

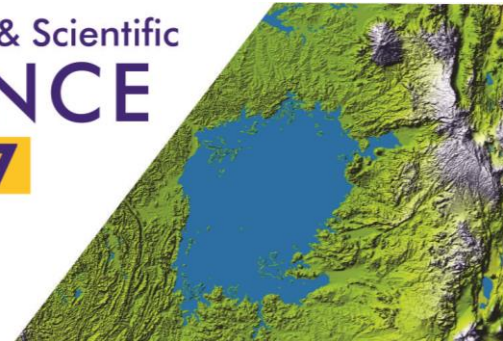
CONCEPT NOTE

15th – 16th February, 2017

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Lake Victoria Basin was designated as an "area of common economic interest" and declared a "regional economic growth zone" to be developed jointly by the EAC Partner States (Republic of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Uganda). With that declaration, the Partner States committed to ensuring proper management and sustainability of the Basin's resources for the benefit of present and future generations through the ratification of the Protocol for Sustainable Development of Lake Victoria Basin, 2004. In Article 3 of the Protocol, Partner States agreed on the scope of cooperation which include among others the promotion of research, capacity building and information exchange. With this, the Lake Victoria Basin (LVB) became the focus of new attention at national, regional and international levels with several stakeholders including universities and research institutions as well as other public and private actors undertaking programs, projects, studies and other initiatives geared towards sustainable development of the Lake Victoria Basin. This has generated a wealth of information held by institutions and individuals in and out of the LVB.

The Council of Ministers established the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) to oversee the sustainable development and management of the Lake Victoria Basin. In this regard, the East African Community Partner States, coordinated by the LVBC, received funding from the World Bank to implement the Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project Phase II (LVEMP II). The project has been implementing activities in the Lake Victoria Basin for over six years now, and has generated a lot of information that could be used to inform the sustainable development agenda of the Basin. As LVEMP II moves towards preparation of the next phase, there is need to gather sufficient data, information and knowledge to inform the direction the activities of this phase will take. In view of this, LVEMP II proposes to hold a research/scientific conference that will bring together institutions and individuals who have useful information and provide a forum in which they can share that information. Other than informing the development of the LVEMP II, this information will also inform the direction the LVBC takes in all the fourteen areas of cooperation agreed upon by Partner States. The theme of the conference is **"Harnessing Science and Research for Improved collaborative management of Transboundary resources in the LVB"**



2.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE

The overall objective of the conference will be to inform programming, policy development and partnerships within the Lake Victoria basin.

2.1 Specific Objectives

1. To contribute to a knowledge base
2. To disseminate achievements of LVEMP II
3. To provide an opportunity for leveraging resources
4. To provide a forum for networking

2.2 Expected Outcomes

At the end of the conference, it is expected that:

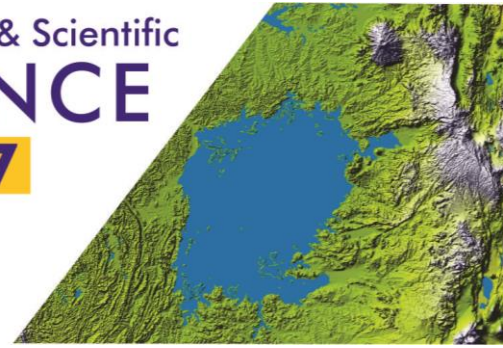
- i. A rich pool of data, knowledge and information generated to inform programming, policy development and partnerships within the Lake Victoria basin
- ii. Partnerships formed to support LVBC and Partner States to achieve their vision for the sustainable development of the LVB
- iii. Identified priority intervention areas for mainstreaming to ensure sustainability

3.0 PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONFERENCE

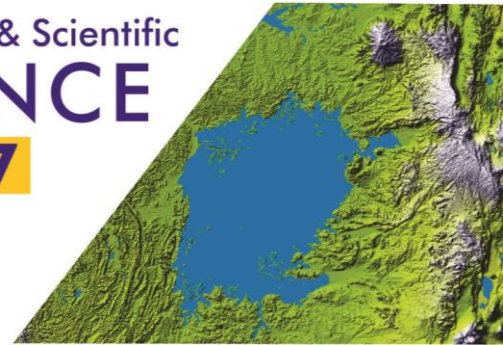
The conference will be held in Mwanza, Tanzania and will bring together the various actors from within and outside the Basin, who have useful data/information on the Basin. The duration is 2 days, 15th and 16th February, 2016. The Conference will be structured to include an opening session with key note addresses and paper presentation. Running parallel to the paper presentation will be a poster presentation session and an exhibition where LVEMP II, LVBC and other actors will show- case their success stories. The exhibition will also have private sector, institutions of learning, research institutions and Civil society organization who will share innovations and ongoing work in the basin.

