

8.8 Minutes of Meeting for Focus Group Meeting

2009

Proceedings of the Focus Group Discussion for the
Feasibility Study on a new Bridge across River Nile at Jinja



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Focus Group Discussion for Feasibility Study on a new Bridge across River Nile at Jinja

1. **Opening Prayer:** Opening prayer by Ayebale Pamela Land Acquisition Specialist Uganda National Roads authority (UNRA)

2. **Introductory Remarks**

The meeting was opened at 10:30am by Eng. A.D. Mugisa the Commissioner for Roads Ministry of Works and Transport (MOWT). In his remarks, the participants were welcomed to the Focus Group Discussion for the Feasibility Study of the new Bridge across river Nile at Jinja.

They were informed that about the JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations which emphasize Democratic decision-making as an essential requirement. The Participants were informed that Stakeholder participation, Information Transparency, Accountability and Efficiency and Respect for human rights were critical for such decision-making process. He informed the participants that Information disclosure through public consultations is one of the integral parts of the basic principle of the Guidelines and the Bridge would be planned, designed and constructed such that it is not a source of inconvenience to inhabitants hence the need to take account of inputs from public consultations.

Eng Mugisa informed members that more than 90 people attended the 1st public consultation held in Kampala on December 12, 2008 whose Major objectives were: To introduce outline of the Project and the Study, to explain schedule of the JICA Study and the public consultations, to share all related information with stakeholders.

He said the 2nd public consultation would be held on April 3rd 2009 after Optimum Alternative Bridge Location has been selected which Results would be explained at this public consultation. There will then be an exchange of opinions which will enable the basic agreement on the optimum route for the bridge. The 3rd public consultation will be held at end of July to disclose information on the results of the Feasibility Study.

He informed the members that the objective of the Focus Group Discussion was purposely for the local stakeholders that might potentially be affected by the Project especially those that did not attend the 1st public consultation, The Focus Group Discussion was intended to inform such local stakeholders

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about progress of the preliminary study and share information with them before the 2nd public consultation in which the basic agreement on the optimum route for the bridge would be established.

3. The Preliminary Study Results Presentation by JICA Study Team Explanation of Alternative Alignments by Route (A, B & C)

The presentation of the feasibility study was undertaken by Dr Masaaki Tatsumi, the Deputy Team Leader. The presentation focused on the following

- Background and Policy on New – Design life for the existing Nalubaale Dam Bridge has expired, Traffic demand is increasing, Urgent necessity to construct a New Nile bridge was widely agreed as the government policy and in response to the request of Government of Uganda, Government of Japan through JICA dispatched the Study Team to conduct the Feasibility Study in November 2008.
- Objectives of the study - To conduct feasibility study on construction of new bridge across the River Nile and to Transfer relevant skills to Ugandans involved in the study.
- Basic Plan of Bridge Locations with Proposed Three (3) Routes, Work Schedule of the Study and Projected increasing Traffic were Presented. The Study Team suggested the following: All motorized vehicles should use the new bridge but not use the existing dam bridge, Bicycles are allowed to pass the existing bridge in order to avoid the mixed use of motorized and non-motorized traffic on the new bridge, and Pedestrians are allowed to pass either the new or existing bridge. Pedestrian facility should be provided on the new bridge.
- Explanation of the Alternative Routes

The Preliminary Comparison of Alternative Routes was presented based on the following: Local Development Issues, Accessibility (between Jinja and Njeru), Involuntary Resettlement, Roadside Environment, Natural Environment and Construction cost (including maintenance cost)

- Characteristics of the alternative routes based on future development potential were presented by Mr. Yasukawa, the member of JICA team.

4. Environmental & Social Considerations for the Project by UNRA

The presentation of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Feasibility for Constructing the Second Bridge at the Nile in Jinja was undertaken by Patrick Kamanda, the Environment Specialist Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA). The presentation focused on the following:

Mr. Patrick Kamanda the Environment Specialist Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) informed the Participants that the Requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) all major Road developments such as the proposed bridge construction across the River Nile at Jinja is listed in the

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Third Schedule as required to undergo the EIA process under Section 19 of the National Environment Act Cap 153.

He further informed members that the GOU is responsible for the preparation of the environmental and social impact process including constituting the ESIA study team and obtaining approval of the environmental aspects of the bridge project.

Mr. Patrick Kamanda went ahead to explain what the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) means and the Purpose of ESIA for the Nile Bridge Works which include: Inform the selection of optimum alignment by route, Examine in details the environmental feasibility of the selected optimum solution for the project, Inform implementation of construction activities to ensure short and long-term environmental sustainability.

He also informed the members about the Technical Transfer for the Project with a counterpart EIA consultancy team already having been constituted to work with JICA Study Team. He informed the members that in the process of undertaking the EIA, JICA would transfer relevant skills to personnel in the counterpart Study team to up lift the standard of ESIA's. Technologies/ equipment used during the study i.e. for air quality analysis, noise/ vibrations and global warming studies would also be retained by UNRA. JICA has procured the noise survey equipment and Plans are underway for JICA to undertake a series of technical transfer training sessions on noise determination and analysis to the ESIA team and selected lead agencies.

Mr. Patrick Kamanda further informed the members that ESIA would be conducted in line with the Guidelines for EIA in Uganda and JICA Environmental and Social considerations.

He stated that the Process for Conduct of the EIA will be carried out through Public Consultations of which the 1st Public Consultation (P/C) was conducted in Kampala involving stakeholders and the 2nd Public Consultation which was happening that day on the 6th March 2009 at the project site was to obtain input leading to the selection of the optimum solution out of the three alternative routes. Based on the selected optimum solution, a detailed ESIA will be conducted. Upon Conclusion of the ESIA, a final Public Consultation will be undertaken in Jinja. The Purpose of Public Consultation therefore was to obtain as much information as possible and comments leading to select the optimum solution which should be studied in details to develop ESIS that reflects input of stakeholders.

The Environmental and Social Impact Statement (ESIS) would include following;

- Baseline environmental and social economics information, Valuations and determination of the least cost option environmentally, Selection of optimum solution, detailed environmental, social and economic assessment, Proposal of mitigation measures, Environmental and Social Management Plan, Costing of the Management and Monitoring Plan.

