

Maasai Mara Science and Development Action

MINUTES

Board meeting 25. April 2015, 8-11 AM, Karen Blixen Camp.

Present

Present from the Board

Richard Odingo
Mary Walingo
Jesper Stagegaard
Børge Obel
Rainer Hospes (substitutes Michael Lierz)
David Noosaron

Present from Management

Pernille Kallehave
Alice Odingo
Tabitha Sewe.

Agenda

1. Election of the management of the Board
2. Organization of the Action
3. Legal status of the Action
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4. Financial status of the board and the Consortium
5. Actions
6. Additional
7. Communication from the Board meeting.

Minutes

1. Election of the management of the Board

The board elected the following:

The Board:

- President (responsible of Kenyan national and political stakeholder relations): Richard Odingo
- Vice President (responsible of stakeholder relations to stakeholders in the Maasai Mara and Narok County): Mary Walingo
- Chairman (responsible for strategy and operations): Børge Obel.
- Vice-Chairman: Michael Lierz

Management of the Action

Program Director (responsible for operations and secretariat support og the board and other entities): Pernille Kallehave

Secretariat (with reference to the Program Director:

- Alice Odingo

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- Tabitha Sewe
- Rainer Hospes
- a representative from KBC (Jesper Stagegaard will return with a person).

2. Organization of the Action

SCIENTIFIC BOARD

A core element of the Action is research and other academic activities like research projects, staff and student exchange, joint applications, scientific seminars etc. Such activities that will enfold the MoUs.

The Board therefore agreed that these activities will be developed and coordinated by a *Scientific Board* (SB).

The SB will refer to the Board and will receive management support from the Program Director and the secretariat.

Each university will appoint 2 members to be part of this board by **13. May 2015** (to the Program Director).

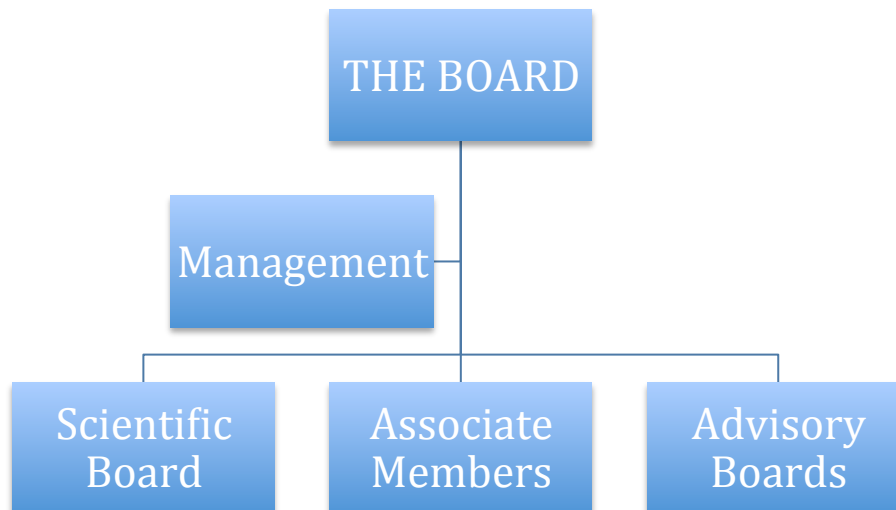
COMMUNITY

Is it the strategy of the Action to create a broad community of stakeholders to ensure relevant research and knowledge exchange. Stakeholders can be affiliated with the Action in the following ways:

Associate members: stakeholders and partners involved in specific projects for a longer or shorter period of time. Representative from the founding partners can suggest such members to the Board (through the Program Director). Once accepted such members will be registered at the Action website and will receive ongoing information about the Action. These members may in time also get other rights to be defined (for example access to specific data and activities).

Advisory Boards: One or more advisory boards can be created to ensure relevant inputs, stakeholder relations and knowledge exchange. An advisory board could for example be "a political advisory board" or "a local community advisory board". Representative from the founding partners can suggest such members to the Board (through the Program Director). Once accepted such members will be registered at the Action website. Members of advisory boards will get certain rights (to be defined).

