



LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY

Report of the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Authority Management Committee



**23 – 25 November, 2010
Mulungushi International Conference Centre,
Lusaka, Zambia**

Agenda Item 1: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

1. The fourth ordinary meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) Management Committee took place at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre (MICC), Lusaka, Republic of Zambia, from 23rd to 25th November, 2010¹.
2. The meeting was attended by Management Committee members from the four Lake Tanganyika riparian countries: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia. Invited observers included representatives from the following organizations: African Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Conservation Union (IUCN). The agenda of the meeting and the list of participants are shown in Annexes 1 and 2 respectively.
3. The LTA Executive Director called the meeting to order at 09:00 Hours and welcomed all the delegates and observers to the meeting. He then invited the four Chairpersons of the Management Committee from the riparian countries to deliver their opening statements.

Remarks by Heads of Country Delegations

4. In his speech shown under Annex 3, the Burundian Head of delegation, Mr. Fidele GAHUNGU, thanked the LTA Secretariat and Zambia as the host country for good logistics and well organized meeting. He further highlighted that the riparian countries had an important role to play in addressing the challenges for effective protection of the biodiversity and sustainable management of the natural resources in the Lake Tanganyika and its basin. He also underscored the importance of the meeting as it provided an opportunity for riparian countries to discuss and agree on measures to foster effective implementation of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika.
5. The Democratic Republic of Congo Head of Delegation, Mr. Gayo LEMBA, thanked Zambia and LTA Secretariat for putting in place all necessary logistics for the meeting and went on to say that his country was committed to working with other riparian countries in finding the solutions to the various sustainable management challenges which the Lake and its basin were facing. He further encouraged the riparian countries to continue their efforts to implement the Convention. The Democratic Republic of Congo Head of Delegation speech is shown under Annex 4.
6. The Zambian Head of Delegation, Dr. Harris PHIRI, welcomed the delegates to Zambia and informed the meeting that Zambia considered Lake Tanganyika as one of the important fisheries reserves for the country which must be well managed for livelihood of current and future generations. Zambia also noted that, since the lake was still facing serious challenges, the meeting provided a good opportunity for riparian countries to chart out the solutions for those challenges. The Zambian Head of Delegation speech is shown under Annex 5.

Opening Remarks by the Guest of Honour

7. The current Chairman of the Management Committee from Tanzania, Dr. Julius NINGU, Director of Environment, Vice President's Office, invited the Guest of Honour, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources of the host

¹ The meeting was planned for 23rd and 24th November, 2010, but deliberations were carried forward to the 25th November, 2010

country, Mrs. Lillian M. KAPULU, to present welcoming remarks and to officially open the meeting. Her opening remarks as shown under Annex 6 were read by Mr. Lubinda AONGOLA, the Director of Planning and Information. Mrs. KAPULU welcomed the delegates to Zambia and encouraged them to explore the beauty of Lusaka in their free time. She also urged the meeting to work hard in the coming two days so that critical issues as per meeting agenda are discussed and recommendations submitted to the Conference of Ministers for their approval or endorsement.

Handing over the Chairmanship by Tanzania to Zambia

8. The current Chairman of the Management Committee, Dr. Julius NINGU, from Tanzania formally handed over the Chairmanship to Zambia. In his handing over remarks shown under Annex 7. The Chairman pointed out the achievements made during the three year tenure (2007 to 2010) of chairmanship by Tanzania such as the appointment of the LTA Executive Director and Directors, establishment of National Coordination Units and initiating the process of updating the Strategic Action Programme (SAP). He also mentioned a number of challenges during his term and the most critical was delays or no remittance of national contributions by the riparian countries. He urged all riparian countries to take the challenge of remitting national contributions more seriously and called upon them to effectively fulfill their obligations.
9. Dr. Harris PHIRI, acting on behalf of the in-coming Chairman of the Management Committee, thanked the outgoing Chairman for the leadership provided during his tenure and reiterated Zambia's commitment to continue and achieve desired objectives of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

10. The draft agenda was adopted, with minor addition on agenda item 14 to include *Cross Border Fish Trading* as sub-item 14.8 as shown under Annex 1.

Agenda Item 3: Election of the Bureau

11. Tanzania and Burundi were invited and accepted to serve as Anglophone and Francophone Rapporteurs respectively.

Agenda Item 4: Adoption of Minutes of the third Ordinary Meeting

12. The Management Committee approved the minutes of the third ordinary meeting with minor corrections to the List of Participants.

