



LIRA CITY COUNCIL



CITY DEVELOPMENT FORUM ESTABLISHMENT AND PROGRESS

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Establishment and background

Introduction

Uganda Government recognized the need to create Uganda National Urban Forum (UNUF) as a permanent forum for networking, sharing, and disseminating information, promoting urban development etc.

The Government of Uganda in conjunction with development partners Cities Alliance, the World Bank and the UN Habitat spearheaded the formation of the Municipal Development Forums in selected Municipalities and others gained the City status now City Development Forum following the launch of the Uganda National Urban Forum on 6th. May 2010.

Municipal / City Development Forum in Uganda have emerged as a critical platform for Government and community to come together to identify and agreed on development issues, meet regularly to discuss, debate priorities, evaluate City / Municipal developmental activities, and have common actions.

Legal and institutional frameworks for CDF / MDF shared.

CDF/MDF Legal frame work:

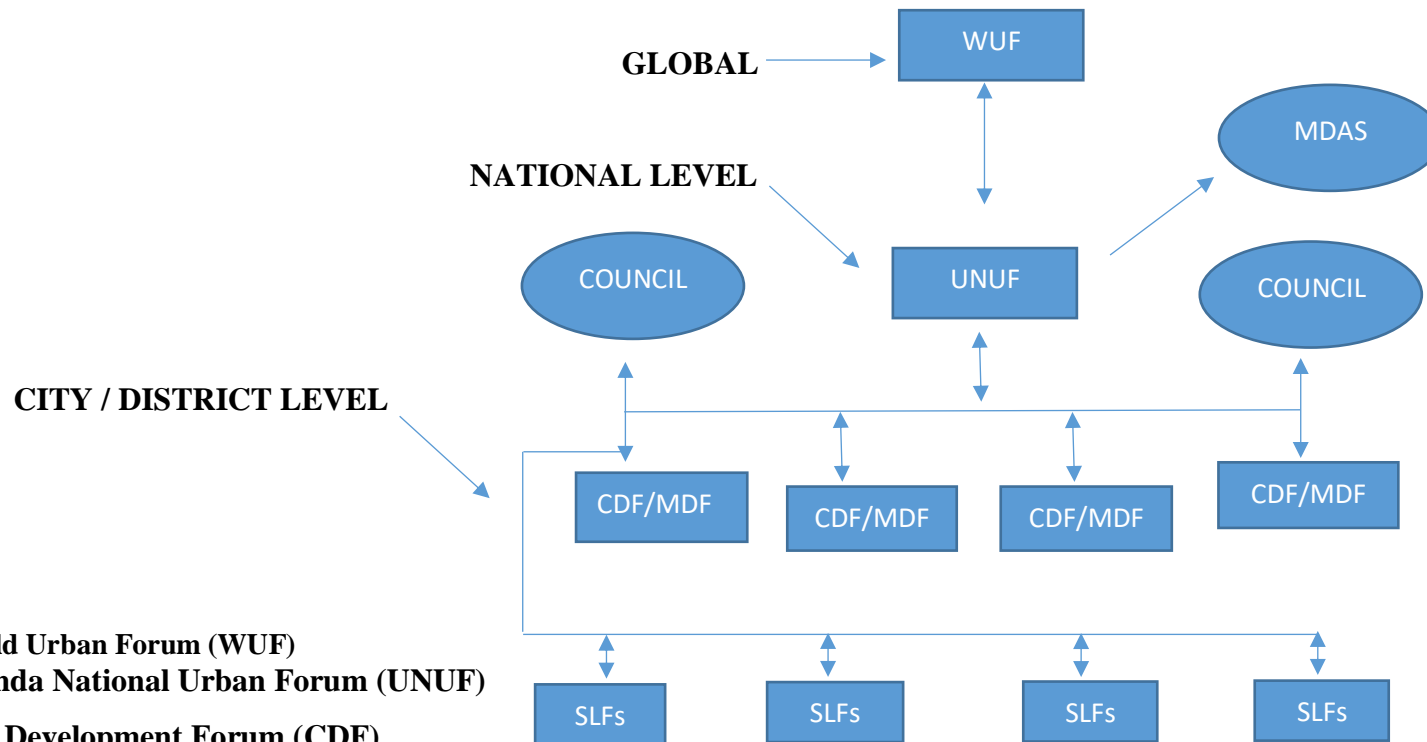
CDF is established under the following background;

The Constitution of the Republic of Uganda,

1. Democratic principles; II, VI, IX, XI, which is democratic principle and Decision making.
2. Art. 38, 17, 8(a), 29(i) (e).
2. The Decentralisation policy frame work
3. The local Government Act. Sub section (b) & (c)
4. The National Urban policy (policy statement, 12 (IV)
5. UN Resolution at Rio de Janero (WUF5) – GC24/14 (2016)
6. The new Urban Agenda (sec. 48) & Agenda 2063 of AU.
7. SDGS – 11, 3, 2.

