

COALITION PERSPECTIVE BUILDING

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Duration: 18th to 20th 2013

Day 1: Day 1 of the workshop begins with the convenor thanking the coalition members and also extends a special thanks to Ms Bhanumathy, the facilitator with a brief introduction of her works and her association with Manipur. Thereafter she hands over the day's workshop to the facilitator.

The facilitator expressed her gratitude for being invited to the workshop as a facilitator and thanks the members. She also shares the strong bonding she had through her past works and experience for 15 years in Manipur. This is followed by a small exercise among the participants listing down the names of super natural forces that the members would wish to seek their help. The exercise also requires the members to list down the names of deceased persons who would be happy with the work the members are engaging at and writing down the names of living persons who would be happy in the work the coalition is doing. A meditation for 2 minutes followed and presentation of the exercise by each member.

The members also shares their perspective, capacities and feelings/emotions of the coalition.

The members looked into the expectations of the coalition out of the perspective workshop and relooked the workshop expectation previously sent by the convenor to the facilitator. With minor changes and additions, the expectation of the coalition on the perspective workshop was as follows:

EXPECTATIONS:

- ✚ Developed guiding principles of the coalition.
- ✚ Developed shared vision(where) and mission(How) of the coalition/Action
- ✚ Developed concept note/stand paper for the coalition on the issue of oil and other extractive issues.
- ✚ Developed clear governing structure.
- ✚ Clear strategy on how to effectively work with other stakeholder- local, state & industry(*who are the stakeholder*)
- ✚ Roles and responsibilities of each member and as a coalition and alliance partners.
- ✚ SWOT of coalitions.

To get clarity on Coalition, a **COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS** was done and the following differences emerged.

Organization	Movement	Coalition
One entity	JAC	Coming together on common issue
Legal rights	Women collectives	Many ideology/difference survives
Staffs	Possess 1 or more ideology	Limited period/temporary in nature
constitution	It is timeless and can be in huge numbers.	Charismatic leader not necessary
	Often required charismatic leader	Organization and movement together

		can only make a coalition
	Affected people form the movement	Affected people not necessary
	It is grassroots' based	Representation of affected people

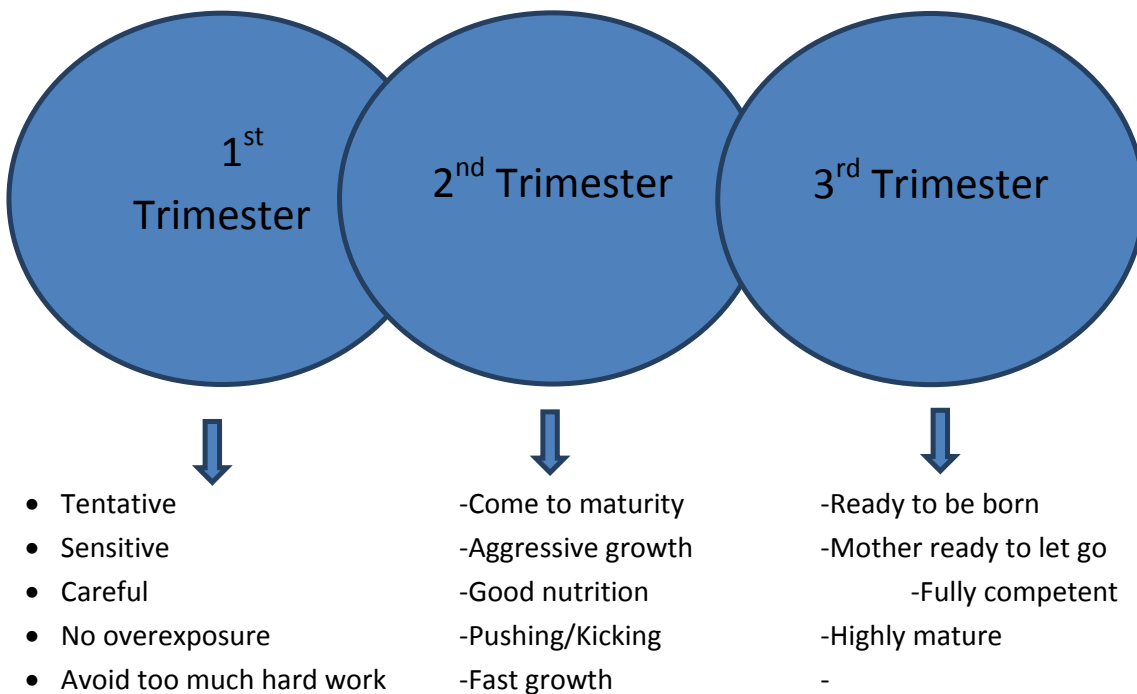
DEFINING A COALITION:

What is a Coalition?

