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AWENDO MUNICIPALITY

Report of the Awendo Municipality Citizen Forum event held in Awendo Municipality Grounds on 15/07/2024.

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Abstract

This report summarizes the discussions held at the Citizen Forum convened to identify priority areas for the municipality of Awendo for the fiscal years 2024/2025. The forum adhered to the functions outlined in the Urban Areas and Cities Act of 2011, focusing on actionable initiatives to enhance community welfare and development.

Priority Areas

Participants identified several key priority areas that align with the municipality's functions:

1. Infrastructure Development

The forum emphasized the urgent need to improve local infrastructure, specifically roads and public transport systems so as to facilitate trade, mobility, and access to services.

2. Waste Management and Environmental Services

Effective waste management was highlighted as a critical municipal function. Implementing robust waste collection and disposal systems is necessary to promote a clean and healthy environment, in line with the municipality's responsibility for urban sanitation. The members of the public were requested to assist in this endeavor by properly managing waste at the point of generation. The municipality was also

3. Local Economic Development

Supporting local businesses and promoting economic activities were identified as essential functions. The municipality is tasked with creating an enabling environment for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to thrive, thereby generating employment and fostering economic growth. The meeting resolved that the municipality to start projects aimed at enhancing local business developments.

Reallocation of Awendo Modern Market Kiosks

The reallocation of stalls within the Awendo Modern Market emerged as a significant topic of discussion. Participants expressed concerns regarding the current underutilization of the market kiosks even after the renovation of the Market. The forum agreed on the necessity of a transparent and equitable reallocation process for market stalls and kiosks. A committee will be formed to oversee this process, ensuring it reflects the needs of vendors and the community. Additionally, a representative body of vendors will be established to include their voices in discussions.

Participants also emphasized the importance of improving market infrastructure, including sanitation and security, to enhance the trading environment. Plans were discussed to support vendors who may be affected by the reallocation, including assistance in finding new locations or providing temporary stalls during the transition.



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Conclusion

The forum concluded with a commitment to prioritize the identified areas within the framework of the Urban Areas and Cities Act. Next steps include forming action committees for each priority area and scheduling follow-up meetings to monitor progress.

Recommendations

- Develop a timeline for the implementation of priority areas.
- Establish a task force dedicated to the market stall reallocation process.
- Schedule regular community forums to maintain engagement and gather feedback.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 10, 2024, at the same venue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM, with appreciation expressed to all attendees for their valuable insights and participation.

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