The Study Team comprises of the following;

- ESIA Specialist – Team Leader, Plant Ecologist, Zoologist, Sociologist, Geologist/Hydrologist, Aquatic/Fisheries Specialist, Environmental Economist

5. Land Acquisition and Compensation System applied for the Project by UNRA

The presentation of the Land Acquisition Process and Compensation System for the Feasibility for Constructing the Second Bridge at the Nile in Jinja was undertaken by Ayebare Pamela the Land Acquisition Specialist Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA). The presentation focused on the following:

Legal framework – Ms Pamela Ayebare the Land Acquisition Specialist Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) informed the members about the laws that govern land Acquisition in Uganda which included the Constitution of Uganda 1995, the Land Act CAP 227, 1998, the Land Acquisition Act CAP 226,1965, the Registration of Titles Act CAP 230, 1924 and the Roads Act 358,1949.

Procedures – She further informed the participants of the procedures of land acquisition in Uganda as follows; Initial Assessment, Valuation, Compensation Payment and Expropriation of land.

Compensation entitlements – Ms Pamela informed the participants that the Non-permanent assets would be compensated based on district rates, land would be valued at local market prices, Buildings would be valued at depreciated market prices and a Disturbance allowance would be paid as percentage of total compensation for those given a notice to vacate the property as follows; 15% if less than 6 months notice and 30% if less than 3 months notice. She informed members that the government Chief Valuer is in charge of approving the rates used and compensation to owners and / or occupiers depends on tenure system. Payment of compensation fees requires evidence of eligibility for example Land title, Leasehold Contract, Certificate of Ownership/Occupancy etc

Community consultations – she informed the participants that during Initial assessment notice will be given on intent to access land for survey and intent to acquire land, Village level meetings will be held to raise awareness, explain the procedures in detail and also to discuss the compensation strategy as well as allow communities raise any concerns relating to land acquisition. She also stated that interaction between surveyors and land owners/occupiers would be encouraged to identify land and assets likely to be affected. There will also be meetings with Local governments to assess the current market prices.

During valuation Ms Pamela Ayebare the Land Acquisition Specialist Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) stated surveyors would be consulted to ensure accurate recording of land and assets description. She further stated that Village meetings would have a formal Valuation assessment and Formal inquiry into claims and objections, Grievances and Appeals should be submitted within 60days of the Valuation assessment.

Status of this Project - she concluded by saying there was still need to decide on the preferred location of the bridge and that the preliminary assessment of land acquisition would be used to help decide on the bridge location, once the bridge location and approach road alignment was known, initial assessment would be started, and promised that all compensation payments for planned land acquisition would be made before construction works start (in phases if appropriate)

6. Tea Break

Following completion of the various presentations, the moderator Eng. A.O. Mugisa called for a 20 minute tea break. Members were asked to reconvene at 12am in readiness for the Questionnaires on Evaluation Method session as well as Question and Answer (Q&A) session. The workshop reconvened at 12am and Eng. Mugisa informed members of the arrival of for Minister of Energy and now NRM Chief Whip Hon. Daudi Megereko. At this point Eng Mugisa invited every body to introduce themselves as courtesy requires after which he invited the JICA Study Team for the Questionnaires on Evaluation Method session.

7. Questionnaires on Evaluation Method

Questionnaires were then handed to the participants to fill in. After which the questionnaires were handed back to the JICA Study team, the results of the scoring was to be used as a reference to realize the stakeholders' priority in selecting alternatives.

8. Question and Answer Session

At this point Eng George Bwanga (Project Manager UNRA), Mr. Patrick Kamanda (Environment Specialist UNRA), Ms Pamela Ayebare (Land Acquisition Specialist UNRA) and Dr Masakai Tatsumi, (Deputy Team Leader JICA) were requested to join the moderator's table and take part in providing responses to questions from the floor.

Stake Holder Name: Nick Jencinson(Managing Director)

Organization: Nile Breweries

Comments

- Should consider a bridge over the Bujagali Dam.
- Should involve Nile breweries more in the preliminary stages

Response by Eng. Mugisa

Eng. Mugisa pointed out that constructing a bridge on the dam is Risky and won't be considered as an option.

Nile bridge would be involved more and that's why they had been invited for the focus group Discussion.

Stake Holder Name: Daudi Megereko

Organization Chief Whip Parliament and Member of Parliament for Butembe Constituency

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Comments

- How soon will Construction start.
- Route C should be discussed more because it might open up more areas in the region.

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Appreciated comment and invited UNRA to give a tentative time table.

Stake Holder Name: James .M. Mbata (General Manager)

Organization Jinja Nile resort

Comments

- What are the long term effects on the environment if Route C is considered.
- Are there going to be more Public Consultations.

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Eng. Mugisa requested that the study team consider these proposals in the project

Stake Holder Name: Kenneth Wanyoto

Organization Nile breweries

Comments

- The Raw water intake point for Nile breweries will be affected by Route A
- Asked if the bridge will be a single or Dual carriageway

Response by Eng. Mugisa

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Stake Holder Name: Ingrid Witts (Director)

Organization Mojoni Retreat Center Jinja

Comments

- Planning a big investment 500 meters from Route C, what will happening to it

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Eng. Mugisa urged the Specialists and consultants to take the comments on board.

Stake Holder Name: Kibirige Badiru

Organization Chairman Njeru Local Council

Comments

- ESIA should involved even in the long run, after commencement of the project most of the issues are thrown out of the window

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Eng. Mugisa urged the Environmental Specialist and Consultants to take the comments on board.

Stake Holder Name: Z. Tibalwa

Organization Uganda Electricity Tramiission Company

Comments

- Route C crosses all the electricity Niles to Kenya and within Uganda
- Have just commissioned a new line which also crosses Route C.

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Eng. Mugisa urged the consultants to take the comments on board

Stake Holder Name: Sanjay .T

Organization NYTIL/PICFARE (Project Engineer)

Comments

- Route C passes the Nytil Facilities how much will Nytil be Compensated

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Eng. Mugisa urged the Specialists and consultants to take the comments on board

Stake Holder Name: Esther Birungi

Organization ESKOM

Comments

- What will be the impact of Construction on the Nalubaale Dam water levels.

Response by Eng. Mugisa

Eng. Mugisa urged the Specialists and consultants to take the comments on board

Stake Holder Name: Rachkara Paul

Organization National Water and Sewerage Cooperation

Comments

- How far is Route A from the Raw water source (lake Victoria)
- What will be the Impact of Construction Works in form of Spill back on the Raw water source

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Eng. Mugisa urged the Specialists and consultants to take the comments on board

Stake Holder Name: Nankanja Eutha A

Organization ESKOM

Comments

- Provide the material presented in Hard copy or Soft copy so that they would shall this with their Colleagues

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Pointed out the material would be availed to those interested at the end of the day or electronically.

