

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

**LAKE VICTORIA BASIN COMMISSION SECRETARIAT**

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| **Lake Victoria Basin Donor Conference****Recommendations of the 3rd LVBC Donor’s Conference** **17th - 18th June, 2013,** **Protea Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda** |

**Main Results of Round Table Session One (1): Water Supply and Sanitation, Waste Management & Population Health**

**Main recommendations:**

* There is a need to fit LVBC proposed programs/ Concept notes within the Partner States programmes without compromising the visibility of LVBC
* LVBC’s mandate needs to be expanded to allow for enforcement of laws, standards and guidelines for purposes of harmonization and sustainability of the Lake Victoria Basin;
* In order to leverage bigger funding, LVBC Project/Programme concepts/proposals should embrace a combination of Grants and Loans;
* Ensure that Catchment Management is a component in all WATSAN programmes;
* There is need to conduct a socio-economic study on the satellite towns and Islands;
* There is a need to conduct impact assessments on the effects of LVBC programs and projects on population in the basin

**Interest expressed:**

* IFC expressed willingness to work with LVBC on the Solid Waste Management programme and bring on board private sector;
* AfDB was liaising with LVBC on the possibility of up-scaling LVWATSAN
* AFD expressed willingness to work with LVBC on water quality programs on the shores of the LVB;
* Packard foundation expressed interest in funding two concepts under the population and health theme

**Main Results of Round Table Two (2): Climate Change; Environment and Natural Resources Management**

**Main recommendations:**

* There was general agreement that proposed projects are in tandem with the priorities of development partners;
* LVBC needs to employ a programmatic approach as opposed to Projects- wise approach in their planning and resource mobilisation;
* Proposed projects should be linked to either past or on-going projects in the basin (Scaling up of e.g. on-going program support by USAID on Climate Change, LWATSAN financed by AfDB and LVEMP II supported by World Bank);
* There is need for LVBC to initiate discussions with Development Partners on up-scaling of the on-going projects and programmes;
* LVBC should evaluate its coordination capacity in relation to budget, human resource and Partner States implementation capacity;
* LVBC should mainly focus on regional and transboundary interventions rather than country specific interventions;

**Interest expressed:**

* IFAD expressed interest working with LVBC on Climate change aspects linked to climate smart agriculture and rural livelihoods;
* AfDB is willing to discuss with LVBC on the water hyacinth removal – finance could be mobilized through several trust funds hosted at the Bank;
* UNEP Nairobi is ready to work with LVBC on development of the Lake Victoria Atlas and State of the Basin Report through a collaborative framework;
* World Bank is open for discussion on activities and interventions to be incorporated in the APL 3 of LVEMP II;
* Finland is willing to work with EAC/LVBC in moving the East Africa FLEGT Process Forward

**Main Results of Round Table three (3): Economic and Infrastructure Development**

**Main recommendations:**

* Search and rescue, and meteorology infrastructure components be combined with port development as an integral programme for ease of implementation;
* It was suggested that LVBC should explore the possibility of developing PPPs for economically viable options.
* LVBC sends request to trust funds and project preparation facilities housed at AfDB like NEPAD IPPF for project preparation in case of infrastructure development projects that are not yet bankable

**Interest expressed:**

* LVBC should approach EIB on possible support and co-financing arrangements for development of maritime transport infrastructure and communication on the lake;
* JICA expressed willingness to co-fund infrastructure projects with AfDB;
* WMO indicated willingness to provide technical assistance for the improvement of meteorological services to cover other users like farmers, upscale the pilot weather dissemination system to fishermen in Uganda to cover EAC region. Additional possible collaborations in institutional capacity enhancement;
* EU requested the proposal to facilitate partnerships with LVBC on the meteorology project;
* JICA was willing to support all the maritime transport projects since they qualify for JICA-ODA support and asked for demonstration on how the projects fit in national priorities;
* EleQtra Inc. expressed willingness to collaborate with LVBC in development of maritime transport in Lake Victoria particular shipbuilding and port construction since they are already working on a program covering the Lake.

**Conclusion**

“There is good political commitment to the EAC/ LVBC and commitment from the development partners that you cannot find elsewhere” by participant

LVBC will seek to ensure that the proposed projects and programmes are linked to the strategic planning processing

The rising demand in LVB requires LVBC to have adequate coordination capacity and Sweden is committed to continue supporting LVBC in this regard

LVBC appreciates the recommendations from the conference participants and the firm interest expressed by the development partners and with the support of ICA will initiate follow up of these interests