CDF/MDF institutional frame work

The forum fall under the following institutional frame work;



World Urban Forum (WUF)

Uganda National Urban Forum (UNUF)

City Development Forum (CDF)

Municipal Development Forum (MDF)

Settlement level Forum (SLF)

ESTABLISHMENT OF LIRA CITY DEVELOPMENT (LCDF)

Lira City Development Forum (LCDF) be established as a Forum of all stakeholders in Lira City that will bring together individuals and representatives of governmental and non-governmental institutions, organizations of the urban poor as well as voluntary organizations amongst others at the City and Division level and shall have lower Local Urban Development Forums at the division, wards and cells levels.

Lira City Development Forum (LCDF), will be the only single Urban Development Forum drawing membership from all the established urban centers, and lower level forums and other existent institutions / organizations in the City as well as all stakeholders' categories in the public and private sectors. The City/Divisions will be the geographical boundary and seat for City Development Forum (CDF).

Membership to Lira City Development Forum (LCDF) shall consist of individuals and representatives from all the established stakeholders in urban areas, key sectors and other existent institutions and organizations in Lira City.

The leadership and management of City/ Division Development Forum (CDF/DDF) will mainly be drawn and composed from the membership of the City/ Division Wide Stakeholders Forum through the conveyance of free and fair elections.

City Development Forum is established to bring together and collaborate with all stakeholders in the urban sector to share and discuss the crucial challenges associated with urbanization;

VISION

“Inclusive Sustainable Urban Development through dialogue, participation and collective efforts”.

MISSION

“To provide a platform for dialogue and participation amongst all stakeholders to influence Ordinance formation, policy and legal reforms for sustainable urban development in City.

OBJECTIVES

- a) - To provide space for dialogue amongst all stakeholders of the urban domain to influence ordinance, policy and legal framework pertaining to planning and management of urban growth in Lira City.
- b) - To increase awareness of stakeholders about collective action to influence the urban development agenda in Lira City.
- c) - To promote collaborative applied urban research to find sustainable practical solutions to critical urban challenges encountered in Lira City.
- d) - To improve coordination and networking arrangements among stakeholders in the urban domain for purposes of networking, exchanging information, knowledge and experiences as well as mobilizing resources for implementation of urban development Programmes in the City.
- e) - To promote pro-active integrated participatory planning, development and management of the urban growth and actors in Lira City.

- f) -To organize regular conferences, seminars, public debates, dialogues, round table discussions, brainstorming events and trainings for purposes of effective urban service delivery and influencing bylaws, legal and policy reforms for effective urban development and management.
- g) To promote and enhance local economic and urban development potentials.
- h) -To promote and advocate for sustainable urban environmental management and protection of environmentally sensitive areas in City.

FUNCTIONS OF CITY DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Lira City Development Forum's goal is to make a contribution towards the attainment of sustainable urban development through the promotion and enhancement of continuous cooperation, collaborations, networking, advocacy, lobby, research and access to related and required training to support priority Programmes.

In order to achieve this goal Lira City Development Forum shall have the following functions:-

- a) To monitor the implementation of resolutions pertaining to bylaws, policy and legal reforms on matters of land use planning and urban development as well as other sector concerns prevalent in Lira City;
- b) Organize and provide space for annual and quarterly public debates, dialogues and meetings on pressing and emerging urban issues and challenges;
- c) Create and raise awareness on prevalent urban challenges and issues to the key policy and decision makers as well as the City - wide stakeholders' categories;
- d) Compiling information on sustainable urban development initiatives and disseminate it to stakeholders within Lira City;
- e) Play a coordinating role in prioritizing identified National & local urban development initiatives;
- f) Mobilize financial resources as well as facilitating sourcing of funding and technical support at all levels in particular at the City levels to support implementation of fora Programmes/ activities;
- g) Enhance broad –based consultations and coordination to generate consensus on challenges of urban growth; Guiding and facilitating the creation of lower Local urban Forum within Lira City.
- h) Use of available media platforms and maintaining a website/ social media platform for purposes of disseminating information, lessons learnt and best practices for sharing and transferring of knowledge;
- i) Undertaking lobby , advocacy and networking campaigns to facilitate prioritizing of urban development issues on the regional ,national and local development agenda;
- j) Propose and promote local economic development initiatives / interventions, support mobilization of stakeholders into forming economic clusters, within a given City for sustainable urban growth and development;
- k) Promote urban environmental conservation, protection and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

- l) Preparing LCDF(s) specific IEC /publicity materials and programs related to the effective execution of the CDF(s)' accorded roles, responsibilities and mandate for awareness creation, City - wide stakeholders sensitization, knowledge sharing and transfer as well as dissemination and popularization of the LCDFs specific interventions, undertakings, successes and achievements specific to a given City/ Municipality/ Town;;
- m) Facilitate networking and applied research initiatives to generate practical solutions to the prevalent local urban development challenges, problems and issues within Lira City;
- n) Recommend appropriate and suitable interventions aimed at addressing prevalent and emerging Urban Development issues, challenges and problems in Lira City;
- o) Disseminate, popularize and give value-adding information, communications and Correspondences to the different key stakeholders related to urban development issues pertinent to City/ Municipality/ Town including information about new fields of research, donor identification, professional exchange and training Programmes, emerging challenges/ issues among others;
- p) Actively participate and contribute towards the planning, provision and management of City-Wide Infrastructure and services delivery/ Programmes implemented in ;Lira City;
- q) Build and develop capacities of the forum's leadership and governance structures in particular the members of the CDF Executive Committees and Central Executive/ Core leadership team;
- r) Ensure proper and effective documentation and record Keeping of all CDF(s) engagements in the execution of its given CDF mandate;
- s) Continuously and actively engage the City- wide various stakeholders' groups/ categories on emerging and prevalent pressing urban challenges and generating well aligned solutions for adaption as well as implementation.
- t) Any other function that the City Development Forum- CDF Development Forum- TDF may deem necessary within the core objectives, functions and mandate of the CDF/ MDF/ TDF.

CDF/Executive Committee- EC

1. The CDF/ MDF/ TDF Executive committee-EC shall be the governing body of City Development Forum.
2. The Executive Committee shall be democratically elected (secret ballot and Stakeholders' categories or groups consensus based on nominations) at the General Assembly /Council from the general assembly participating and convened various stakeholders' categories. The successfully elected and constituted CDF Executive Committee- EC shall comprise the under mentioned;
 - a) The President (upon successful democratic elections);
 - b) The Vice President (As elected)
 - c) The Secretary (As elected)
 - d) The Publicity (As elected)

- e) The Mobilizer (As elected)
- f) The Treasurer (As elected)
- g) The Overall Advisor ought to be a Senior Citizen, opinion leader and elderly person
- h) One (1) Executive Committee Representative of vulnerable Groups, should be Persons With Disabilities- PWDs or those persons living with HIV/ AIDs- PLHIV/AIDS.

In total the entire CDF/ MDF Executive Committee membership will have a range of Twenty five (25) as minimum to a maximum of 45 members democratically elected Stakeholders' categories' or constituencies representatives as executive committee members.

The minimum or maximum numbers of a given CDF/ MDF/ TDF Executive Committee EC shall be based on as well as informed by the generated and agreed upon detailed City/ Municipal/ Town specific analyzed, mapped, listed and mobilized stakeholders categories to participate in the planned/ convened General Assembly at the City/ Municipal/Town -level with guidance from the MoLHUD.

The general membership of the CDF/ MDF/ TDF Executive Committee- EC will comprise and shall be constituted of a total number that ranges from 25-45 members resulting from only one (1) elected representative for each of the stakeholders' sector, constituency and categories and two (2) executive committee members/ representatives for sectors or categories where two (2) slots have been provided for in this Charter and as per the detailed list of the under mentioned stakeholders' categories, who will comprise of representatives of the following under mentioned City stakeholders' categories, sectors, constituencies and groups;

Stakeholders' categories:

Stakeholders' categories, sectors, groups or constituencies in the City shall include the following though not limited to these;

- i. City Headquarter Representatives
- ii. Divisions Wards Representatives
- iii. Private sector
- iv. Business Community
- v. Development Partners
- vi. Banking Institutions and Micro Finance Institutions
- vii. Savings and Credit Associations- SACCO
- viii. Hotel Industry, Guest Houses, Lodges, Leisure & Hospitality areas/ places
- ix. Manufacturers, factories & small-scale industries
- x. Land Lords and Property Managers and owners
- xi. Community Based Organizations-CBOs

