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**ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN LAKE  
VICTORIA BASIN PROJECT**

**REPORT OF THE SCOPING AND INCEPTION WORKSHOP**

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Fairmont the Norfolk Hotel  
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## REPORT OF THE MEETING

### 1.0 OPENING AND BACKGROUND OF THE SCOPING AND INCEPTION WORKSHOP

#### 1.1 Introduction

Climate change in the Republics of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania within Lake Victoria Basin (LVB) has resulted in several negative effects, including decrease in water quantity and quality for a number of uses, including inter alia: i) domestic; ii) agricultural; iii) industrial and commercial; and iv) cultural. The negative effects of climate change disproportionately affect marginalised and rural communities within the LVB by reducing the productivity of agriculture and wetlands and the abundance of fish in Lake Victoria and its tributaries. In addition, the projected effects of climate change are likely to negatively impact economic sectors within the LVB that depend on water resources, such as hydropower facilities and commercial fisheries.

To reduce the impact of climate change on local communities and water dependent economic sectors within the LVB, Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) Secretariat and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Nairobi office in consultation with the EAC Partner States Governments of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda designed the Adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin (ACC-LVB) project which was approved by Climate Change Adaptation Fund Board in November 2017.

#### 1.2 Convening of the Workshop and Participation

LVBC organized a Scoping and Inception workshop on adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin Project from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Fairmont the Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi, in the Republic of Kenya. The meeting was attended by the Deputy Executive Secretary of EAC, Executive Secretary LVBC, Chief of Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, Ecosystems Division at UN Environment, Deputy Executive Secretary responsible for Projects and Programmes of LVBC, the LVBC Focal Point Officers and National Climate Change Signatories. The LVBC, EAC, UNEP and USAID staff as well as Senior Officials from Partner States also attended the meeting.

The list of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

#### 1.3 Constitution of the Bureau

The meeting was conducted in accordance with EAC rules of procedure. Mr. Edward Sebina, Commissioner, Social Affairs, Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Republic of Uganda, chaired the meeting, while Ms. Immaculee Uwimana, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Specialist, Ministry of Environment Republic of Rwanda was the rapporteur.

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## 1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting considered the Provisional Agenda and adopted the same with amendments. The Agenda is hereto attached as **Annex II**.

## 1.6 OPENING SESSION

### Remarks from United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Dr. Musonda Chief of Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, Ecosystems Division at UN Environment thanked all the delegates from East African Community Partner States for participating in the Adapting to Climate Change Project. She also thanked all other partners who were involved in the formulation of the Adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin (ACC-LVB) Project, which is the first regional project of its kind worldwide with a great opportunity to benefit the people in the Lake Victoria Basin.

Furthermore, Dr. Mumba congratulated Partner States for the efforts and support provided throughout the project preparation phase. She recalled that over 8 years ago, there were discussions on adaptation around the basin. She alluded that the ACC-LVB is a catalytic, transformative, and innovative Project of USD 5 Million financed by Adaptation Fund. This project was a culmination of ongoing work undertaken in the basin by PREPARED programme and LVEMP II. It is important that we look at stories from the communities on the ground and how we can support them to become resilient. Dr. Musonda then thanked EAC, LVBC for the collaboration during development of project document, and she extended special thanks to USAID for support provided to PREPARED project which gave birth to ACC-LVB. The tools developed from PREPARED such as VIA are useful in the implementation of the ACC-LVB project. She concluded by assuring the participants of the workshop that UNEP is available to provide technical support to build resilience to the LVB community and ensure that people are adapting to climate change over the coming 3 years of the project.

### Remarks by the Republic of Kenya

Mr. Julius Mwabu, the Deputy Director, Ministry of EAC and Regional Development, Republic of Kenya welcomed delegates to Nairobi City and hoped that they would have a pleasant time in the city. He thanked the LVBC for convening the meeting and preparations to kick start this important catalytic project. Mr. Mwabu highlighted that the important point is not the amount of money the project will spend, but what it is going to achieve as this will set a good pace of future projects. He also appreciated the role of Dr. Musonda and Members from Partner States for the work done to deliver the project. Mr. Mwabu concluded his remarks by wishing participants fruitful deliberations.

### Remarks by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC)

Dr Ally-Said Matano, Executive Secretary (ES) Lake Victoria Basin Commission thanked the delegates and he welcomed all of the delegates to Nairobi. He congratulated Dr Musonda on her promotion within the UN Environment as Head of the Terrestrial Ecosystems Unity. He said this was a great day for the Commission and EAC at large as we undertake the first step toward the implementation of this very important project. He informed the delegates that the project was lauded by the Ministers during the 19<sup>th</sup> SECOM held on 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June in Entebbe, Uganda. He then thanked the Government of Kenya for hosting the scoping and inception workshop in Nairobi. On the same note, he thanked UNEP and LVBC staff for the great work done in organizing the workshop.

