

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2007**

**Attendance**

Abdallah Khatib  
Elaine Baker  
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo  
Shukuru Hassan

**Guests**

Mr Nyoni, AALOCOM  
Prosper, AALOCOM

The main purpose of the meeting was to write a plan and proposal for organizing the cycle caravan 2007. Elaine had drafted a proposal and the meeting went through it. It was agreed that Prosper would write an introductory paragraph about AALOCOM and Elaine would follow up with CHABADA to get an introductory paragraph on them. Various amendments and additions were made to the sections on objectives of the caravan and preparation plan. The meeting brainstormed on the costings of each input, which inputs we could possibly get in kind and which ones we would seek financial contributions for.

It was discussed as to a name for the caravan. Prosper suggested that we could come up with a better name than “msafara wa baisikeli” but he did not have any immediate ideas. It was agreed that we would all think about it and try and come up with a good name.

We brainstormed on possible sponsors and came up with ITDP (for California bikes as raffle prizes and financial contribution), Azam company (for water), Swala in Mwenge, Parlay in Changombe (for possible contribution of disabled cycle as raffle prize).

Prosper said that a new NGO called Tanzania Initiatives for self employment forum (TAISEFO) was interested in organizing workshops on bicycle maintenance. He said he would put them in touch with UWABA also.

Elaine said that UWABA have received a letter from the secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure. The letter is highly supportive of UWABA’s aims, but he suggests we meet with other stakeholders (TANROADS, SUMATRA, Road safety authority) before meeting with the Minister himself. Elaine said she has phoned TANROADS Dar es Salaam several times to follow up on getting copies of road plan drawings but the director has been out of the office. Prosper said that SUMATRA office is in town in PPF tower. It was planned to continue following up with TANROADS, and to write to SUMATRA asking for an appointment.

Juma reported that he followed up and got a reply to the letter to the road safety section of the Dar es Salaam branch of the police requesting statistics on bicycle accidents. The statistics provided in the letter are as follows:

Year	Number of accidents	Number of deaths	Injuries	Number of bicycles
2005	321	17	300	324
2006	314	30	306	314

It was agreed these statistics will be useful when we make presentations. Juma said that the person he talked to in this office also looked up the UWABA website and was impressed.

It was agreed that AALOCOM and UWABA would meet in two weeks time on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10am at Masai Bar to review the amended cycle caravan proposal.