



## **PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2006**

### **NBD/DFID PROJECT**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This report only concerns the activities carried out in month of August under the funding in the second half of the First Milestone in the NBD/DFID project.

The main activities done included the continuation process of registration and engagement meetings with NBI projects and institutions, development of national Strategic Plan for the next five years, approval of the Procedural Manual of work, Steering Committee meetings and Development of CSO database.

#### **2. ACTIVITIES REALISED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

##### **1. Continuation of the registration process of NBDF Rwanda as an NGO**

- Follow up on the registration continued after submitting our dossier to the Mayor. The District Environmental Officer is scrutinising our dossier, we are still waiting for the final verdict.
- We are now looking for all Legal Representatives of member organisations to sign on all our legal papers.

##### **2. Consultative Meetings with NBI Projects and Programs**

- Consultative meetings have been fruitful with NELSAP Coordination office and possibilities of working together are getting clearer now. There is a feeling that we can have a partnership agreement other than signing the MoU since NELSAP is a regional program not a national one, negotiations are still going on.

- Consultative meetings with Akagera Transboundary Management Project have led to a mutual agreement of co-funding activities in the National Tree Week, which will be held in October. They have also agreed on funding a proposal on Transboundary management between Rwanda and Burundi which will be carried out by NBDF members and supervised by NBDF Rwanda in collaboration with the Burundian NDF. Details on this are yet to be developed.
- Consultative meetings were held with CBSI and partnership is maturing, we have agreed to work together actively in the second milestone activities of Knowledge and Communication.
- CBSI has accepted to fund an awareness proposal on NBI and NBD in the media, which will be broadcast on the National Radio, which has audience of over 70% of the population. CBSI has initially committed 5000 USD and this activity will start in September. We shall be using information of both organisations and we shall always agree on the content to be aired out.
- NTEAP has agreed to share its action plan with NBDF so that we can identify areas of cooperation.
- Consultative meetings were held with ATP and we have agreed to work together and more especially to send a representative or two in the ATP trainings.
- Discussions were as well held with the ATP Regional Supervisor (Mr. Kanangire Canisius) and he expressed interest in working with NBDF and encouraged the National Project Manager to work with us.

### **3. Development of Discourse Information and Exchange**

- CSO database of members NGO's and other CBO's working in basin area was made, this was done by making visitations to districts in the basin area and inquiring from district officials and leaders of their partners in the environment and water sectors. A summarised report is available on request.
- Procedural manual of work between the CCI and NDF has been developed and approved by the Steering Committee and signed by both parties. It is specific on NBDF/DFID funded project, especially the Coordination Office but general for both organisational proceedings. It is intended to define, delineate and help determine the duties of both parties while executing the above mentioned project. The Procedural Handbook provides the information and direction necessary to meet the obligations of each Party.
- The Strategic Plan has been made, we now have the draft copy that will be translated in English soon and will be approved by all members in a national consultative workshop. This Strategic Plan covers Five years (2006- 2010), it is integrating many activities of members, NBD/DFID activities and more ways of fundraisings. A draft copy in French will accompany this report. Its however still being worked on.

## CONCLUSION

Basically in the month of August, we were faced with lack of sufficient time to execute the project, which funds came in late July.

The main activities carried out consisted of making a CSO database which required visiting all different parts of the country, inquiring from districts which CBO's and CSO's work in the basin area.

The other activities were to develop a five year Strategic Plan for NBDF Rwanda, continuing with the Registration process. The National Consultative meeting which would approve the strategic plan has been postponed to September and in this meeting we shall sign an MoU with **Rwanda Development Gateway**. The Technical Procedure Manual of Work has also been approved.