the appropriate authorities in Aioun, present the map and its' findings to the use right holders – preferably everybody, as this seems difficult to achieve a representative number of each use right holders group – in any case beyond leaders – and discuss and decide on the appropriate places for public display. The map is intended to be accessible for inspection and control to anybody, confirmed access right holder or not, at all (reasonable) times, at several points in, and in the vicinity of the target area. The Consultant will explain this fact and make it known to all in the appropriate form.
2. identify, in report form and on the map, areas of unknown rights, disputed rights and uncertainty, and suggest methodology and approaches to further investigate siad cases (or leave them aside, as the case may be) giving reasons for said actions, decision.
3. submit to the TTL, copy Catherine Moyer, a status report of actions undertaken and results achieved, including budget overview and assessment of likelihood to achieve the TFT Initiatives' (reduced ?) objectives by April 30, 2004, in form and substance detailed enough to be used for the semestrial TFESSD report to the Norwegian donor.
4. discuss with the TTL and Catherine Moyer and any other resource person he is able to identify the potential, required form and procedure to apply for an extension of the TFT Grant (budget situation permitting) and/or the availability of further funds.

NOTA BENE

- * the combination of dates and activities, notably site visits by the Consultant, are estimates which may vary in accordance with decisions made based upon results and findings on the ground. They intend to ascertain that:
 - (i) at least three appearances in the target area occur, with a total length of actual (possibly intermittent) research / interviews of the access right holders of not less than 12 days;

- (ii) a reasonable presence permitting supervision of local consultant work is established;
 - (iii) a decision, based on actual work performed and results achieved can be made pertaining to the livelihood that the Consultant, with the assistance of local consultants, will be able to present a fairly detailed, albeit possibly not final, access-rights-to-resources-map by April 30, 2005.
- * due to a upstart phase which turned out to be much longer than anticipated the activities on the ground have begun with a delay of about twelve months (considering the signing of the TFT Grant Sept 30, 2002 and an initially estimated identification of the target area and logistical preparation period of about six months) the achievable objectives by April 30, 2005 (Closing Date) have to be reduced: the establishment, discussion (with all knowledgeable groups, e.g. rights holders, projects active in the target area, and authorities) of an access-to natural-resources-right-map and its' public display would be considered a success.
 - * refinement of the map and observation of actual adherence to the patterns laid out in it by the purported use-right-holders requires a time frame of an estimated three to seven years. Such observation requires presence on the ground combined with appropriate remote sensing methods. New financing is required for these activities.
 - * local consultants currently identified are: