



SUCCESS STORY

WESTERN REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS READY TO SUPPORT CSLP IMPLEMENTATION

Western Regional Authorities have expressed their readiness to take active part in the implementation of the *3-year USAID funded Coastal Sustainable Landscapes Project (CSLP)* to collectively achieve goals of the project within the stipulated timeframe. This happened at a Regional Stakeholders meeting held on Monday, June 23, 2014, under the auspices of the Western Regional Coordinating Council. As the CSLP team commences activities in the six coastal districts of the Western region, the need was identified to hold such a meeting in order to chart a common understanding of the goals and objectives of the project.



The inaugural Regional Stakeholders meeting offered

Quarterly Regional Stakeholders Meeting initiated by CSLP

The Western Regional Coordinating Council has promised to officially introduce CSLP to each of the coastal districts in Ghana's Western Region

participants the opportunity to discuss critical coastal landscape issues and general conservation efforts in the region, possible areas of synergy, and strategies for working together at the district and regional levels. It was attended by representatives of the Regional Coordinating Council, regional managers of the Forest Services and Wildlife Divisions of the Forestry Commission, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA), Town and Country Planning Department (TCPD), Economic Planning Unit and local non-governmental organizations.

The participants of this initial stakeholders meeting agreed to a quarterly meeting in order to be updated on implemented and planned activities of CSLP, challenges and successes of the project, and as a means of offering advice and guidance, where necessary. The regional stakeholders pledged their support and active participation in the planned activities of CSLP.

The Coastal Sustainable Landscapes Project is being implemented by the US Forest Service/International Programs. The project targets all six coastal districts of Ghana's Western Region and aims at strengthening capacity for low emission development through improved coastal forest landscape management.