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Stake Holder Name: Micah Rauben

Organization RDC's Office

Comments

- The New Bridge is not security conscious since it is too close to the old bridge and the railway line bridge.

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Eng. Mugisa urged the consultants to take the comments on board

Stake Holder Name: Kenneth Wanyoto

Organization Nile Breweries

Comments

- Is there Flexibility in design to try and dodge the new investment which is crossed by Route C.

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Appreciated the comment.

Stake Holder Name: Ebusa William

Organization Mpumudde Central Division Chairman

Comments

- There a need to provide a Modern Bridge especially for Route B, since it passes the source of the Nile.

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Eng. Mugisa urged the consultants to take the comments on board.

Stake Holder Name: Ingrid Witts (Director)

Organization Mojoni Retreat Center

Comments

- Called upon the Jinja town planners to communicate future planned Land use early enough since people were already erecting permanent structures along Route C

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Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Appreciated the comment.

Stake Holder Name: Lt. Basakana, H

Organization District Chairman Jinja Local Government

Comments

- Commended the JICA team, MoWT and UNRA for the timely intervention and called upon the participants to embrace the project, He also called upon every one to put National interests ahead of personal interests.

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- Appreciated the comment.
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9. Response from JICA Team to points raised:

- (i) On the concern about the effect of Construction works on the raw water source and the Levels of water at the Nalubale dam, the Deputy Leader of the study team assured Participants that there would be no effect since the water source is up stream and the water flows downstream stream.

10. Response from Eng George Bwanga to points raised:

- a) On how soon the construction of the bridge would start, Eng Bwanga explained that the Feasibility study was expected to end by October 2009, after which the Detailed Engineering Design would start in December 2009 to April 2010 and if funds are availed in time Construction works would commence by 2011 to 2014 for the simplest design of the bridge.
- b) On the whether the bridge would be single or Dual carriage way, Eng Bwanga pointed out that the bridge was planned to be a dual carriageway.

11. Response from Pamela Ayebale to points raised:

- a) On the issue of planned investments and Electricity Transmission lines along Route C, Pamela Ayebare informed the Participants that the reason they were invited was to make contributions that would lead to the final selection of the optimum Route, therefore their concerns would be taken into account during that process.
- b) On the concern about how much compensation would be received by Nytil/picfare, she reassured them that Nytil would not be Over compensated nor would it be under compensated, in the event that the final route selection affected their property then they would be dually compensated before construction of the Bridge kicked off.

12. Response from Patrick Kamanda to points raised:

- a) On the concern about the long term effects on constructing a bridge on Route C, Mr. Patrick Kamanda informed the participants that before selection of the final optimum route Detailed Environmental and Social Impact assessment had to be carried out whose findings would help guide the team in the final route selection, therefore those fears should be put to rest.
- b) He also informed the stakeholders that more consultations were to continue on the local and Village levels i.e. with District environmental officers e.t.c in order to make sure that all issues from the stakeholders are covered.

- c) Mr. Kamanda also assured members that construction the contractor would be checked on to make sure that Environmental and Social Issues are dealt with thoroughly this calmed the fears raised that during the Construction some of the Environmental and Social concerns would be neglected by the contractor.

- d) He then thanked all participants for their contributions and was glad that all pertinent issues had come out in this focus group discussion this therefore had armed him to take on the consultants.

Concluding Remarks

Eng Bwanga thanked members for coming to share views and provide opinions at the focus Group Meeting for the Feasibility Study on a new Bridge across River Nile at Jinja and was glad that the Discussion had achieved its objectives. He informed the participants that their contributions were of great importance and would be considered in the final Route selected. He then wished them a safe journey to their various Destinations.

The meeting was brought to a close at 1:30pm, upon which members were invited for lunch.

8.9 Public Notice of 2nd P/C on “New Vision” on March 31, 2009

The New Vision, Tuesday, March 31, 2009 III

UGANDA NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER NILE AT JINJA

**KAMPALA SHERATON HOTEL FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2009 STARTING 8.30 A.M.
INVITATION TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

With the deteriorating condition of the Nalubaale Bridge, the need for construction of a second bridge to cross River Nile at Jinja has been nationally widely accepted. In pursuit of the above solution, the Government of Uganda has obtained assistance from the Japanese Government (through JICA) towards the feasibility study and design of a proposed second bridge across River Nile at Jinja. Consultancy services for the feasibility study on the construction of the new bridge commenced in November 2008 and in accordance with the NEMA Act 2003, the first Public Consultation Meeting was held on 12 December 2008 at Sheraton Hotel, Kampala. To date, some progress has been recorded in the feasibility study which we would now wish to share with stakeholders in a second public consultation meeting.