3.1 Presentation of Research and Scientific papers and Posters

The theme of the conference; **“Harnessing Science and Research for Improved collaborative management of Transboundary resources in the LVB”**, will be elaborated by presentations around five thematic areas under which research and scientific papers and posters will be presented. These are:



- A. **Sustainable Watershed Management in the Lake Victoria Basin:** that will include but not limited to:
- i. Water hyacinth control and management;
 - ii. sustainable land management; (soil and water conservation, agriculture, irrigation, range management, agroforestry, infrastructure development);
 - iii. Forestry conservation and management;
 - iv. Wetlands conservation and management; and
 - v. Wildlife conservation and sustainable tourism
- B. **Socio- Economic and Governance Issues in relation to Natural Resource management:** that will cover but not limited to:
- i. Socio-Economic Status of the Basin;
 - ii. Community development initiatives;
 - iii. Value Chain approach and economic models for livelihood improvement;
 - iv. Conservation Investment;
 - v. Non-action cost of environmental management;
 - vi. Environmental accounting;
 - vii. state of environment, legal and institutional framework;
 - viii. Navigation on Lake Victoria;
 - ix. Gender and Natural Resource management;
 - x. Energy saving initiatives (e.g. Stoves, biogas); and
 - xi. Knowledge and information sharing.
- C. **Water Resource Management, Pollution Control and Prevention: Changing the Environment in the Lake Victoria Basin:** that will cover but not limited to;
- i. Water use efficiency;
 - ii. Water quality and quantity;
 - iii. Solid waste management (e.g. recycling);
 - iv. Cleaner production;
 - v. Resource efficiency and Waste water management (domestic/industrial effluent); and
 - vi. Bioenergy – (bio-digestion, organic matter, methane gas harvesting).
- D. **Fisheries Resource Management and Aquaculture Development Opportunities:** that will cover but not limited to:
- i. Fisheries management and development;
 - ii. Aquaculture and cage culture development;
 - iii. Fish quality assurance and marketing;
 - iv. Fisheries resource monitoring (e.g. stock assessment); and
 - v. Fisheries biology, ecology.
- E. **The future of sustainable development in the Lake Victoria Basin within the context of Climate Change:** that will cover but not limited to:
- i. risks on livelihood and mitigation;
 - ii. Climate smart agriculture, green economy;
 - iii. Climate resilience and adaptation;
 - iv. Mainstreaming climate change into policy, planning and activity implementation; and
 - v. Renewable energy (e.g. hydropower; Solar, wind, bioenergy etc).



3.2 Exhibitions

Exhibitors will be invited from within Partner States and external Partners including but not limited to:

- LVEMP II National Project Coordination Teams (NPCT)/ Regional Project Coordination Team (RPCT);
- Community Driven Development (CDD) groups selected by NPCTs;
- Other LVBC Projects and Programs;
- Stakeholders in Lake Victoria Basin;
- Private Sector;
- Civil society organizations; and
- teaching/ research institutions

Interested exhibitors can express their interest by email to the chair of the conference organizing committee, Dr. Raymond Mngodo, on email LVBCON2017@lvbcom.org

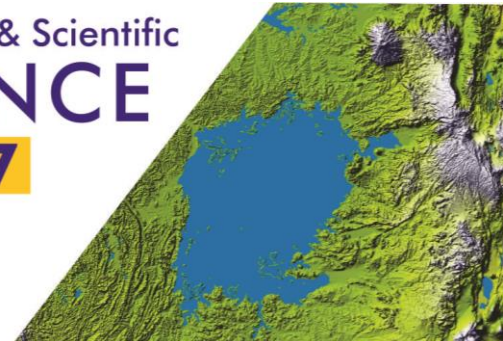
4.0 Participation

It is envisaged that all five NPCTs of LVEMP II, Lake Victoria Fisheries Organisation (LVFO), Cleaner production centres, and LVBC will participate in this event. In addition LVBC actors among them Development Partners, Research institutions, Universities, non-governmental organizations, community based organizations, public and private institutions, individual researchers and any other interested parties will be invited.