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Dr Matano observed that the several studies have been undertaken in the region including the VIA under PREPARED which funded by USAID explicitly indicate how climate change is impacting on several key productive sectors in the region including agriculture, water resources management, energy and infrastructure, health among others. Further the last World Water Forum perhaps was the forum that articulated very well the impacts of climate change on water. Aquatic ecosystems were pronounced as the most vulnerable to climate change; and this reflects our own Lake Victoria and its Basin. Furthermore, the Executive Secretary informed the meeting that there are all indications that in the near future, that the greatest threats to the environmental natural resources and functionality of the Lake Victoria and its basin shall be anthropogenic activities and climate change. Given the environmental natural resources such as water, fisheries, fertile soils, livestock are key to food security in the Basin, the effects of climate change could easily derail the gains already made in the Basin. It's against this background that the LVBC, UNEP, EAC Partner States jointly conceived the Adapting to Climate Change Project in LVB. After hard work by the key proponents of the project, the Climate Change Adaptation Fund Board eventually approved the project in November, 2017. The project is expected in the long run to reduce vulnerability to the negative effects of climate change to Lake Victoria Basin.

He concluded his remarks by informing the meeting that the scoping and inception workshop has brought together all the key stakeholders in this project to discuss on the best way the project shall be implemented.

#### **Remarks by the Deputy Secretary General East African Community (EAC)**

The Deputy Secretary General (Productive and Social Sectors), Hon. Christophe Bazivamo, on behalf of the Secretary General of East African Community (EAC), Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko and on his own behalf, expressed his pleasure and honor to officiate this opening ceremony of the scoping workshop on initiation of the implementation of the Adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin Project funded by the Adaptation Fund (AF). He then thanked the delegates for availing their time to attend the meeting which signifies the importance they attach to climate change issues and environmental sustainability in the region. He then expressed his sincere gratitude to the Adaptation Fund Board whose support through UNEP is enabling the region to address the challenge of climate change in the Lake Victoria basin through the implementation of this project.

The Deputy Secretary General informed the delegates that East African Community like other sub regions in Africa is facing numerous climate change challenges that affect our efforts to achieve integration agenda. This includes; decline in agricultural productivity, energy insecurity due disruptions in power (energy) caused by changes in rainfall and temperature patterns, altered the ecology of some disease vectors in the region resulting into changes in the spatial and temporal transmission of diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, meningitis and cholera; Water insecurity and depletion of vegetation, forests and wildlife population.

The development of the project therefore continues the regional efforts to address climate change in EAC region in order to enable the region to adapt to the impacts of climate change. The East African Community among others developed EAC Climate Change Policy and Strategy and the Climate Change Master Plan (2011-2031). The LVB Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan has also been developed. The region has developed and implemented climate change projects in various sectors. Through the Treaty for the establishment of EAC, there is commitment to work together in all fronts to achieve the shared development goals for



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the benefit of the region. Adaptation remains unavoidable choice and a very important endeavor for our region to develop within the changing climate.

The Deputy Secretary General further informed the meeting that the achievements have resulted in improved quality of life of EAC citizens. However, a lot remains to be done, first, to sustain the achievements and deploy innovative measures in addressing the challenges experienced through the implementation process of the programmes and initiatives in the region. Second, try to learn and build on the lessons of the past to refocus to ensure new initiatives bring tangible impacts to the local communities. Climate change acts as a threat multiplier, tipping difficult situations over the edge or narrowing options for solving problems. The poor countries with weather dependent economic activities are the mostly affected due to a number of reasons including less adaptive capacity to the impacts of climate change and weak economic base. This vulnerability is superimposed to non-climate threats such as poverty; dependence on rain-fed agriculture; and overdependence of natural resources as the main source of livelihood.

It is in this spirit of taking action in the EAC region that made the Lake Victoria Basin Commission through USAID support, to collaborate with UNEP to develop the adaptation project that is now at the implementation stage. The project is supported by the Adaptation Fund Board through the window of Adaptation Fund established under the Kyoto Protocol of which EAC Partner States are parties. The overall objective of this project is to reduce vulnerability to the negative effects of climate change in the Lake Victoria Basin by building climate resilience. I am optimistic all five project expected outcomes logically linked to the achievement of its overall objective will be achieved.

Through the project, EAC is looking forward to extract lessons learned and best practices towards a replication and upscaling strategy, and with a view to creating a qualitative increase in the region's capacity to adaptation to the impacts of climate change, with ultimate objective of reducing vulnerability and enhancing resilience. Further, the input that will come out of this workshop is of utmost importance to our region, as it lays the foundation for agreeing on key roles of various stakeholders during the implementation of the project. In conclusion, the Deputy Secretary General urged the delegates to fully commit their time and effort, in the two days to come up with a sound input that reflects the regional interests and needs in addressing climate change.