It is for this purpose that the following are invited to the **SECOND PUBLIC CONSULTATION** meeting which will take place on **Friday 3rd April 2009 at Sheraton Hotel, Kampala**. Registration starts at **8.30 a.m.** Your active participation in this process will be highly appreciated.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Permanent Secretary, MOFPE 2. The Permanent Secretary, MOWE 3. The Permanent Secretary, MOLHUD 4. The Permanent Secretary, MOEMR 5. The task team leader, World Bank 6. The Task Team Leader, AfDB 7. The Task Team Leader, EU 8. The Task Team Leader, JICA 9. Members of the Steering Committee, the 2nd Nile Bridge at Jinja Study 10. Members of Parliament from the project area (Jinja, Mukono) 11. Members of Parliamentary Committee on Infrastructure 12. Members of Parliamentary Committee on Economic Monitoring 13. Executive Director, NEPIA 14. Executive Director, Uganda Railways Corporation 15. The Executive Director, UEGCL 16. The Director, Physical Planning, MOLHUD 17. The Director, UETCL 18. The Registrar, Engineers Registration Board 19. The President, UIPE 20. His Worship the Mayor, Jinja Municipality 21. His Worship the Mayor, Njeru Town Council 22. Town Clerk, Jinja Municipality 23. Town Clerk, Njeru Town Council 24. The LCV Chairman, Jinja District 25. The LCV Chairman, Mukono District 26. The Chief Administration Officer, Mukono 27. The Chief Administration Officer, Jinja 28. The Brigade Commander, Engineer Brigade, UPDF 29. The Division Commander, Eastern Division, UPDF 30. The Commissioner, Traffic and Road Safety, Uganda Police 31. The Commissioner, Land Management, MOLHUD 32. The Station Engineer, Jinja (UNRA) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 33. The Station Engineer, Kampala (UNRA) 34. The Chairman, UNODA 35. The Chairman, JBOA 36. The Chairman, Clearing and Forwarding Associations 37. The Managing Director, BICFARE Industries 38. The Managing Director, Nile Resort Hotel Jinja 39. The Managing Director, Nile Bridge Recreation Center, 40. The Operations Director, Nile Breweries Ltd, 41. The Managing Director, ESKOM Uganda Ltd 42. The Managing Director, Uganda Consolidated Properties Ltd 43. The Chairman, Truck Operators Association 44. The National Coordinator, Greenwatch 45. The Program, Manager Environment Alert 46. The Program, Manager ACODE 47. Hon. Migereko Daudi, CGW 48. The General Manager, UCTO/UCTU 49. The General Manager, Jinja Nile Resort 50. The Secretary, Environmental Activists Uganda 51. Eng. Tom Ojuka 52. The Logistician, UPPA 53. The PRO, BEA (Jinja) 54. The Executive Director, Emli Bwaise Facility 55. Assistant Coordinator, Steer Farm Committee 56. The Foreman, Muttechner Uganda Limited 57. The Coordinator, Busoga Youth Trust 58. Public Relations Officer, Dahatse Construction Company 59. The program Officer, NAT-Uganda 60. The Media Activist, UMC 61. The Dean, Faculty Of Technology, Makerere University 62. The Chairman, Fishermen's Association, Jinja/Njeru 63. The Analyst, UFPCD
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MANAGEMENT

8.10 List of Attendees for categories for 2nd Public Consultation

No	Name	Organization & Position	Tel etc.
	<Central Government>		
1	Dr A.O.Mugisa	MOWT, Commissioner	0752720658
2	Brigadier Timothy Sabiiti	Ministry of Defence / Uganda People's Defence, Commander Engineer Brigade	
3	Henry Kyemba	Resident, Senior Citizen	0752690432
4	Hon Nalugo Sekiziyivu	Parliament, Member of Parliament	0752437492
5	Mugenyi Tonny	MOWT, Site Engineer	0772576637
6	Micah Rauben	RDC Mukono, District Security Officer	0772301669
7	Byamukama Kasibante	Uganda People's Defence Forces, Eastern Division, Public Officer	0772162901
8	Olanya James	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Senior Economist	0772456736
9	Daniel Muntu	Parliamentary Commission, Road Officer	0712618888
10	Eng Paul Mubiru	National Environment Management Authority(NEMA), Director	
11	Kabishanga Emmanuel	NEMA, Planning Unit	0712717105
12	Dr. F. Bagoora	NEMA, Natural Resource Management Specialist(soils and land use)	0772551340
13	Lufafa Dick	NEMA, Monitoring Officer	0772590236
14	Vincent Byendamira	Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Ag Commissioner	0772447262
15	Satya Semu Mangusho	Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Steering committee member	0752693557
16	Henry Bidazala Igaga	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Assistant commissioner	0772658692
17	Ngobi Herbert	Civil Aviation Authority(CAA), Chief Civil Engineer	
18	Wonekha Sam	CAA, Manager upcountry Airports	0752535087
19	Moses Museerwa	CAA, Inspector	0772314435
20	Sam Banga	Internal Security Organization, Security Officer	0772463231
21	Ssemakula Emmanuel	Uganda Railways Corporation(URC), Civil Engineer	0392943973
22	Henry Arinaitwe	URC, Accountant	0772504870
23	Mbabazi Anania	Uganda Institute of Professional Engineers(WIPE), President	0752743688
24	Muganga Gerald	Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Ltd(UETC), Manager	0772493686
25	A. Habumugisha	UETC, Site surveyor	0782490180
26	Simbwa. J	UETC, Planning	0782637946
27	Ziria Tibalwa	UETC, Principle Plan Engineer	0712159891
28	Dan W Mayanja	Uganda Electricity Generation Company Ltd, Technical Manager	0772403788
29	Oidu Kizito Franklin	Uganda Electricity Distribution Company Ltd, Manager Technical Services	0772222104
30	Nabwiiso .S	Uganda Electricity Regulation Authority	0752808923
31	Kubai Christopher	Regional Police Commander South Eastern	0714668000
32	Sarah Kibwika	Police, Deputy Commissioner Traffic	0772372772
33	Ariani Charles	National Forestry Authority, Biomass Supervisor	0772550781
34	Kiza Samuel	National Forestry Authority, M&E	0712336661
35	B. Ssebugga Kimeze	UNRA, Director	0772477042
36	Dan Alinange	UNRA, Corporation Com. Manager	0772432832
37	Pamela Ayebare	UNRA, Land Acquisition Specialist	0712321881
38	Bwanga George	UNRA, Project Manager	0772508148
39	George Inyensiko	UNRA, Station Engineer, Jinja	0772-433851
40	Jonathan Wazimbe	UNRA, Maintenance Engineer	0772451065
41	James Whittle	UNRA, Environment	0783285448
42	Mugisha Ronald	UNRA, Graduate Engineer, Planning	0776171717
43	Kamanda Patrick	UNRA, Environmental specialist	0772982900
44	Tugume Jonathan	UNRA, Steering Committee	0772630834
45	Charles Kizito	UNRA, Engineer Asset Management	0777383620
46	Nawaswa J	UNRA, Engineer	0782434333
47	Anthony Mwase	UNRA, Counter Personnel	0752823992
48	Kagoda Jacqueline	UNRA Counter Personnel	0782891287