- ✚ Only brought together by the issue-oil
- ✚ Composed of affected indigenous people
(The binding force in the coalition is oil and affected indigenous people and representatives form a coalition where it is self-appointed or voluntary. There is a strong understanding and flexibility in a coalition)

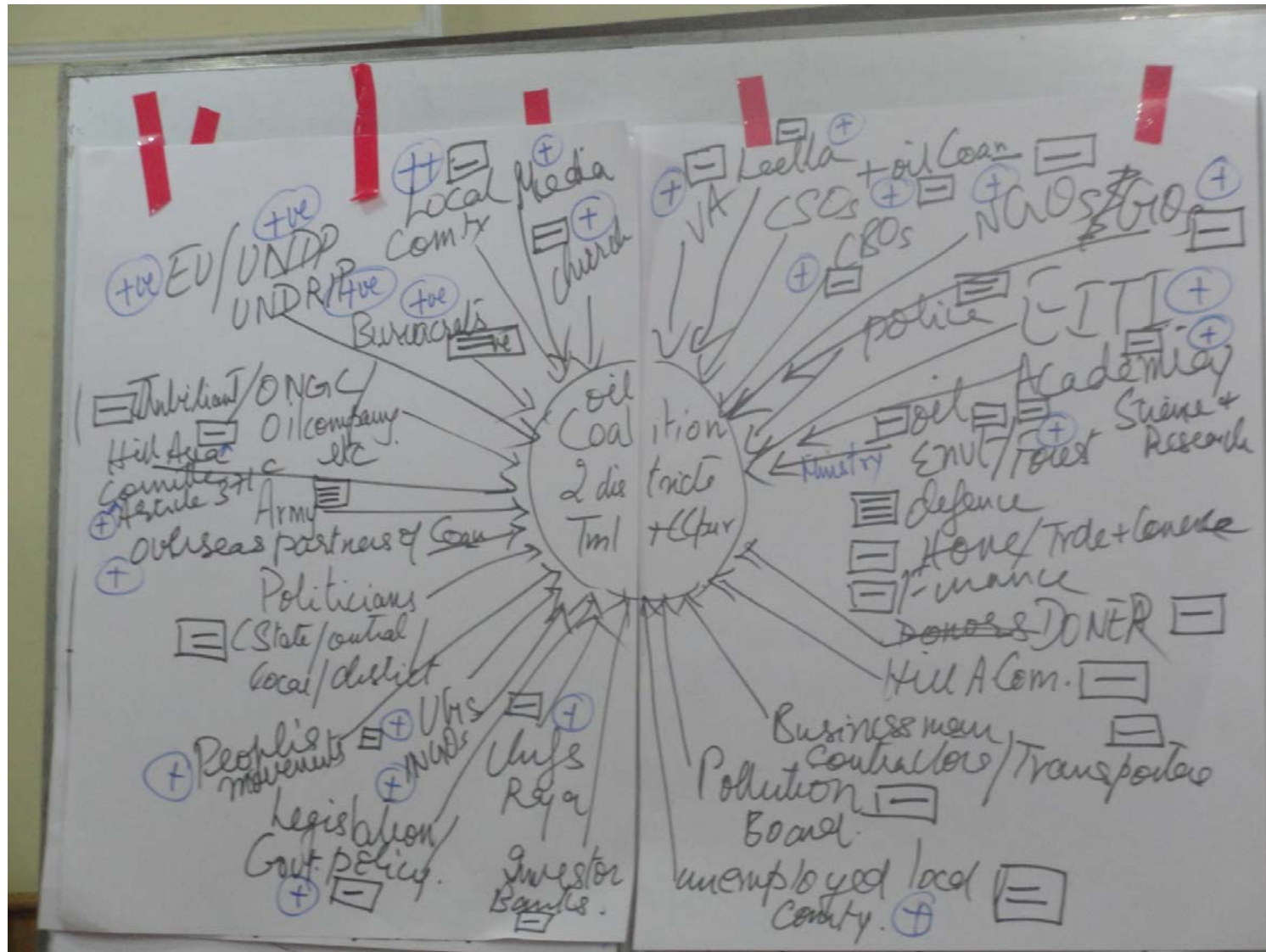
EVOLUTION OF CREATION (Learning from nature)

The facilitator link the process of evolution in a coalition to that of creation from nature.