Agenda Item 5: Matters Arising from the third Ordinary Meeting

13. The LTA Secretariat presented a report with five issues as matters arising from the third ordinary meeting of the Management Committee.

Zambia fulfillment of the ADB conditions (MC/4/5.1)

14. The meeting was informed that Zambia had fulfilled the ADB loan conditions by submitting the document on sustainable debt management to ADB and establishing the NCU office in Mpulungu. The first disbursement from ADB was received in February 2010.

National Contributions (MC/4/5.2)

15. The meeting was informed that only Tanzania had fulfilled her annual national contributions for 2009 and 2010. Burundi and Zambia had remitted partial contributions while the Democratic Republic of Congo had contributed nothing by the end of October, 2010. The status of national contributions by the end of October 2010 as presented by the LTA Secretariat is shown in the figure under Agenda Item 7 paragraph 29. The meeting called upon the riparian countries to expedite the remittances of their national contributions. The matter was further discussed under agenda item 7.1.2

Appointment of LTA and NCU staff members (MC/4/5.3)

16. The meeting was informed that the LTA Secretariat recruited the Director of Fisheries, Mr. Kaitira Ibrahim KATONDA from Tanzania on 8th March 2010 after his candidacy was endorsed by the other three riparian countries. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the NCU in Kalemie had filled all the staff position as at 31st March 2010: Ms Liliane Many NGOIE was recruited as the Fisheries Expert; Mr. Enock K. YAMBAYAMBA as the Environment Expert and Mr. Kasindi Loselose KABWIKA as the Socio-economist.
17. Further, the NCU office in Kigoma, Tanzania had filled all staff position as at 30th July 2010: Mr. Magese Emanuel BULAYI was recruited as the Fisheries Expert and Mr. Steven NGODA as the Socio-economist. In Zambia, the NCU in Mpulungu had recruited Dr. Martin MBEWE as the National Coordinator and Ms. Mwila CHIRWA as the Finance Manager as at the beginning of November, 2010.

LTA/FAO Technical Assistance Agreement for PRODAP (MC/4/5.4)

18. The meeting was informed that the LTA/FAO Technical Assistance Agreement under PRODAP was signed on 10th September 2010 by Dr. Henry MWIMA, LTA Executive Director and His Excellency Mr. Arlindo P. BRAGANGA GOMES the FAO Resident Representative in Burundi at a brief ceremony held at the Ministry of External Relations and International Cooperation in Bujumbura, Burundi. His Excellency Dr. Augustin NSANZE, the Minister of External Relations and International Cooperation witnessed the signing and endorsed the Agreement on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Burundi. The signing ceremony was also witnessed and endorsed by His Excellency Ambassador Salomon BALIENE on behalf of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo and His Excellency Ambassador Dr. James NZAGI on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania. On 11th November, 2010, the Agreement was endorsed by His Excellency Ambassador Darius BUBALA on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia.

Signing of the LTA Headquarters Agreement (MC/4/5.5)

19. The meeting was informed that the LTA Headquarters Agreement with Burundi as a host country was signed on 4th November, 2009. The LTA Executive Director, Dr. Henry MWIMA, signed on behalf of the LTA and the Minister of External Relations and International Cooperation, His Excellency Dr. Augustin NSANZE, signed on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

The Management Committee took note of progress and achievements made by the LTA Secretariat and riparian countries in implementing the decisions and recommendations made at the third ordinary meeting.

Agenda Item 6: LTA Secretariat Annual Report for 2009 and Progress Report for 2010

Lake Tanganyika Authority Annual Report for 2009 (MC/4/6.1)

20. The LTA Secretariat presented the 2009 Annual Report and among other things informed the meeting that there were no major achievements under the Fisheries Directorate because the Director of Fisheries had not yet been recruited. The meeting adopted the 2009 Annual Report but requested the Secretariat to ensure that recommendations in the Executive Summary of future reports clearly state what actions will be expected to be undertaken by riparian countries and supporting partners.

LTA Audited Accounts for 2009 (MC/4/6.1.1)

21. The LTA Secretariat presented the report of the Audited Accounts for 2009 which was undertaken by an external auditor, FIDASCO. The Secretariat also elaborated on the competitive procurement process followed to recruit the external auditor. The Democratic Republic of Congo delegation requested the Secretariat to include the Terms of Reference to future reports of Audited Accounts. The report was adopted after a brief discussion.