No	Name	Organization & Position	Tel etc.
	<Local Government>		
49	Muyanga Joshua	Mukono Town Council, Mayor	0772601090
50	Nambozo. J. Loyce	Deputy CAO for CAO Mukono,	0772524517
51	Mujumbi Yoweri	Mukono District, Engineer	0782804858
52	Namubiru Florence	Ag. Chairman LC III , Njeru Town Council,	0772653426
53	Luboyera Majeran	Njeru Town Council, AG Principal assistant	0772966852
54	Zziwa Livingstone	LC(V) Vice Chairperson Mukono	0774430155
55	E.K. Ntandayarwo	Njeru North ward, Chairman	0772898925
56	Taitika Robert	Town Engineer , Njeru Town Council,	0772483499
57	Lubanga Simon	Njeru, Community Development Officer	0782680233
58	Steven Kato	Mukono Local Government, Environment Officer	0712191152
59	Odeba Michael	Njeru Town council, Sec for works	0752540312
60	Batwala Moses	Jinja LC(V) Chairperson	072337459
61	Ronald Mwange	Secretary works, Jinja Local Government	0712618888
62	Councillor Kaddu Willy Musamali	Secretary for Works, Jinja Municipal Council ,	0782731749
63	Muhamad Saeed	Jinja Municipal Council, Steering Committee	0752545485
64	Okiror IPorotum	Jinja District, Chief Administrative Officer	0712865865
65	Yawe .J. Martine	Mpumudde, Engineer	0774698331
66	Twine Bernard	Jinja Municipal Council representing Mayor	0712152197
67	Kakuze Tabitha	Jinja Municipal Council, Physical Planner	0772664438
68	Mukasa Kabenge	Mpumudde Division, Chairman	0702687375
69	Musoke Peter	Jinja Municipal Council, Planner	0772658080
70	Mutebi Ronald	Jinja, Chairman Local Council I	0782146113
71	Elly Kizito	Lugazi Town Council, Community Development Officer	0752730410
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73	James .M.Mbatia	Jinja Nile Resort, General Manager	0772607385
74	Ken Wanyoto	Nile Breweries Limited, Operations Director	0752743121
75	Sanjay Thakkar	PICFARE Uganda Limited, Project Engineer	0757403595
76	Elsie Wabule	3D Tracking, Manager	0782390280
77	John Ndyomugenyi	Uganda Taxi Operators and Drivers Association/NRCS, National Chairman	0772480883
78	Kiggundu Sam	Truck Operators Association, Secretary	0712307731
79	Muhangi Eric	Truck Operators Department	0782179256
80	Bernard Ochola	COWI(U) Ltd, Head of Economics and Management	0772660279
81	Omagor Nelson	COWI(U) Ltd, Consultant	0772458903
82	Nabende Mike	COWI(U) Ltd, Engineer	0782226612
83	Engineer .E. T. Ojuka	COWI(U)Ltd, Consultant	0772402157
84	Namanya Booz	City Cargo, Public Affairs	0772509617
85	Akona Alex	NCSD, Engineer	0782563509
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87	Busulwa Frank	Kampala City Traders Association, CDH	0782864503
88	Kwesije Steven	NAT-Uganda, Communication Officer	0712171958
89	Janet Nalugya	3D Tracking, Account Manager	0712523356
90	Abuusa Ammah	Kampala City Traders Association, Personal Business	0711274826
91	Nabiryo Catherine	A&S, Administrative Assistant	0703185506
92	Orumbi Jimmy	Shuaa Safaris Ltd, marketing executive	0782223554
93	Sufiyan Mbalire	Shuaa Safaris Ltd, marketing executive	0782584553
94	Busulwa Lule	Kampala City Traders Association, Trader	0782864503
95	Baguma George	OP, EA Department	0772434440
96	Nampasa Winnie	DHL Ltd, Coordinator	0782084411
	Chelimo Barbra	DHL Ltd, Accounts Assistant	0753231399
	Katende M	Tianshi co, salesman	0774431350
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100	Okiror Daniel .O.	New vision	0712957547

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8.11 Minutes of Meeting for 2nd Public Consultation

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1. Introductory Remarks

After a short prayer, the Chairman the Steering Committee Dr. A O Mugisa requested all the participants to introduce themselves after which he called the meeting to order.

In his remarks, the participants were welcomed to the 2nd Public Consultation for the Feasibility Study of the new Bridge across river Nile at Sheraton Hotel Kampala.

He then highlighted the objectives, significance and the benefits of the Public Consultations, the role of the Steering Committee, the Focus Group Discussion and the Environment Impact Assessment to both The Government of Uganda and The Government of Japan, as further elaborated in the presentation handout attached herewith **(Annex-2)**

2. Remarks by the chief Representative JICA Uganda

The Chief Representative of JICA Uganda Office Mr. Tetsuo SEKI thanked the Government of Uganda represented by UNRA for the Cooperation and assistance accorded to the eighteen (18) Japanese Consultants who constitute the Study Team. He was optimistic that the Study which started in November 2008 will be completed on schedule in October 2009. He informed the meeting that the Government of Japan made a strong commitment towards infrastructure development in Africa.

He underscored the importance of the bridge towards the social economic development of Uganda and her neighboring landlocked countries.

He informed the meeting that the Study was at a critical point and the results of the Consultations would go along way to the commencement of the Preliminary Design.

He said JICA was waiting for the results of the Study Team for further discussions.

He was optimistic that the Government of Japan would finance the bridge.

He finally wished participants fruitful deliberations.

3. Environmental & Social Considerations for the Project by UNRA and COWI Uganda

The presentation of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Feasibility for Constructing the Second Bridge at the Nile in Jinja was undertaken by Patrick Kamanda, the Environment Specialist Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA).

Mr. Kamanda informed Participants that it is a legal requirement by the Government of Uganda and a prerequisite by the Government of Japan to have an ESIA due to the size of the project (Bridge). He also thanked the Study Team for the ongoing Transfer of Technical Skills and was optimistic that an ESIA Statement would be ready in time. He made further clarifications as indicated in his presentation herewith attached (**Annex 3**).

4. Land Acquisition and Compensation System applied for the Project by UNRA

The presentation of the Land Acquisition Process and Compensation System for the Feasibility for Constructing the Second Bridge at the Nile in Jinja was undertaken by Ayebare Pamela the Land Acquisition Specialist Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA). Ms Pamela Ayebare informed Participants that for whichever Alignment chosen, there will be need to relocate some properties in the process of acquiring land for the approach roads. She then made the presentation covering the Legal, procedural, entitlements and consultations on land acquisition as reflected in **Annex- 4** herewith attached.

5. Selection of Optimum Solution to Cross River Nile at Jinja by JICA Study Team

The team leader Mr. Isamu Gunji gave a brief history of the feasibility study. He informed the meeting that the study was formulated by the IDI of Japan in 1992 and in 1999 when it identified the current route c as shown in the presentation (Annex 5). This was later followed by another study by the World Bank in 2005 which identified the current proposed routes A and B.

The two pre-investment studies form the basis of the current feasibility study financed by the government of Japan whose findings so far are reflected in the attached presentation **Annex- 5**.