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3. Legal status of the Action

MoUs

All university partners should be connected through MoUs.

So far the following MoUs are signed:

- AU-University of Nairobi (UoN)
- AU-Maasai Mara University (MMU).

MoUs in progress:

- AU-Justus Liebig Universität Giessen (Giessen) (awaits signatures from AU)
- Giessen-University of Nairobi (awaits answer from UoN)
- Giessen-Maasai Mara University (awaits answer from MMU).:
- UoN-MMU (status unknown).

Consortium

The Board agreed that the legal status of the Action will be the one of a consortium.

A consortium agreement will be developed. Pernille Kallehave will make a draft and send to the board members. These will consult with their legal departments and send back comments. A final version will be presented for the board.

The following decisions will be included in and described in the Consortium Agreement.

4. Financial status of the board and the Consortium

The Board discussed the financial status and role of the consortium.

The Board are aware that this status will depend on negotiations with the future sponsors.

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The Board agreed to share information about funding, opportunities and contacts with each other in an open and visible way.

The Board agreed, that the Action should be trademarked. Only partners represented in the Board may use the Trademark in connection with fundraising and communication/PR.

If partners want to use the brand of this Action for fundraising/applications, they must first get the approval from the Board and the Scientific Board.

Børge Obel suggest that maybe the Danish Trust Center for Business Research (CEF) can act as the first financial frame for consortia seed funding. PK will send info to the Board and maybe this could be included in the consortia agreement. Maybe CEF can invest in trademark/URL.

5. Actions

Plans should be developed asap for the following actions:

- Policy paper
- Publication of articles (Børge Obel will contact Springer to hear if the Summit articles could be a SpringerBrief)
- Outreach
- Communication
- Funding
- Lobbyisme
- Projects
- Research activities
- MoU activities.

The Program Director will be in charge of these plans and will delegate.

The following meetings were decided:

13-14 May 2015: 3GF in Nairobi (if relevant).

Pernille will contact the Danish Ambassador to clear this.

<http://3gf.dk/en/news/newsdisplaypage/?newsid=8cff21ab-7cfa-48fc-b24f-ac77c0c4c802>

Donor seminar, late August 2015 (Børge Obel would prefer after 5. September)

Process: the Policy Paper will be sent to Dr. Moses Rugutt for endorsement and cooperation to set up a high level Donor Seminar. Exact time and place will be decided by then. Funding needed.

Scientific meeting, fall 2015, Aarhus. (AU suggests 23.-24. November)

The Scientific Board will be responsible for this.

Each university will pay own travel and accommodation expenses.

SUMMIT 2016 (last week April 2016 – preferable before or after rainy season.)

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A Summit Group will be appointed to be responsible for this event including fundraising, program etc.

6. Additions

A role for university VCs

Alice Odingo suggested that we invite the VCs of the universities either in the board or in another high-level entity to ensure their support and inputs.

The board agreed, that the board should be small, agile and close to operations to ensure pace and easy decision making. The board therefore decided that the board still will consist of the founding members.

However, the board also agreed that it would be very valuable for the Action to attach the VCs of the universities and other high-level people to the Action to ensure their support and get their advices on how to develop a strong Action.

The board therefore decided to set up a high-level advisory board and invite the VCs and/or other relevant persons suggested by the board members. A concept and process will be developed for this.

7. Communication from the Board meeting

The above decisions have been communicated to the participants at the camp.

The Board decided that we will be cautious not to raise too high expectations in the local community now, so we stay low communication wise till we are ready with concrete and usefull activities.

David Noosaron and Maasai Mara University will be responsible for developing a plan for how to include and engage the local community in the Action.

Other communication issues:

All power points presentations will be shared at the interim website
<http://projects.au.dk/maasai-mara-science-and-development-action/>

All notes from rapporteurs and workshop session must be sent to Pernille and shared to all participants.

A new website will be developed as soon the funding is in place.
Suggested URL: MaasaiMaraScience.org.

A facebook site has been opened for dialogue and research dissemination
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Maasai-Mara-Science-and-Development-Action/846660282072423>

Communication strategy will be developed soon.

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Pernille Kallehave, secretary

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