The conference will be graced by high level policy makers from among the Partner States and eminent scholars on the LVB.

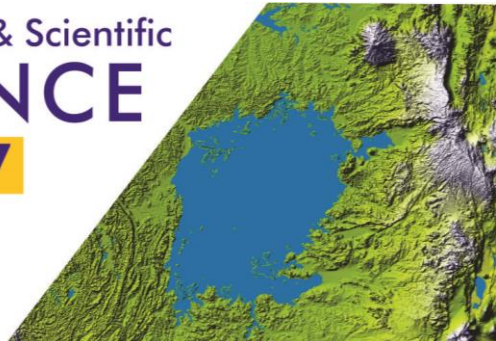
5.0 Funding for the Conference

This conference will be partly funded from the LVEMP II budgets of National project coordination teams and the Regional project coordination team (RPCT). The RPCT will also seek support from other LVBC projects and Programs. Financing towards the conference budget will be complimented by those generated by charging a participation fee of USD 100 per participant, and from resource mobilization efforts that will be carried out to solicit support from other Development partners, Civil society organizations and the Private Sector.



6.0 PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Time	Event	
DAY 0: 14TH FEBRUARY		
	ARRIVAL	
0800 – 1500 hrs	Registration: LVBC	Exhibition and Poster set-up
DAY 1: 15TH FEBRUARY		
08.30 – 10.30hrs	Late Registration Visit to exhibitions and poster presentation	
10.30 -11.00hrs	Break	
PLENARY		
10.30hrs	Arrival of Guest of honor and Visit to exhibitions	
11.00 – 1300hrs	Anthems Opening Ceremonies Official Opening by the Guest of Honor 1 st Key note speaker – World Bank 2 nd Key note speaker – EAC/LVBC	
1300 – 14.30hrs	Group Photo with Guest of Honor Break	
1400 – 1700 - TWO BREAK AWAY SESSION		Venue
1400 - 1700	Thematic group 1 – watershed management Chair : Burundi Rapporteur - NPCTBu; LVBC Eight (8) papers presented 10 min each – 1hr 20min Q&A/Discussion - 1hr 30min Chair summary 10 min	Hall 1
1400 - 1700	Thematic group 2 - Socio- Economic and Governance Issues in relation to Natural Resource management Chair: Kenya Rapporteur – NPCTKe; LVBC. Eight (8) papers presented 10 min each – 1hr 20min Q&A/Discussion – 1hr 30min Chair summary 10min	Hall 2
17.00-18.00hrs	Break	



DAY 2		
PLENARY SESSION		
08.30 – 9.00	Recap of Day 1	
3 BREAK AWAY SESSION		
09.00 – 12.00	Thematic group 3: Pollution control and prevention Chair: Rwanda Rapporteur – NPCTRw; LVBC. Eight (8) papers presented 10 min each – 1hr 20min Q&A/Discussion – 1hr 30min Chair summary 10min	Hall 1:
09.00 – 12.00	Thematic group 4: Fisheries Resource management and aquaculture Chair: United Republic of Tanzania Rapporteur – NPCTTz, LVFO. Eight (8) papers presented 10 min each – 1hr 20min Q&A/Discussion – 1hr 30min Chair summary 10min	Hall 2:
09.00 – 12.00	Thematic group 5: Climate Change Chair: Uganda Rapporteur – NPCTUg, LVBC. Eight (8) papers presented 10 min each – 1hr 20min Q&A/Discussion – 1hr 30min Chair summary 10min	Hall 3:
11.00-11.30hrs	Tea/coffee	
1200 -13.00hrs	Networking/ one-on-one meetings/ exhibitions/ poster presentations	
13.00-14.00hrs	Lunch Break	
PLENARY		
14.00-17.00hrs	Chair: United Republic of Tanzania Rapporteur – EAC; LVBC. Summary presentations by the Chairs Chair- Session 1 Chair - Session 2 Chair- Session 3 Chair - Session 4 Chair- Session 5 Reading of the Conference resolutions Closing Ceremony	Main Hall