6. Tea Break

Following completion of the various presentations, the moderator Eng. A.O. Mugisa called for a 20 minute tea break. Members were asked to reconvene at 11:30 in readiness for the Question and Answer

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(Q&A) session. The workshop reconvened at 11:35 and at this point Eng Mugisa invited questions from the Participants.

7. Question and Answer Session

Stake Holder Name: Brigadier Timothy Sabiiti – Engineer Brigade Commander

Organization: Ministry of Defence/UPDF

Comments

- He thanked the Government of Japan for having considered construction of a new bridge across R. Nile as early as 17 years ago.
- He wanted to know why the alignment A2 had been recommended by the Study Team.
- He advised that while much of the land along route C belonged to the Military, choosing that route would also enable the developments by the Military.
- He said that route A would increase congestion in Jinja.
- He requested for mitigation measures on noise to the school when route C is chosen.

Response by JICA Team Leader Mr. Isamu Gunji

- Alignment A2 was recommended because of the advantage of utilizing the island on the western bank while A1 was dropped because of the need to construct two piers in the water to support the longer bridge.
- While the development of the Airstrip which will necessitate expansion of the aerodrome by 1000 meters would require the relocation of the approach road along route C. This was also constrained by the hilly terrain along this route which would further increase construction costs.

Stake Holder Name: Dr Mbabazi Anania

Organization: President Uganda Institute of Professional Engineers

Comments

- Thanked the Government of Uganda for inviting many stakeholders to attend the Consultations.

- He wanted to know whether the Resolutions of the 1st Public Consultation had been addressed

Response by Eng. Mugisa

- The issues raised had been addressed as reflected on the attached presentation by the chairman (Annex -2) already circulated to participants.

Stake Holder Name: Dan Mayanja

Organization: Uganda Electricity Generation Company

Comments

- Since some piers will be constructed in the water, is there an emergency preparation plan which may result come as a result of blasting and the increased water velocities towards Nalubaale Dam.

Response by Eng. A.O.Mugisa

- This will be further discussed during the detailed Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA).

Stake Holder Name: Vincent Byendamira

Organization: Ministry of Lands, housing and Urban Development

Comments

- He thanked the JICA Study Team for the elaborate work done and said that he was agreeable to Alignment A2 and envisaged that this alternative would have positive affect on the planned land use especially in Njeru area.

Response by Ayebare Pamela (UNRA)

- The Physical Planners for Njeru Town Council and Jinja Municipality were already co-opted and the details would be addressed during the ESIA which has started.

Stake Holder Name: :: Sanjay Thakkar, Project Engineer

Organization: Picfare Uganda Limited

Comments

- He said that NYTIL is in principle agreeable to alignment A2 but requested that if it was possible, the

bridge would be realigned to utilize the extreme corner away from the warehouse.

Response by Eng. A.O.Mugisa and JICA Team Leader Mr. Isamu Gunji

- He was informed that the cost of realigning the bridge (in effect to the originally proposed Alignment A1) was much higher than compensation for relocating the NYTIL buildings.
- He was also requested to consider the development of a Public Good as a priority.

Stake Holder Name: : Mr. Henry Kyemba

Organization: Senior Citizen

Comments

- He thanked the JICA Study Team, UNRA and the Ministry of Works for the transparency and the output quality exhibited during the study which was seen as a reassurance that extreme care is being taken.
- He requested that compensation for relocations should be paid promptly and also requested that the Local authorities should reconsider naming other roads (named after distinguished persons) after some of them have been put away during construction.

Response by Ayebare Pamela (UNRA)

- The Local Authorities present were requested to take note of road names and the likely event that some of them will disappear during construction and have new roads named after these distinguished personalities.
- He was also assured that Government will endeavor to pay for relocations promptly.

Stake Holder Name: Samson Kasozi

Organization: Resident Jinja

Comments

- He was happy that one of the members of the ESIA team, Mr. Kamanda had done a good job on previous projects in Jinja and was hopeful he will do a good job this time round.

Response

Stake Holder Name: Kenneth Wanyoto

Organization: Operations Director Nile Breweries

Comments

- He registered appreciation of the Study team's concern for changing the approach road alignment on route A to give way for their expansion programme already underway.

Response

Stake Holder Name: Stephen Asiimwe

Organization: Uganda Media Center

Comments

- He requested to know if the cultural challenges which emerged during some projects in Jinja area have been considered and whether consultations have been made with the Nile basin Initiative members.

Response by Eng. A.O. Mugisa

- Ministry of Water and Environment which is a member of the Steering committee is in touch with the Nile Basin initiative member States and that no spiritual challenges have been met so far.

Stake Holder Name: Dan Isooba

Organization: African Development Bank

Comments

- If alignment C was chosen, has there been any consideration in the event that the existing bridge/ Dam collapsed.

Response by JICA Team Leader Mr. Isamu Gunji

- While the probability is very low, there is a separate study going on for that possibility.

Stake Holder Name: Wonekha Sam, Manager Upcountry Airports

Organization: Civil Aviation Authority

Comments

- He had three issues, one, It is known that land appreciates but usually the time taken between valuation and the actual payments for affected properties doesn't take it into account.

- second how will the land owners without land titles be identified / verified
- What measures are in place to stop any shrewd persons who will now start developing along the chosen route in anticipation for compensation

Response by Ayebare Pamela (UNRA)

- Valuation is a process which must be done carefully and this usually takes time but nevertheless effort will be taken to expedite this process. In the unlikely event, it is common practice for Government to have an updated valuation if it has taken a long time.
- The significance of the local leaders is to help in identifying the bonafide owners and in the event a property has squatters on it, they will take 30% of the value and the land title owner takes 70%.
- On the speculative property buyers, members were informed that there will be a General Government Order immediately the Optimum Alignment is approved. The local leadership is requested to be vigilant.

Stake Holder Name: Dr Festus Bagoora, Natural Resource Management Specialist

Organization: National Environment Management Authority

Comments

- He appreciated the results of the Preliminary Study so far and encouraged other developers to borrow from this expertise.
- He appreciated that the Study Team has considered alternatives and consulted. He welcomed the full scale study by the ESIA.
- He also reassured the meeting that with the pier construction on the island and river bank, there was minimal effect on the river bank.

Response

Stake Holder Name: Namboozo J Loyce

Organization: Deputy CAO Mukono

Comments

- She thanked the Study Team for a job well done and asked UNRA and the Ministry of Works and Transport to consider a comprehensive maintenance plan on the new bridge.