### **1.5 The Expected Outputs of the meeting**

The following are expected outputs of the workshop;

- (a) ACC-LVB project document reviewed and validated;
- (b) Partner States identified project intervention sites evaluated and validated;
- (c) The next financial year (July 2018/June 2019) regional work plan and budget reviewed and validated
- (d) National annual work plans linked to the regional work plan and budget developed;
- (e) Regional and national project management structure reviewed and validated,
- (f) Project management monitoring, and environment and social safeguard plan reviewed and validated.



## 2.0 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS ON THE ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN LAKE VICTORIA BASIN PROJECT

The LVBC and UNEP presented the ACC-LVB Project document and elaborated on (i) Project Objectives, (ii) Components, (iii) Major Activities, (iv) Financing, and (v) Expected Outcomes.

Further a detailed Regional and National Project Management Structure that provided the implementation arrangements of the Project was presented.

During this session the UNEP highlighted the importance of the ACC-LVB in relation to the 3 post 2015 Development Framework: (i) Climate change (Paris Agreement), (ii) Sustainable Development Goals; and (iii) Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction. Dr. Musonda further mentioned about the upcoming High Political Forum in New York in July 2018 and Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) Africa Conference which will foster political and community support to implement the AFR100 Initiative to restore 100 million hectares of degraded landscapes across Africa by 2030. The 2018 GLF Africa Conference will showcase and discuss local to regional success stories and challenges, emphasizing ways to strengthen human, technical and financial capacities. The GLF conference will be held in Nairobi on 29-30 August 2018. Dr. Musonda advised Partner States and institutions to make efforts to participate in the Forum.

After deliberating on the submission, the meeting made the following observations:

- i. The LVEMP arrangements provides good lessons and practises to be captured in the ACC-LVB project;
- ii. Awareness creation is an important activity to ensure success of the Project;
- iii. Involvement of NGOs is critical however, the NGOs should work with locals to ensure locals also benefit as these NGOs seeks support/ funding from Partner States;
- iv. Gender inclusion especially youth should be prioritised in the project;
- v. Sustainability of project is key, to ensure the project adds value to the community in terms of its use. For example LVEMP project planted bamboo for Sustainable Land Management in Rwanda and Burundi therefore there is a need to explore the use of bamboo to improve livelihoods of the riparian community;
- vi. The project builds on the work done by the PREPARED in the through the Vulnerability Impact Assessment (VIA);
- vii. Utilisation of various resources available in the region such as RCMRD, ICPAC and NASA of USA is key in providing data on climate change that can support policy makers and the implementation of this project. Further, there is need to create MoUs between RCMRD and the EAC for ease of implementation of the ACC-LVB project;
- viii. World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has certified ICPAC as a regional node- a mechanism in which this programme should align itself, to benefit from this arrangement;
- ix. There is need to establish the baseline situation since adaptation has been difficult to implement and measure results;
- x. The project should build on the tools such as Community Climate Change Adaptation Assessments (C3A2) tool developed by PREPARED;



- xi. The ACC-LVB project can strengthen local practises such as the indigenous practises which could be useful to make impact to people's lives;
- xii. It is important to address pollution in the Lake Victoria which has a correlation to issues that affect other sectors and components of the project;
- xiii. Synergies and Sustainability- the EAC has moved far on the Adaptation Fund and is looking forward to build on experiences and best practises- EAC is hopeful to be made a Regional Implementing Entity (RIE);

### 3.0 PRESENTATION, AND VALIDATION OF NATIONAL ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET LINKED TO THE REGIONAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

The LVBC presented the proposed July 2018/June 2019 work plan and budget. The work plan and budget has five components.

**Component 1:** Improving regional management of a transboundary water catchment:

**Component 2:** Climate information dissemination

**Component 3:** Regional approach to climate change adaptation in vulnerable communities

**Component 4:** Community-based approaches to climate change adaptation; and

**Component 5:** Knowledge management and learning

The individual components have individual outcomes with specific stakeholders, regions and or/sectors with well-defined interventions/projects

Thereafter, the invited journalists presented to the workshop a video clip "**Plastics are forever**". The video shows the impacts of plastics to our environment. This was to showcase of the importance of use media such as film in passing messages to the vulnerable communities of the world. The video was to emphases effectiveness use of media in communication.

The inception and scoping workshop deliberated on the submissions and made the following observations:

- i. There is need to inject clarity and have clear delineation of roles and responsibilities of various project organs, levels and actors and stakeholders;
- ii. The ACC-LVB project should build synergies and complement with other LVBC projects such as LVEMP III and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM);
- iii. Partnership and collaboration with Private Sector will build strong partnerships, and in this respect, there is need for activities that will create more impacts; and
- iv. There have been ongoing interventions in the countries backed by science and there is need to explore how the regional bodies will help guide the interventions and provide the impacts/tell the story; and
- v. LVBC Secretariat to present budget allocation per each Partner State, duration of activities and show which activities are regional and national.