Handwritten mind map on the left page of a notebook, centered on "oil Coal 2 die Tml + Cpur". The map branches out to various stakeholders and entities, many marked with positive (+) or negative (-) signs in circles or squares. Entities include:

- EU/UNDP (+ve)
- UNDRIP (+ve)
- Local Com. by (+)
- Media (+)
- Church (+)
- Bureaucrats (+ve)
- Tribulation/ONGC
- Hill Area Committee
- Astitute 3rd
- Overseas partners of Govt (+)
- Politicians
- CS State/central/local/district
- People's movements (+)
- UHS (+)
- NGOs (+)
- UHS (+)
- Rega (+)
- Investor Banks (+)



Day 2:

Second day of the workshop begins with a short meditation and reflections of the previous day activity. This is followed by a small exercise for digging out the unspeakable thing for each member about oil extraction and about the coalition. Some of the concerns surfacing from the exercise were

- ✚ Election politics
- ✚ Compromising the issue
- ✚ Coalition stand- Yes or no to oil
- ✚ Possibility of strong manipulation.

To ascertain the coalition position on the oil and Gas explorations, the following group exercise was done with the active participation of the members.

NO to WHAT	YES to WHAT
The whole issue of Oil exploration	To electricity, Road ,Bridges, Hospitals,
Procedure-all process,MOU,Public hearing	Alternative livelihood options, skill, development Market linkages
NO to NELP	Eco friendly people centric indigenous community centric development
No to politics not in favour of indigenous people	Involvement of local people in decision making, rightful benefits
No to any court ruling	Yes to oil and gas in the ground
No to Militarization	To access to information's
Concept of national good in negation local good	To protection of women and children(Rights & entitlements)
Against the interest and well-being of the community	Peace and security
To top down approach	
To vested interest-state, industry, Party, Ug'setc	
Using power of money	
Divide and rule	
Corrupt leaders environmental damage	
To compensation	
Displacement/Resettlement	
Damage to social fabrics	

Looking at the outcome of the exercise on which the coalition members agreed to YES, the facilitator questions that since all the YES are the rights of the community, why would the coalition relates to oil?

PREAMBLE OF THE COALITION: Based on the outcome of the group exercise which all the members agreed on consensus, a PREAMBLE of the coalition was thus developed and enacted.

Oil and Gas exploration not at the cost of the indigenous people, their land and Resources

STANDS OF THE COALITION

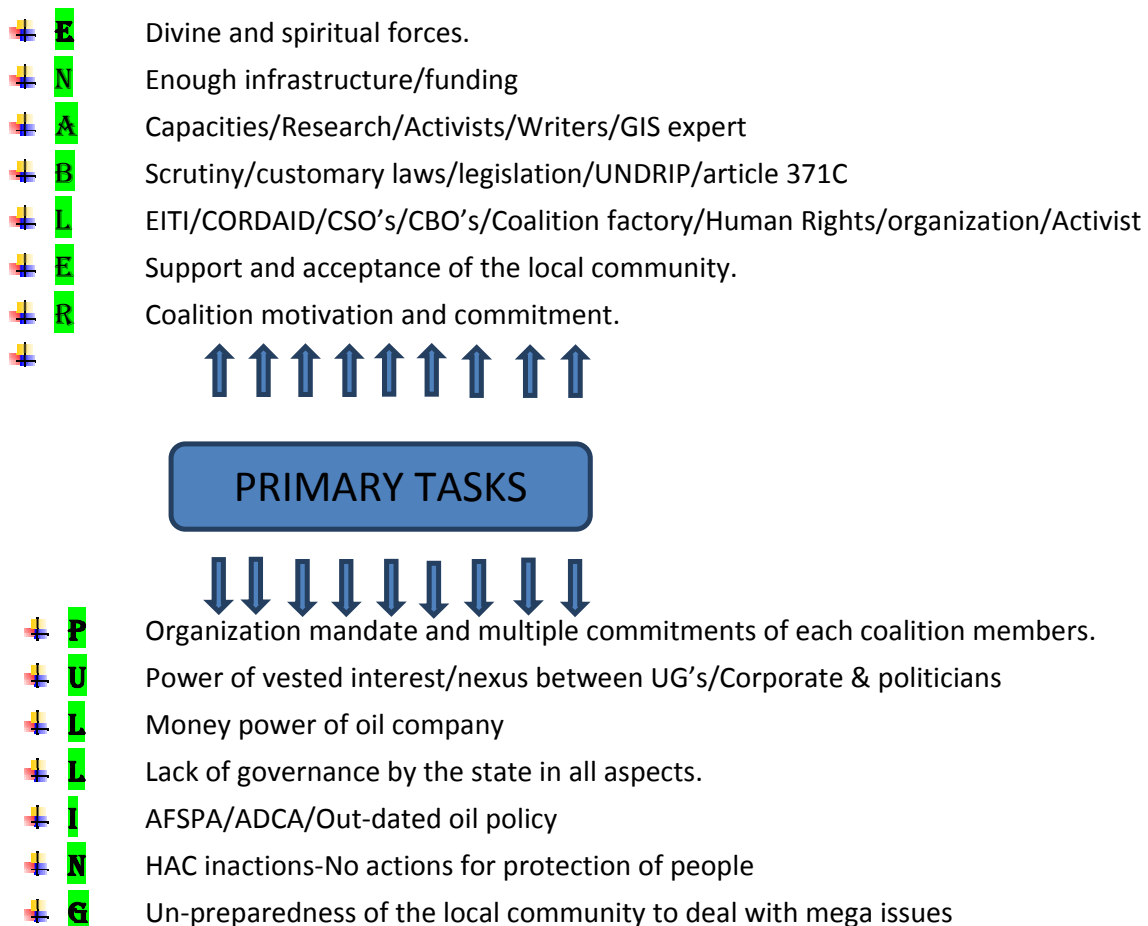
To determine the stands of the coalition based on *principles of the good of the whole* and *life enhancing*, a group exercise was conducted and the outcome were..