Response by Eng. Ssebugga Kimeze, Director Operations UNRA

- UNRA had put in place a comprehensive maintenance strategy on all national roads and bridges. There will be timely and periodic maintenance.

Stake Holder Name: Kiconco Sheilla

Organization: Environment Alert

Comments

- She appreciated that Public Consultations were part of the Study. She requested to know whether the riverbed would not be affected.

Response by JICA Team Leader Mr. Isamu Gunji

- She was assured that since construction of the piers would be on the island and at the river bank, the riverbed would not be affected.

Stake Holder Name: Mr. Herbert Buula

Organization:

Comments

- He wanted to know the repair plans for the Nalubaale bridge and advised that we should be anxious to have a new bridge but not just a replacement of the existing one (just in case it collapses before a new one is in place).

- **Response by Eng. Ssebugga Kimeze, Director Operations UNRA**

- Contractor, Ms Spencon has already been procured by UNRA to carry out emergency repairs on the existing bridge and the structural repair works are also being considered.

Stake Holder Name: Dr. Mbabazi Anania

Organization: President UIPE

Comments

- Have the local Engineers been embedded in this Study and how were the scores as indicated in the report arrived at.

Response by Eng. A.O.Mugisa

- The transfer of skills is one of the basic objectives for the Study and several Technical transfer meetings have been held, the most recent one being on April 02, 2009.

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- Skills were transferred to the Geologist from Ministry of Minerals and Water Development. JICA has also procured some sound equipment and will soon train the ESIA team on this and other skills.
 - On the scores, he was informed that a questionnaire was availed to the stakeholders during the Focus Group Discussion in Jinja on March 06, 2009 and this formed the basis of the scores.

Stake Holder Name: Luwela Majerane

Organization: Assitant Town Clerk Njeru

Comments

- The old bridge has a life time of five more years and if the construction is delayed, won't there be a big problem.

Response by Eng. Ssebugga Kimeze, Director Operations UNRA

- No one has confirmed the residual life of the bridge as five years. Emergency repairs are starting soon and there should not be so much fears. Nevertheless, efforts will be made to construct the bridge in time to avoid such a mishap.

Stake Holder Name: The Manager

Organization: UETCL

Comments

- She appreciated that choosing Alignment A makes the power evacuation lines on Route C safe. She however requested for a risk assessment and reassurance that vibrations and the change water flow velocities during construction works will not adversely affect the Dam.

Response

Stake Holder Name: Mr. Henry Kyemba

Organization: Senior Citizen

Comments

- He moved a motion that considering the good work that has been done so far and the inputs by the various Stakeholders, Alignment A2 and Bridge type AA4 be approved.

Luwela Majerane – Assitant Town Clerk Njeru seconded the motion and the participants chanted AYE, signaling choosing the said Alignment A2, Bridge type AA4.

8. Concluding Remarks

The Director Of Operations in UNRA Eng Ssebugga B. Kimezze informed the participants that the Executive Director was in Western Uganda with the Minister of Works and Transport on routine work. He was optimistic that the big number of participants that attended the first and this second Public Consultation who all supported having a new bridge across R. Nile was a sign that the need was real and urgent.

He informed the meeting that the Government of Uganda had prioritized the New Bridge to relieve the existing one of the increased traffic volumes. He said that a new bridge would enhance reliability of the Northern Corridor which serves landlocked countries of Uganda, Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi and Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

He informed the meeting that JICA has shown willingness to continue financing the bridge and that UNRA will be the Implementing Agency. He assured the participants the project management by the Steering committee members and other stakeholders will continue.

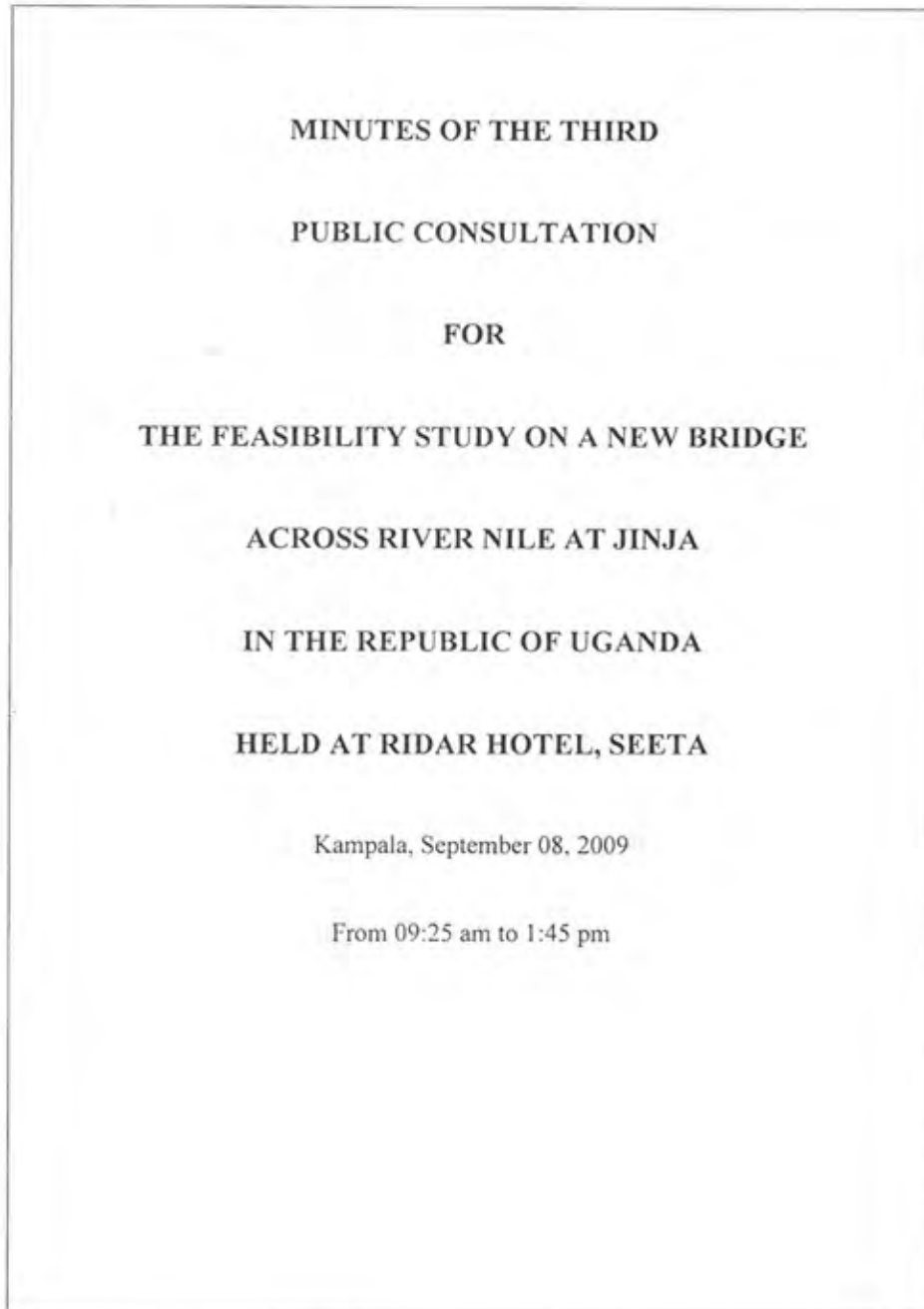
He reiterated that the project of this magnitude (more than \$50 million warrants wide and sufficient consultations, the reason why several have been planned and are being executed.