#### **4.0 PRESENTATIONS AND VALIDATION OF NATIONAL ANNUAL WORKPLANS AND BUDGETS LINKED TO THE REGIONAL WORKPLAN AND BUDGET**

The Partner States presented draft national work plans and budget for Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda are provided as Annexes **annex III, IV, V, VI** and **VII** respectively.

After deliberating on the submissions, the ACC-LVB inception and scoping workshop made the following observations:

- i. There is need to involve political leaders in project start-up to ensure buy-in, ownership and guarantee sustainability;
- ii. Selection of the sites should be based on the hot spots areas highlighted in the project document as approved by the Adaptation Fund; and
- iii. Communication and knowledge management is important for project visibility and learning and should be prioritized during project start-up.

#### **5.0 ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARD, MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

LVBC Secretariat presented the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the ACC-LVB project. The presentation indicated that the M&E framework is designed to comply with formal guidelines, protocols and toolkits of the Adaptation Fund and UNEP. A UNEP Supervision Plan will be availed to guide Project Implementation Reviews (PIRs). The PIR will emphasize on: (i) Outcome monitoring; (ii) learning; (iii) sustainability; (iv) financial management; (v) project risks and assumptions; and (vi) quality of the Projects M&E among other aspects.

After deliberating on the submission, the ACC-LVB inception and scoping workshop made the following observations:

- i. The national project teams will need to undertake site specific baselines surveys prior to implementation to guide monitoring of project results; and
- ii. There is need for project teams to prioritize and align project planning and implementation to the expected results as espoused in the project Results Framework.

#### **6.0 WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS AND WAYFORWARD**

##### **6.1 Workshop Recommendations**

- (a) **Any Changes will be informed by the Midterm Review of the Project;**
- (b) **National project teams to conduct site-specific baseline study where applicable for the identified sites to facilitate monitoring of project results; and**
- (c) **The ACC-LVB project implementation teams to use experiences from other existing regional and national projects, programmes and climate adaptation initiatives.**



## 6.2 Way forward / Roadmap

The ACC-LVB inception and scoping workshop identified key actions to be undertaken to facilitate smooth project implementation start-up and agreed on the following roadmap.

No	Activity	Responsibility	Deadline	Performance Indicator
1	Follow up establishment of Project Coordination Unit and appointment of members of the team including the National Coordinator	National Project Coordinator	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	Official letter of nomination
2	Refining of the Regional and National Work Plans with respective Project Coordination Unit	Acting Regional Coordinator and National Project Coordinator	20 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	Official submission of National Work Plans to LVBC
3	Project sites confirmed by Partner States	National ACC-Project	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Official letter received by LVBC
4	National Coordinators submit the refine work plans to LVBC for synchronization/ compilation	National Coordinators	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	Finalized work plans
5	LVBC compile/ synchronize the national reports and share with the Partner States	LVBC	22 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	Official submission letter of work plans to Partner States
6	Annual plan and budget approved by Partner States	National ACC-Project	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Official letter received by LVBC
7	National and District /County implementation teams established/ approved	National ACC-Project	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Official letter received by LVBC
8	Signed implementation agreements between LVBC and Partner States and Open Country Bank accounts	National ACC-Project	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	Official letter received by LVBC
9	Regional PMU established	LVBC Interim Coordinator and Procurement officer	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	Contract signed
10	UNEP to transfer fund to LVBC account and LVBC to transfer funds to Partner States	UNEP and LVBC coordinators	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	Account numbers and funds deposited
11	First quarter report	Project Coordinator	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Report
12	Official launching of project in the next RPSC	Project Coordinator	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	Invitation letter and RPSC report

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### 6.3 Closure of the Meeting

Dr. Musonda Chief of Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, Ecosystems Division at UN Environment provided thanked all the delegates for their participation and be part of the inception and scoping Workshop. Further, she explained that UN Environment is in the process of recruitment of Technical Assistant to support the ACC-LVB, and for the LVBC Project Manager and Financial Assistant be recruited.

Deputy Executive Secretary of Projects and Programmes (DES PP) in his closing remarks he applauded the Participants of the Inception of the project

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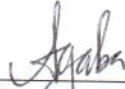
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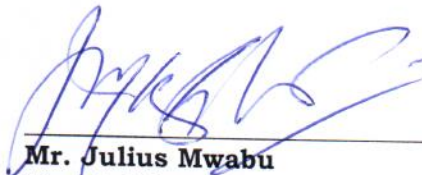
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