- xii. Non- Governmental Organizations-NGOs
- xiii. Civil Society Organizations- CSOs
- xiv. Faith Based Organizations- FBOs
- xv. Religious Institutions (All Christians and Muslims institutions)
- xvi. The Academia, universities, higher institutions of learning, vocational institutes, secondary and primary institutions.
- xvii. Educational institutions
- xviii. Health and Sanitation Institutions and organizations
- xix. Research institutes and centers
- xx. Media Houses (electronic, print & social media)
- xxi. Utility agencies and parastatals
- xxii. Telecommunication Agencies and companies
- xxiii. xxiv. Corporate clubs and Associations suchlike Rotary, Lion, Interact among others
- xxv. The Youth Associations, organizations or Groups (Male & Female)
- xxvi. Professionals Agencies and bodies
- xxvii. Market and street Vendors
- xxviii. The Urban Poor/ Slum Dwellers/ Federations & low income earners
- xxix. Opinion Leaders
- xxx. Cultural Leaders and institutions
- xxxi. Religious institutions and organizations(Muslims and Christians)
- xxxii. Women Groups and Associations
- xxxiii. Persons With Disabilities- PWDs
- xxxiv. People living with HIV/AIDS- PLWHIVs
- xxxv. Elderly and Senior Citizens
- xxxvi. Transporters (buses, taxis, special hires and heavy trucks operators)
- xxxvii. Boda Boda (Motorcycles/ bicycles) Associations, groups and well established stages.

xxxviii. Urban Safety and Security Agencies and organizations

xxxix. Green and Environmental organizations

xl. Vulnerable and Special interest groups

xli. Outstanding Individuals who share and subscribe to the ideal of the CDF;

xlii. Other key stakeholders' unique to a given urban area City;

xliii. Refugees

LEADERSHIP TRENDS WITH CORE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

The CDF/ MDF/ TDF Executive Secretary shall be the substantively appointed Town Clerk; the City/ Municipal/Town specific Accounting Officer or his/ her delegated Technical Officer (s) by the City/ Municipality/ Town Clerk and shall be the head of City/ Municipal Development Forum/ TDF Secretariat

1st. Lira City Development Forum was established on **15th.November.2012** by electing 24 MDF executive members under the leadership of:-

1. Mr. Okello D.L. (MDF President)
2. Mr. Ogema Francis (Vice President)
3. Mr. Alyek Hellen (Secretary)
4. Mrs. Susan Obong (Treasurer)
5. Mr. Oula Asuman (publicity)

2nd. Second election On **18th. Feb. 2015** elected 22 MDF Executive members under the leadership of:-

1. Mr. Okell Denis (MDF President)
2. Ms. Alyek Hellen (Vice President)
3. Mr. Okello Odwar Vincent (Secretary)
4. Acayo Lilly Rose (Treasurer)
5. Mr. Oula Asuman (Publicity)

3rd. Third election on **13th. July. 2017** elected 24 MDF Executive members under the leadership of:-

1. Mr. Omara Fred (MDF President)
2. Mr. Ogwang Patrick (Vice President)
3. Mr. Okello Bonny Alele / Mr. Opio Leonard (Ag. Secretary)
4. Akullu Irene (Treasurer)
5. Mr. Olang Bismarck (Publicity)

4th. Fourth election on **24th.Sept. 2020** and elected 26 CDF Executive members under the leadership of:-