He further informed the participants that Government of Uganda has given an enhanced budget for roads and will also give a Dedicated Fund to UNRA in the next financial year which will make road and bridge repairs , maintenance and general construction a big boost.

He was happy that finally, an Optimum Solution has been reached requested the Study Team to continue to the next stage.

The meeting was brought to a close at 13:22, upon which members were invited for lunch

8.12 Minutes of Meeting for 3rd Public Consultation



LIST OF PARTICIPANTS (See Annexure 1)

AGENDA OF MEETING

Opening remarks by the Chairman – MOWT
Presentation by the JICA Study Team
Presentation by COWI on the ESIA / RAP
Question and answer session
Remarks by the Chief Representative JICA Uganda
Closing remarks by UNRA

MINUTE 1 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

After a self introduction by all participants, Eng Orach A Aloysius informed the meeting that Dr A O Mugisa was away on official duty and that he had been delegated to preside over the Public Consultation. He reminded the participants that Public Consultations were a very integral part of the Project and that the views presented in the earlier Consultations had been captured in the Draft Final Report. He assured the participants that any pending issues and those raised in this meeting will be captured in the Final Report or resolved during the Detailed Design. He then invited the JICA Study Team to present their findings.

MINUTE 2; PRESENTATION BY THE JICA STUDY TEAM

The Team Leader Mr. Gunji Isamu made the presentation to the meeting with illustrations herewith attached as Annexure 2.

MINUTE 3: PRESENTATION BY COWI ON ESIA/RAP

Mr. N Omagor, the COWI Team Leader jointly with Mr. B Ochola and Mr. Mungati made the presentation on the ESIA and the RAP with illustrations attached herewith as annexure 3.

4.1 QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Item 4.11 Eng A Orach of Ministry of Works and Transport requested COWI to provide handouts of their presentation

Item 4.12 Mr. S Kagiri of Bugiri community Development Youth project asked about the procedure of compensation of the land owners who do not have titles.

Response: Mr. Paul Mungati of COWI informed the meeting that there was no Kibanja owner along the project road. All persons have land titles

Item 4.13 Mr. E Kamugisha of Naminya, Njeru asked whether compensation for the Psycho-social effects has been planned. **Mr. A Yussuf, the Director of IGAR** petrol station also wondered when compensation of the loss in their sales would be considered.

Response: Mr. P Mungati of COWI informed the meeting that if a person is injuriously affected then the psycho-social support would be considered. This would also be the case with IGAR when the access to the petrol station is closed. He advised that injurious compensation is considered only when the injury has occurred. This would only occur after the project is completed and proof is ascertainable.

Item 4.14 Mr. Jossy Nuwabaine from the Media, OKLAMS Co. Ltd, wanted to know why route C had not been chosen. **Mr. Ochola**, an exporter was concerned that route C would decrease traffic congestion in Jinja.

Response: Mr. I Gunji, Mr. N Omagor and Eng R Taitika informed the meeting that the choice of route A had been substantially discussed and agreed in both the Steering and Technical Committees of the Project. The factors discussed included the constraints raised with the expansion of the Jinja airfield, the length of the approach roads, the Kimaka forest reserve, the location of the military facilities among others. All these were not in favor of Route C. Further illustrations with the presentation materials were referred to which justified Route A to be the optimum solution.

Item 4.15 Mr. A Bisiika of Uganda Media Centre was concerned about the effects of the bridge construction on the climate

Response: Mr. Isamu GUNJI, the Team Leader informed the meeting that with the dual carriage way at the new bridge, traffic congestion will be greatly reduced which will result in decreased carbon dioxide emission at the bridge.

Item 4.16 Mr. Ngomtek Linos, a media activist asked if the traditional healers had been consulted during the ESIA.

Response: Mr. B Ochola of COWI informed the meeting that sufficient search for the traditional healers had been carried out but none was identified.

Item 4.17 Mr. Okiror Iporotum, the Chief Administrative officer of Jinja was worried about the delay in compensating the property owners rendering a loss in value for the money that is finally given to them. This was also shared by **Mr. M Mukuru** of UETCL and the **Mr. A Yussuf** of IGAR petrol station.

Response: Ms Pamela, the Land Acquisition Specialist at UNRA assured the meeting that preliminary work on compensation had started with valuation of the affected properties. The report would then be submitted to the Chief Government valuer for approval and consideration in the national budget for next financial year. Mr. P Mungati also indicated that the usual practice is that if the value has been overtaken by time, there can be a revaluation. Eng A Orach of Ministry of Works and Transport further informed the meeting that this issue had been discussed exhaustively in the Steering Committee of which the Ministry of Finance is a member, with a view of a timely and fair compensation.

Item 4.18 Ms H S Meeme, the Physical Planner for Njeru Town Council was concerned about the omission of complimentary projects for Njeru while several had been listed for Jinja. She proposed a road side fish market in Njeru. **Mr. I Okiror**, the CAO for Jinja also highlighted that Jinja referral hospital had been omitted from the list of the health facilities.

Response: Mr. B Ochola and Mr. N Omagor of COWI informed the meeting that complimentary initiatives should be requested for in writing and that the Town Council community in consultation with UNRA should also prepare to make some contribution.

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