- ✚ Coalition stands for the empowering the affected indigenous community for just inheritance of the land and resources.
- ✚ Stands for securing the peaceful co-existence and humane sustainability of indigenous people's land and sustainability.

COALITION PRIMARY TASK:

- ✚ Empowering the stakeholder/affected communities for asserting rights and entitlements.
- ✚ Trust building within the coalition and with affected communities and other stakeholders.

FORCE FIELD ANALYSIS:



DOWN FORCES

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE COALITION:

- ✚ Accepting difference and respecting each other thoughts, opinion and views-sensitivity within and without.
- ✚ Transparency and accountability within and without.
- ✚ Nurturing trust and solidarity.
- ✚ Timely action, presence and actions.
- ✚ Shared responsibilities.
- ✚ Include women and youth (girls & Boys) in the field.

DAY 3:

Begins with a short reflection of day 2. Some of the reflections shared by the members were:

- ❖ The whole process would enable the women's group in the area and helps the coalition to have clear stands and principles.
- ❖ Identifying stakeholders.
- ❖ It will help strengthen and invigorates the coalition.
- ❖ Time commitment is concern.
- ❖ In the face of myriads odds, can any of the members act and a nucleus and level the odds.
- ❖ Expansion of the coalition.
- ❖ Emotional connection/awakens.

What would make the coalition members leave the coalition?

- ✚ *If it is not for the community, I would leave the coalition.*
- ✚ *If the members are bribed against the wish of the coalition, I would quit.*
- ✚ *Need to device contingency plan in case of unforeseen problem.*
- ✚ *Community acceptance and question of credibility.*
- ✚ *Would quit if problem of commitment is too big for the coalitions.*

Suggestions from the facilitator:

- ✓ Good to have second tier leaders for the coalition.
- ✓ Huddled is often needed to charge up the coalition.

COALITION STRATEGY:

- ✚ **ON LOCAL COMMUNITY(CSO, Church, VA's, UG's etc):**
 - a. Identifying a volunteer or small group of 2-10 members in each of the 6 areas of the area.
 - b. Create a free flow of information/Resource centre through the 7 centres with the VA union/council.

- c. Perspective building to community leaders, student unions, women's groups, apex bodies etc.

 ON STATE/INDUSTRY(policy, legal, district level):

- a. National Green Tribunal(NGT)- Neeraj and Ritwit
To be contact by Rev.Edwin and John.
- b. HAC/371C/MDC/MLA:
Resolution of the apex body using the timeliness(near election time).
- c. One to one meeting,informal meeting starting with positive people.

 ON NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL:

- d. Find out who is the funding behind Jubilant Company.