



The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue:

Inter-communal Dialogue Process in Five Flashpoint Local
Government Areas in Southern Kaduna, Kaduna State, Nigeria

Roadmap / Agenda for Discussion

16th November 2015

Introduction

Kaduna State, like many other states in the Central Region of Nigeria has faced periodic inter-communal violence that has too often assumed ethno-religious dimensions leaving many persons displaced and whole communities traumatized. The root causes of the more recent violence relate to the legacy of Post-Presidential election violence in 2011; but also relate to Pastoralist/Farmer Conflicts and the Indigene/Settler dichotomy which have a longer history.

To address the periodic outbreaks of violence, the newly elected Governor of Kaduna State, Malam Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai, established a committee in June 2015 under the chairmanship of Gen. (Rtd) Martin Luther Agwai to investigate the root causes of the conflicts in Southern Kaduna and make recommendations. HD has interacted severally with the Kaduna state Governor, his Deputy, other high ranking government functionaries and the Gen. Agwai Peace Committee.

HD understands from these meetings that the government is considering setting up a permanent Peace and Reconciliation Commission whose mandate would be to handle all inter-communal conflicts in and around the state. However, the government acknowledges the need for an interim dialogue process to maintain the momentum gained by the Gen. Agwai Peace Committee until the time that a permanent commission is setup in the state.

As such, with the backing of the Kaduna State Government and with assistance from the Government of Canada, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), will initiate an inter-communal dialogue process over the next four-six months in 5 flashpoint LGAs of Southern Kaduna (Jema'a, Kachia, Kaura, Sanga, and Zangon Kataf). The dialogue process will focus primarily on continuing causes of tension including: that of pastoralist/farmer conflicts; and that of internally displaced persons. By addressing these issues through a dialogue process, HD hopes to involve the affected communities in developing collective solutions to their problems.

Format of the Process

The format of the process will consist of five sessions (one per LGA) lasting four-days each and attended by the affected communities of each respective LGA:

- **Jema'a LGA** – Bajju, Fantsuwan, Fulani, Hausa, Kaninkon
- **Kachia LGA**– Adara, Bajju, Fulani, Hausa, Jaba, and Kuturmi
- **Kaura LGA** – Atakar, Fulani, Hausa, Kagoro, and Sholio
- **Sanga LGA** – Ayu, Fulani, Gwandara, Hausa, Mada, Nandu, Ninzo, and Numana
- **Zangon Kataf LGA** – Atyap, Bajju, Fulani, Hausa, Ikulu, and Kamantan

The communities of concern have each nominated 6 delegates to serve as representatives of the community and shall be comprised of:

1. A Development/Cultural Association Leader
2. A Representative of the Traditional Council
3. A Youth Leader
4. A Women Leader
5. A Religious Leader; and
6. A Prominent/Respected opinion leader.

(See the complete list of delegates attached)

HD will chair and facilitate the sessions of the Inter-Communal Dialogue Process as well as any working groups constituted to support the process. Local, State, and Federal Government representatives have been assigned and HD expects their full participation in the process since many issues have implications on government policy and direction.

Content of the Discussions

The dialogue process will focus on three main issues of discussion:

- i. How to resolve the perennial grazer/farmer disputes (considering the need for grazing reserves, grazing areas, stock routes, cattle theft, and the modernisation of animal husbandry and agricultural practices, etc.)
- ii. The return/resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from all communities and the conditionalities of such return/resettlement.
- iii. Communities from each LGA are free to include one-three issues unique to them, which if resolved will contribute to a lasting peace.

However, the dialogue process retains the right to discuss and address other issues of concern as they are raised. Furthermore, it may become necessary for HD to establish working groups on particular issues of concern, or alternatively invite external experts to present in-depth knowledge or advice on a particular technical issue. The size and composition of each working group as well as the general procedures to be followed will be determined by the community representatives.

Once the dialogue process begins, the nominated representatives shall discuss, agree and proffer recommendations on the issues mentioned above. It is further advised that the representatives consider the roles that the following are expected to play in any recommendation made:

- The community itself (youth and women)
- Traditional Authority
- Development/Cultural Associations
- Local Councils
- State Government
- The Federal Government
- Security Agencies
- The international Community/Donor Organisations; and
- Civil Society Organisations.

Timeline of Dialogue Process

The agenda and timeframe for discussion at the Inter-Communal Dialogue sessions will be determined and adopted by the participating communities. The meetings will commence on or about the 23rd of November 2015. The proposed dates are as follows (although they are subject to change).

Session	LGA of Concern	Tentative Dates	Venue
Session One	Sanga	November 23-26th 2015	Unity Wonderland Hotel
Session Two	Kachia	December 7-10th 2015	Unity Wonderland Hotel or PJ's Hotel (TBD)
Session Three	Kaura	January 11-14th 2016	Unity Wonderland Hotel
Mid-term Review	All	January 18 2016	Unity Wonderland Hotel
Session Four	Zangon-Kataf	January 25-29th 2016	Unity Wonderland Hotel
Session Five	Jema'a	February 15-18th 2016	Unity Wonderland Hotel
Plenary Session	All	March 7th 2016	Unity Wonderland Hotel

Ground rules

The community representatives will conduct themselves in a manner that is conducive for an environment of respect and peace.

The representatives shall:

- Consider/negotiate in the pursuit of collective well-being for all.
- Treat other representatives with respect.
- Turn phones on silent.
- Make every effort to turn up on time.
- Offer any other rules deemed necessary for the conduct of the process.

The representatives shall not:

- Use provocative language.
- Interrupt other speakers.
- Take phone calls inside the forum hall.
- Invite any other person/groups to the process unless agreed upon by the forum.
- Make comments to the press unless agreed upon by the forum.

HD is a neutral actor and will conduct itself accordingly without favour or bias to one community over another.

Declaration of Intent and Signatures

We, as representatives of our respective communities, endorse on behalf of our communities the roadmap and agenda for discussion during the Inter-communal Dialogue meetings, which will start on or about the 23rd November 2015.

We hereby commit ourselves to work for Peace, to respect one another, and engage in a dialogue process to find solutions to issues on which our different communities have expressed their concerns.

Date:

Jema'a LGA

Community	Representative's Name	Signature
Bajju		
Fantsuwan		
Fulani		
Hausa		
Kaninkon		
LGA Representative		

Kachia LGA

Community	Representative's Name	Signature
Adara		
Bajju		
Fulani		
Hausa		
Jaba		
Kuturmi		
LGA Representative		

Kaura LGA

Community	Representative's Name	Signature
Atakar		
Fulani		
Hausa		
Kagoro		
Moro'a (Sholio)		
LGA Representative		

Date:

Sanga LGA

Community	Representative's Name	Signature
Ayu		
Fulani		
Gwandara		
Hausa		
Mada		
Nandu		
Ninzo		
Numana		
LGA Representative		

Zangon-Kataf LGA

Community	Representative's Name	Signature
Atyap		
Bajju		
Fulani		
Hausa		
Ikulu		
Kamantan		
LGA Representative		

Federal and State Government Representatives

Name	Position	Signature

HD Advisors

HD Advisor	Signature
David Lambo	
Dr. Yakubu Sankey	
Alh. Baba Bala Muhammad	
Dr. Joseph Atang	
Salim Musa Umar	
Dr. Lydia Umar	