



The UMZIMVUBU CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (UCPP) LEARNING EXCHANGE on COMMUNAL RANGELAND STEWARDSHIP “Landscapes & Livelihoods – Meat Naturally”

PROPOSED AGENDA FEBRUARY 2018

TUESDAY 6th FEB: DAY OF INTENSE PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION, 08h30 to 16h00

Purpose: share what has been done in Matat landscape and beyond, what has worked, lessons learnt, how to build on successes, how to tackle challenges with collective wisdom and experience

Expectations from participants: share own experiences, scrutinise what has been done in Matat landscape, make suggestions and inputs for improvements towards better practise, take what lessons could be useful in own landscapes...

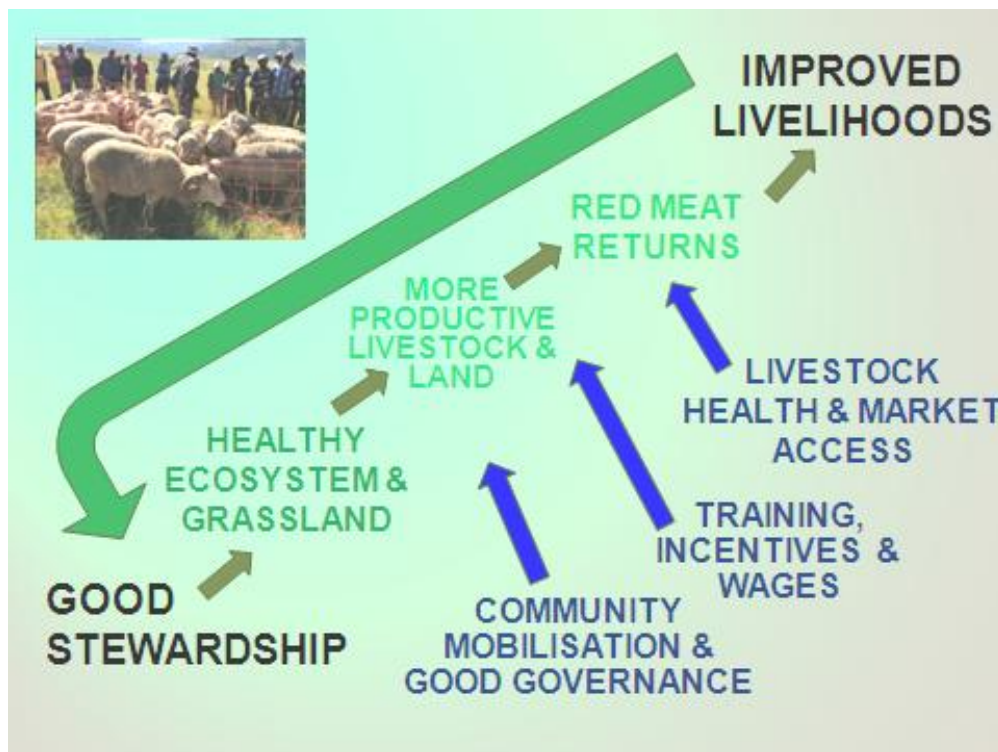
TIMING	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:30	Registration and tea	
9:00	Welcome and Introduction of all participants (15 mins)	Facilitator Nolefefe Nonjeke-Dlanjwa, Save Act (UCPP Dep chairperson)
9:15	Overview of what UCPP is and does: outlining the <i>UCPP Landscapes & Livelihoods</i> approach and lessons, clarifying the big picture, introducing key elements (unpacked below)	Nicky McLeod, ERS (UCPP secretariat)
10:15	Mobilisation: social and governance issues; getting buy in, building on what works;	Mme Sissie Matela, ERS
10:45	Conservation Agreements: incentives, sanctions, compliance and lessons	Sinegugu Zukulu, CSA (UCPP chair)
11:15	TEA BREAK	
11:45	Livestock value-adding through husbandry and marketing support – the Meat Naturally mobile auction support system	Gerbrand Nel, Meat Naturally Pty
12:15	Restoration: technical strategies to restore post-cleared sites and degraded grassland areas – observations in uMzimvubu project sites	Brigid Letty, INR
12:45	Restoration: A national perspective, and experience in restoration lessons	Japie Buckle, DEA
13:00	LUNCH BREAK and continued discussions	
13:45	Feedback, inputs from other practitioners and researchers in response to morning session; sharing lessons from other rangeland restoration projects across adjacent landscapes: Lesotho, KZN, NLEIP, MDTP, UEIP, CSIR, RHODES, others	Facilitator Sinegugu Zukulu, CSA
15:00	Policy issues: constraints, lessons, opportunities and potential to influence thinking	Pearl Gola (UEIP) & Kedibone Cheu (DAFF)
15:30	Livelihood aspects – opportunities to optimise on livestock development activities	Justin du Toit, Save Act
15:45	Brief on field trip for next day – where, what, how	Tsoanelo Shata, ERS
16:00	Closure day 1	Sinegugu Zukulu
18:00	Possibly...evening gathering for sundowners, with dinner in clusters of interest groups...	

WED 7th FEB: FIELD TRIP TO GRAZING MANAGEMENT AREAS IN COMUNAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS

- 8:15 Transport departs Matat (busses will be provided) with some sights of catchment en route
- 10:00 Arrive Mzongwana communal area: demo of mobile auction facility, and vaccination day with grazing association, with chance to speak to farmers, ecorangers, traditional leadership and field staff;
- 11:00 See areas recovering after wattle clearing, and rested area in grazing lands (under traditional *ukavala 'madobo* system)
- 12:00 Short demonstration of monitoring strategies (veld transects, biomass, citizen science tools, etc)
- 13:00 Lunch and discussion of restoration strategies for communal rangelands based on observations in field;
- 13:30 Depart Mzongwana towards Cedarville to see experimental grazing plots and livestock herds on commercial farms
- 16:00 Depart from Cedarville back to Matatiele, arrive by 16:30

THURS 8th: CONSOLIDATION IN MATATIELE

TIMING	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:30	Recap of previous days' proceedings, observations, comments....	Mike Powell, NLEIP, to facilitate
9:00	Rebuilding national security through rural livelihoods - The multi-benefit impact of the model/approach – towards restoring national security through building rural livelihoods; jobs without the job fund; promoting effective ecological infrastructure and biodiversity	Prof. James Blignaut (Global Water Programme) and Rozanne Bester, Rhodes Uni
9:30	Markets: perspectives from a buyer	Rob Rawlins, local farmer & buyer for abattoirs
9:45	Discussion groups tackling core themes: based on the themes emerging from prior 2 days, tackle and explore core challenge elements such as restoration, marketing, research, monitoring, sustainability, governance, effective mobilization, conservation agreements, policy opportunities, upscaling and replication, etc.	Group facilitators to be confirmed (Nolefefe, Mike, Sue, Dansile, Sinegugu, Sissie, Tsoanelo, others)
10:30	TEA BREAK	
11:00	Continue group brainstorming...	facilitators to be confirmed
11:45	Feedback session, consolidation, way forward, collaboration opportunities...session will be flexible in response to participants' requests	Sinegugu Zukulu
13:00	Closure and lunch depart / explore Matat area and leave next day	



This 3 day event aims to constructively deliberate the '*Landscapes & Livelihoods*' model, and will involve presentations as well as field interaction to explore the various elements which comprise the model, and provide opportunity to engage with fellow practitioners and researchers, to develop best practise approach in building healthy resilient livelihoods off well functioning communal landscapes and socio-ecological systems and infrastructure.