



Lake Victoria Basin Commission



Maasai Mara University

13th MARA DAY SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE, 14th September 2024

(Narok, Kenya)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Introduction

The Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) in collaboration with Masai Mara University is pleased to invite calls for papers, posters and exhibitions on its one-day 13th Mara Day Scientific Conference on the theme “*Flowing Forward Together: Conserving the Mara Basin Ecosystem for Sustainable Biodiversity & Climate Resilience*”. The conference will be held in Maasai Mara University physically on 14th September 2024. The conference is open to all researchers, students and government officials in the East Africa Commission member states (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, DRC Congo and Somalia) and International Researchers doing research in Mara Basin Ecosystem who wish to address issues related to the Lake Victoria Basin in an interdisciplinary approach. The symposium will focus on four main themes, but any other theme will be considered if relevant. For each theme, topics from the natural and social sciences are welcome.

Scientific thematic

Conference Theme

Flowing forward together: Conserving the Mara Basin Ecosystem for Sustainable Biodiversity & Climate Resilience

Sub-themes

- i) Environmental conservation and climate resilience in the Mara Basin ecosystem
- ii) Natural resource management for inclusive socio-economic development in the Mara Basin ecosystem
- iii) Legal justice, gender equality and governance framework for trans-boundary cooperation as an enabler for sustainable conservation in the Mara Basin ecosystem
- iv) Knowledge, Innovation and technology in conservation of the Mara Basin

Application/ Conference registration

Please complete the application form: <https://forms.gle/NUpW8GB4wG1xNDSH6>

You will receive a confirmation email as soon as your application has been submitted.

Abstract guidelines

All Abstracts submitted should be written in the following order in Ms Word doc. Or docx named as: Sub-theme number _ Country _ Institution _ First Name _ Second Name e.g 3_ Uganda_ Makerere_University_ Otieno_ Mboya or 1_ Tanzania_Univ of Dodoma_ Monika_Janet;

- i) Presentation Title
- ii) Authors Name (s),
- iii) Affiliation of authors i.e. Departments, Organization, Postal address, Telephone contact, Email address, ORCID number (if available)
- iv) SDG issue being addressed
- v) Abstract body

Please ensure your abstracts have: an introductory title, brief summary of challenge being tackled, main motivation of study, methods used, primary findings and resolutions of the study relevant in combatting global challenges.

Kindly remember to mention the sub-theme, national and global blueprints being addressed in your abstract.

Figures and citations are greatly discouraged in the abstracts.

- vi) Key words (4 – 6 key words that can be used to index your study)

Key Dates

- Submission deadline **15th August, 2024**
- Notification of Accepted Submissions **20th August, 2024**
- Submission of full papers deadline **25th August, 2024**
- Programme notification **30th August, 2024**

Registration

Registration is free of charge but mandatory to all applicants.

Presentations

The Organizing Committee will select Oral and Poster Presentations with each oral presentation being accorded a maximum of 30 minutes (including Q&A). Poster specifications and guidelines will be provided alongside the Acceptance letters after review of the submitted abstracts. Group presentations will be allowed but like the other individual presentations, will be refrained to a maximum of 30 minutes per presentation only. There will also be 4 Keynote Sessions for each of the four thematic areas. The Committee will also select innovation exhibitions to be showcased parallel to the other presentations. Participants who wish to provide audience and contribute to others works without presenting are also welcome but must register. Invitation Letters after registration and paper acceptance will be provided. All participants will receive a presentation/attendance certificate after the conference. While the abstracts will be published as conference book of abstract and conference proceedings for full papers submitted, we pursue opportunities of the conference outputs to be published in relevant refereed journals or patented with national and global intellectual property bodies.

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