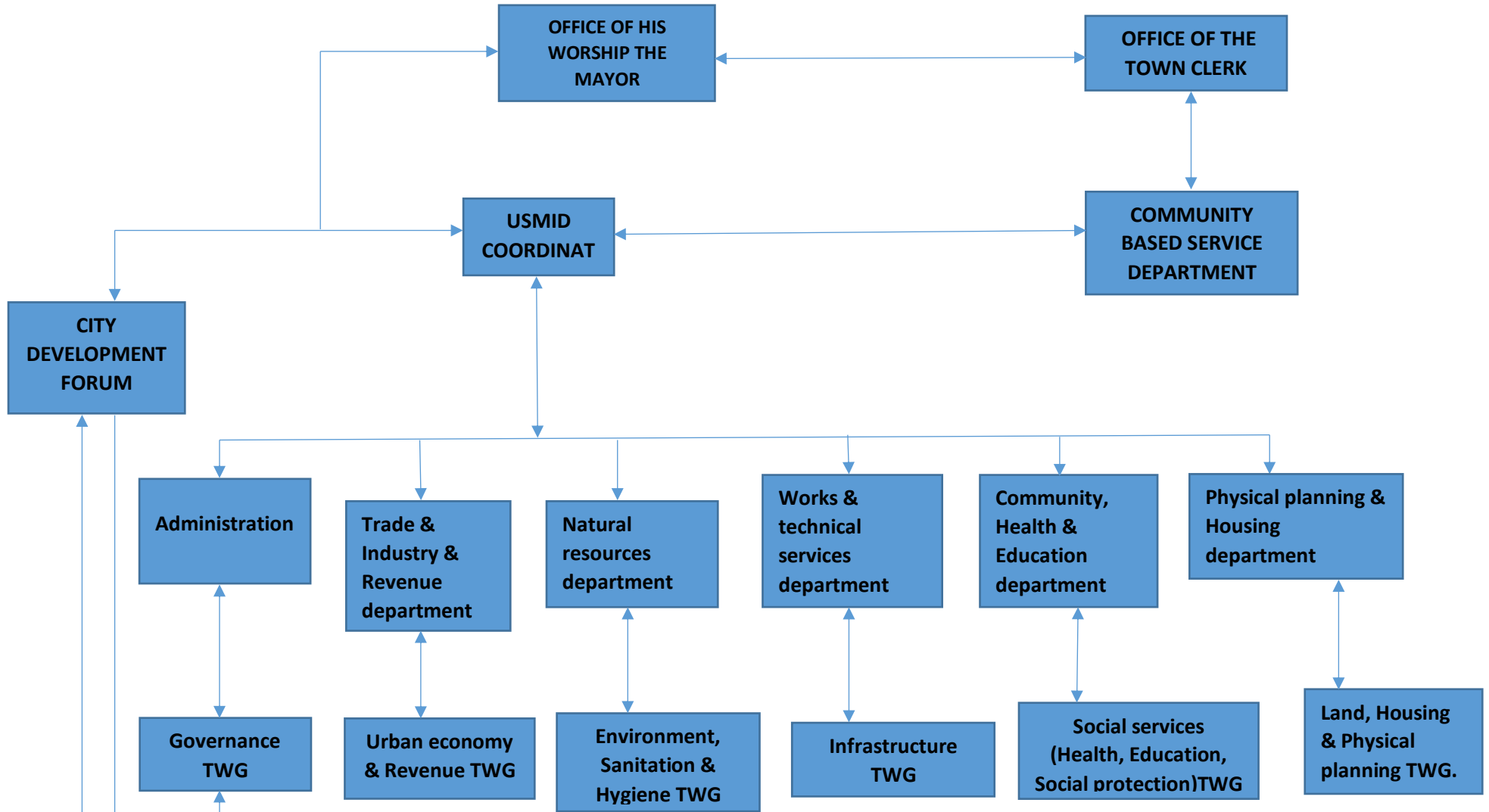
1. Dr. Morris Chris Ongom (CDF President)
2. Engineer Apita Fred (Vice President)
3. Mr. Opio Leonard (Secretary)
4. Ms. Apio Claudia (Treasurer)

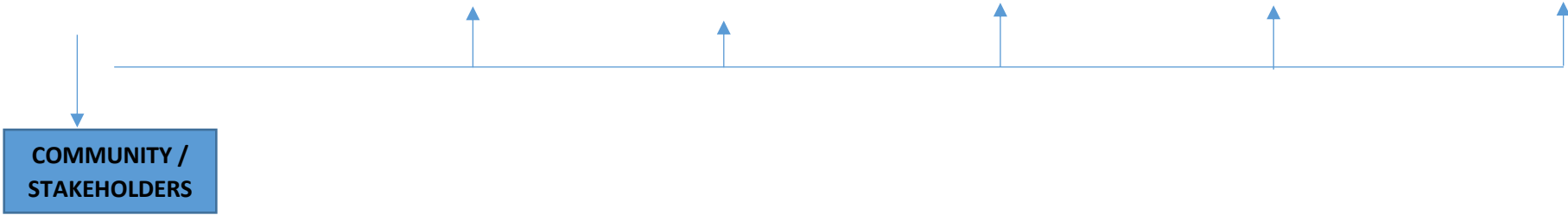
5. Ms. Adongo Juliet (Publicity)

5th. Fifth election on **29th.Jan. 2024** and elected 36 CDF Executive members under the leadership of:-

1. Mr. Akeny Emmanuel (CDF President)
2. Ms. Erung Anna (Vice President)
3. Mr. Opio Leonard (Secretary)
4. Mr. Nankabirwa Ruth (Treasurer)
5. Mr. Ebong Morris (Publicity)
6. Mr. Ogwal David (Mobilizer)
7. Ms. Alany Janet Nancy (special interest group)

Lira City Development Forum Functional Linkages





This background is subject for update.