

Kasa Initiative Ghana

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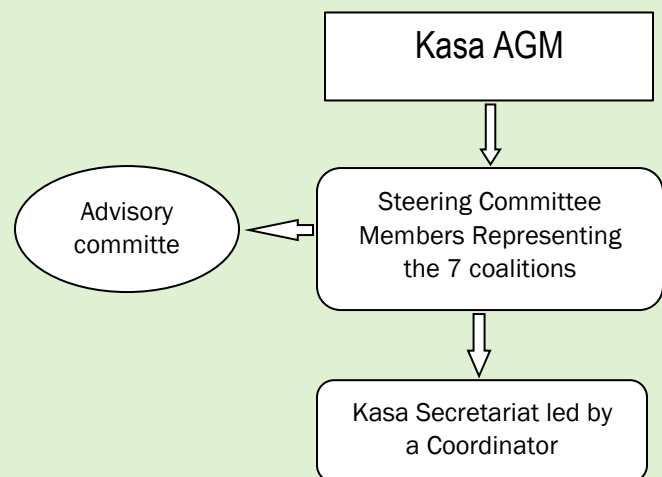


Introduction

Kasa Initiative Ghana is registered as an independent CSO mechanism to support concerted engagement with government, Donor community and private sectors in the management of Ghana's natural resources since 2014 after its pilot phase ended in 2013. Kasa as an independent CSOs initiative is managed by an institutional arrangement established by seven (7) CSOs coalition in different natural resource governance platforms by a coordinator.

The Kasa Secretariat coordinates the activities of the platforms and create mechanisms to facilitate the interactions of the CSOs on one hand and state institutions and development partners on the another. Kasa provides the interface of civil society with government to build on and strengthen existing non- state actors, coalitions and networks experiences that seek to promote direct engagement with Government at all levels. Currently, Kasa is the convener for CSOs SDG13 platform that seeks to promote climate change issues among CSOs. This has become important because of the crosscutting nature of climate change across all sectors of natural resources identified under the kasa framework.

Organizational Organogram



KASA PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK



Vision

A society where citizens realize their rights in the governance of the environment and natural resources

Mission

Coordinate effective participation in responsible environment and natural resource governance for the realization of rights of people particularly the marginalized to maximize benefits.



Strategic Directions

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Institutional and organizational Development of Kasa as an effective local CSO-owned and managed initiative.	Coordinate CSO advocacy for effective NRE policy and legislation formulation and implementation.	Enhance access to information and knowledge on NRE issues for citizens' participation in natural resource and environmental governance.

CSOs Annual NRE Review Forum

A key flagship programme of Kasa is its NRE review forum that has been sustained for the past ten Years (10). CSOs Annual review forums offer the coalitions the opportunity to present their sector issues for a joint communicate development and forms basis for the year's advocacy work for the various networks.

At this forum CSOs conduct analysis of the key issues, achievements, gaps, challenges and recommendations for priority actions in the sub-sectors of: Mining, Forestry & Wildlife, Oil & Gas, Land, Fisheries, Water, Environment and Climate Change.

The outcome of this annual NRE CSO's Platform was widely disseminated to policy makers and the general public through the media and direct engagement sessions.

Key Milestones

- Established, consolidated and sustained a platform for networking of CSOs in different aspects of natural resources
- Facilitated CSO Parallel NRE Sector Review Forums over the past 10 years
 - Facilitated active media engagement in keeping the natural resource agenda on the mass media
 - Restored trust between CSOs and Government
 - Connecting grassroots level NREG issues to the wider policy agenda
- Provides enhanced space for CSOs engagement with Government policy
- Strengthened CSOs capacity for participating in the Green Climate Fund (GCF) processes in country
- Kasa represents CSOs on the national REDD+ Safeguards Working Group in country

hosted by the Forestry Commission.

- Kasa represents CSOs the national Committee monitoring the implementation of Ghana's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by MESTI
- Facilitated Increased learning and sharing among CSO Platform on SDG 13, and other relevant stakeholders on national climate policy
- Kasa represents CSOs on a Steering Committee by MoF on EU Programme for CSOs RISE
- Kasa has signed an MoU with the Private Enterprises Federation (PEF) as part of its strategic partnership initiative to undertake joint advocacy on Climate Change and Natural Resources and Environment Governance issues.

Membership of Kasa 2020

Coalition and number of CSOs involved

1. Coalition of NGOs in Water and Sanitation (CONIWAS) ----- 102
2. Civil Society Coalition on Land (CICOL)----- -65
3. Civil Society Platform on Oil and Gas (CSPOG)----- 158
4. Forest Watch Ghana (FWG)----50
5. Fisheries Alliance-----55
6. Climate Change and Environment Coalition (CCEC)-----60
7. Mining Sector Working Group-39
- TOTAL** **529**

Recommendation

There is need for a sustained platform that seeks to continue the established engagement between CSOs, development partners and Government. Kasa aims at continued contribution to the development of responsive and accountable Natural Resource and Environment Governance in Ghana which will benefit all stakeholders especially, communities, women, Youth, PWD and other marginalised groups.

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