

MISSION REPORT

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Purpose : **(a) To participate at the Workshop on Population and Sustainable Development 25 – 30 April, 2000, Kabwe Zambia**

(b) Hold Consultations with PAID-ESA on Modalities for organizing the Workshop on PEDA Model and the High Level Awareness Raising Workshops on Nexus Issues of Population, Food Security and Environment

Venue : **Kabwe, Zambia**

Dates : **27 – 30 April, 2000**

Programme Element : **Technical Cooperation**

I INTRODUCTION

This report falls under Operational Activities within the context of the Programme of work and Priorities of the ECA/SRDC/SA for the 2000-2001 Biennium. It is consequential to the mission I undertook to Kabwe, Zambia from 27 to 30 April 2000.

II OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Mission was to participate at the Workshop on Population and Sustainable Development which was organised by the Ministry of Finance at the Tuskers Hotel, Kabwe, from 25 to 30 April, 2000. Of particular interest was the presentation by Dr. Evans Mwangi of FSSDD on PEDDA Model and aspects of Nexus Issues, which was included in the schedule of the Workshop.

I would also use the opportunity to hold further consultations with the Director and other relevant staff of PAID-ESA on the Proposed High Level Awareness Raising Workshops on Nexus Issues of Population, Food Security and Environment which were postponed from 1999 due to lack of funding. In particular, the consultations with PAID-ESA focused on two main issues. First, the proposal for the Institution to host the PEDDA Model Workshop, and second, the revised modalities for implementing the High Level Awareness Raising Workshops on Nexus Issues.

III OUTCOME

The objective of the mission was achieved in that not only did I participate in the Workshop on Population and Sustainable Development, but also held consultations with PAID-ESA on organisational aspects of the PEDDA Model Workshop and the High Level Awareness Raising Workshop on Nexus Issues. With respect to the Workshop on Population and Sustainable Development, I attended the presentation by Dr. Mwangi on Friday, 28 April 2000 as planned.

After the presentation by Dr. Mwangi, I was also requested to brief the participants about the PEDDA Workshop and the advisory services provided by ECA. In my contribution, I distributed the SRDC Brochure and drew the attention of the participants to its relevant paragraph which gives the outline of the advisory services which ECA offers to member States. I also distributed the handbook on Nexus Policy Framework as recommended by the Director of ECA/SRDC-SA at the end of Dr. Mwangi's presentation. The Ministry of Finance representative was very grateful for this gesture as were most participants. He urged participants to study the documents and put them to good use.

I also participated in group discussion in the afternoon. In this regard, I participated substantively in Group A which was given a topic on "the problem of declining productivity in the Agricultural Sector and Agricultural Labour". I also served as the Secretary of the Group.

With regard to the PEDDA Model Workshop, I explained to the participants that Workshop was being organised by the FSSDD at ECA Headquarters in collaboration with the SRDC-SA, and PAID-ESA. I added that more details will be sent with the invitation letters to member States when ready. The Acting Director of the Population Unit, Ministry of Finance enquired about the possibility of involving his Ministry in the organization of the Workshop on PEDDA Model. I told him that since the Workshop will be held in Zambia and will attract participants from other countries of the Subregion, the Centre will involve Government in the organization of the Workshop. I, however, explained to the participants that the formal procedure was for the Centre to write to the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs as the focal point on matters pertaining to its cooperation with the Host country. The letter would also be copied to the Ministries/Departments concerned to put them in the picture.

During the consultations at PAID-ESA, I met with the Director, Dr. L. Banga, as well as MR.G. Muyunda and Dr. J. O. Rakamba, Information Technology and Agricultural Experts respectively. While meaningful discussions took place with respect to the PEDDA Model Workshop, very little was done concerning the High Level Awareness Workshop since the key focal point, Mr. G. Addai, was still away on leave.

In principle, PAID-ESA is ready to host both the PEDDA and High Level Awareness Raising Workshops during the proposed period of 20 November to 1 December, 2000. The institution would revert to the Centre with further details pertaining to charges applicable to its services and facilities as well as its contribution.

Finally, I explained the fact that while the PEDDA Workshop was already funded, the High Level Awareness Raising Workshop had not yet secured funding. To this effect, PAID-ESA was requested to finalise the draft letter to FAO soon which I had prepared as agreed with the FAO Regional Office Representative at the Sixth ICE Meeting in Windhoek.

IV RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

The following are the follow-up actions that were proposed:

- a) PAID-ESA was requested to send the budget related details for the PEDDA Workshop soon to SRDC for onward transmission to FSSDD;
- b) I was requested to revert to PAID-ESA soon after returning to Lusaka in writing specifying the details of both Workshops to facilitate preparation of

quotations;

- c) Further consultative meetings on both Workshops would be arranged once the Deputy Director returns from leave;
- d) Once the details of the PEDDA Workshop have been worked out and agreed upon, SRDC-SA should brief the Population Unit, Ministry of Finance with a view to include them in the preparatory Committee; and
- e) PAID-ESA undertook to finalise and send the letter to FAO requesting for funding for the High Level Awareness Workshop.

V CONCLUSION

This Mission was successful in that all its objectives were met. There are however recommendations for follow-up action which require to be implemented by concerned parties at the earliest possible opportunity to ensure that both Workshops are successfully held on schedule.