

Report of Working Group 1

SESSION ONE

1. Question: WHAT ARE THE FACTORS LIMITING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SSF GUIDELINES?

Group: RESPONSES

- Limited governance and no recognition of SSF stakeholders at the LGA
- Slow response and lagging policy implementation by Government
- Lack of financial outlays by fishers to purchase their canoes and gears
- Lack of enabling law that adequately protects the rights of SSF at all tiers of Government
- Eviction of SSF communities at the whims of the State Federal Government Management Administration for Landfilling process
- Encroaching of water bodies, leading to insecurity and safety of the stakeholders in general
- Lack of gender dis-aggregated data
- Customs and traditions and its impact on the activities of the stakeholders at the LGA level
- Pollution and degradation of water bodies impacting on the Natural Resources
- Lack of awareness creation for enlightenment processes.

2. Question: IF IDENTIFIED FACTORS ARE DEALT WITH, WHAT ARE THE MAIN BENEFITS ACCRUABLE TO BOTH STATE AND NON-STATE STAKEHOLDERS.

Group: RESPONSES

- Increase in domestic fish production, thereby increasing protein intake and reducing malnutrition (R)
- Employment opportunities (R)
- Increase in the Standard of Living of fishers(R)
- Increased participation of Youths (both men and women) in SSF activities
- Reduction of Insecurity in the fishing communities.

3. Question: WHAT ARE THE PATHWAYS AND ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SSF GUIDELINES?

Group: RESPONSES

- Inclusive governance and collaboration amongst all stakeholders (R) during decision making
- Enactment of legislation that adequately protects the rights of SSF Stakeholders
- Increased extension programmes (R)
- Management at All Tiers of Government should work with fishing communities to provide their infrastructural needs to enhance their livelihoods (R)
- Improved data collection at the stakeholders' activities'
- Incorporation of women in decision making and governance levels
- Capacity building and empowerment of all stakeholders at all levels

- Provision of incentives such as storage and preservation facilities inclusive at all levels
- Encourage cooperation and flexibility among fishing communities to reduce conflicts impacting natural resources productivities.

SESSION TWO

POLICY COHERENCE, INSTITUTIONAL CO-ORDINATION AND COLLABORATION (Chapter 10)

ACTION PLAN	TIME FRAME	LEVEL	IMPLEMENTATION	FUNDING
Raising awareness	Short term (2 years)	Local Government level (LGA)	Fishermen and fishing communities All other stakeholders	- Federal Govt. - Embassies - International Donor agencies and Private Donors
Community involvement in decision and policy making (R)	Medium -term (5 years)	Across all levels	Government, Academics and NGOs/CSOs	All Tiers of Government, International Donor Agencies and Private Donors
Resource management	Long term (10 years)	Local Government level	Fishing communities	Government NGOs, International Donor Agencies and Private Donors
Gender equality and equity	Long term (10 years)	All levels (Local Government, State and Federal Government Level)	Government and Communities	Government, NGOs and International Agencies
Enaction and adoption of policies that protect the aquatic ecosystem	Short term (2 years)	All levels of Government	National, State and Local Government, Legal Institutions	Government and International donor agencies
Provision of credit facilities such as grants	Medium term (5 years)	State and Federal Govt.	All stakeholders	NGOs (World Fish, FAO, USAID, etc). State and Federal Govt.
Proper implementation and M & E	Long term (10 years)	Independent Consultants and National Government	All stakeholders	Government, NGOs/CSOs

INFORMATION, RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION (Chapter 11)

ACTION PLAN	TIME FRAME	LEVEL	IMPLEMENTATION	FUNDING
Digitized survey	Long term (10 years)	Across all levels	Research Institutions, Government, NGOs/CSOs	Government, NGOs/CSOs and International Donor Agencies, Private Donors
Network	Long term (10 years)	"	Research Institutions	Government, NGOs/CSOs and International Donor Agencies; Private Donors
Media	Long term (10 years)	"	Academic and Research Institutions and NGOs/CSOs	Government, Print Media, Cable TVs, National and State TVs and Private TVs
Documentary	Short term (2years)	"	Government, Academic Institutions, NGOs/CSOs	Government, International Donors and Private Donors
Research	Long term (10years)	"	Researchers, Academics, National Government	National Government (e.g TETFUND Research Grants, NGOs/CSOs, International Donors and Private Donors
Cooperative Associations	Long term (10 years)	Local and state level	Fisherfolks and Fishing Communities	Fishing Communities and All Tiers of Government
Collection of an all-encompassing data (e.g. cultural, Socio-economic and Environmental Groups) of SSF	Short term (2years)	"	Academic institutions, Researchers and NGOs/CSOs	All Tiers of Government Agencies, NGOs/CSOs, UNDP and UN Agencies, International Donor Agencies,

Advocacy				Private Donors
Capacity building and empowerment	Short term (2years)	"	All Tiers of Government and NGOs/CSOs	NGOs/CSOs and All Tiers of Government, International Donors, Private Donors

IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT AND MONITORING (Chapter 13)

ACTION PLAN	TIME FRAME	LEVEL	IMPLEMENTATION	FUNDING
Involvement of all stakeholders in the implementation support and monitoring of the guidelines	Long term (10years)	All Tiers of the National Government	All stakeholders	All Tiers of Government, NGOs/CSOs, International Agencies and Private Donors
Easy dissemination of information	"	LGA, State and National Levels	Government, NGOs, Extension Agents and workers, Social Media Networks	All Tiers of Government, Private Donors, and International Donor Agencies
Funding the project that encourages the implementation and monitoring of the guidelines	"	All Tiers of Government	National Government and NGOs/CSOs	National Government, NGOs/CSOs, International Donors
Involvement of the Communities in Monitoring of the implemented projects and policies	"	LGA	All Tiers of Government and Fishing communities	All Tiers of Government, NGOs/CSOs, International Donor Agencies
Enactment of laws that mandate the improvement of	Short term (2years)	All Tiers of Government	Federal Government (legislative), legal institutions	Federal Govt

small-scale Fisheries across all levels				
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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Development of steering committees (Local Organizing Committee at LASU) involving all stakeholders to spearhead the implementation of the SSF Guidelines across all levels
- Welfare of fisherfolks should be of utmost importance and should be improved
- Laws mandating the Government's input on small-scale fisheries should be enacted
- Use of technology should be encouraged and maximal
- Collection and provision of gender-disaggregated data that adequately captures the input of women.