LTA Progress Report for 2010 (MC/4/6.2)

22. The LTA Secretariat presented the progress report from January to October 2010 for the Executive Administration and the four Directorates: Administration and Finance, Environment, Fisheries and Monitoring and Evaluation. The Secretariat also presented the challenges faced especially non remittance and partial remittance of national contributions by some riparian countries which had severely affected the operations of the Secretariat and National Coordination Units.
23. The Democratic Republic of Congo delegation commended the Secretariat for presenting a concise report. The Tanzanian delegation requested the LTA Secretariat to include in subsequent reports supervision mission reports as annexes in order for Management Committee members to appreciate the issues raised from the missions. After some discussion, the meeting took note of the progress made by LTA.

UNDP/GEF Project Progress Report for 2010 (MC/4/6.3)

24. The UNDP/GEF Project Regional Coordinator presented the progress report from January to October 2010 and mentioned that Project Management Units (PMUs) in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo had been established and were functional. The Burundian delegation requested that Burundi should also be supported under the UNDP/GEF Project for sedimentation control.
25. The meeting was informed that although Burundi component does not include sedimentation control, Burundi would benefit by participating in the Democratic Republic of Congo ICRAF training. It was further stated that there were some budget limitations and the best option was for Burundi to benefit from knowledge transfer from the project activities implemented in the Democratic Republic of Congo. During the discussion, the ADB delegate informed the meeting that there are sedimentation control activities that will be funded by PRODAP in Burundi and requested the Management Committee members to take note that some activities will be undertaken on sedimentation control.

The Management Committee took note of the progress and achievements made by the LTA and the UNDP/GEF Regional Project.

Agenda Item 7: Regional Programme / Project Annual Work Plans and Budgets for 2011

Lake Tanganyika Authority Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011 (MC/4/7.1.1)

26. The LTA Secretariat presented the abridged version of the Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011 divided in five sub-components; the Executive Administration and the four Directorates of i) Administration and Finance, ii) Environment, iii) Fisheries and iv) Monitoring and Evaluation.
27. The Zambian delegation sought clarification on the distribution criteria for surveillance boats per each riparian country, i.e., Burundi 1 boat, Democratic Republic of Congo 2 boats, Tanzania 2 boats and Zambia 1 boat. The meeting was informed that consideration was based on the size of the surveillance boats considered suitable for operations on Lake Tanganyika and the area to be covered in each riparian country. The ADB delegate told the meeting that the estimated budget in the Project Document per boat was USD 150,000, almost half of the required current cost and suggested that that one possible option was to subtract funds from other activities in order to purchase the six boats. He further suggested that the other option would be for riparian countries to consider sharing and having joint surveillance instead of purchasing all the planned six boats. The LTA Secretariat was requested to liaise with riparian countries and come up with an option which would be more cost effective.
28. Regarding the planned recruitment of the LTA Deputy Executive Director, the Burundian delegation suggested that the recruitment should be put on hold until the financial situation of the LTA improves. The Tanzanian delegation suggested that there was need to consider two consultants for the harmonization of policies and legislation on fisheries as well as inclusion of studies on climate change in the workplan. The LTA Secretariat informed the meeting that one of the assumptions in the annual work planning and budgeting was that the riparian states would fulfill their national contribution obligations. Furthermore, the Secretariat was hopeful that the proposed fundraising strategy would be approved and implemented.

After a brief discussion and clarifications, the Management Committee took note and approved the LTA Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011

National Contributions - 2009 and 2010 (MC/4/7.1.2)

29. The LTA Secretariat presented the report on the status of national contributions to the LTA by the end of October, 2010 (details in the table below). The meeting noted that the LTA Executive Director had on several occasions written letters to riparian countries requesting them to remit their national contributions.

Status of national contribution to the LTA as at 31st October 2010

Country	Year 2009			Year 2010			Total Outstanding Amount
	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Amount Outstanding	Amount Due	Amount paid	Amount Outstanding	
Burundi	\$303,900.00	\$323,700.37 ²	(\$19,800.37)	\$303,900.00	\$161,413.02 ³	\$122,686.61	\$122,686.61
DC Congo	\$303,900.00	\$0.00	\$303,900.00	\$303,900.00	\$0.00	\$303,900.00	\$607,800.00
Tanzania	\$303,900.00	\$303,900.00 ⁴	\$0.00	\$303,900.00	\$303,900.00 ⁵	\$0.00	\$0.00
Zambia	\$303,900.00	\$156,819.12 ⁶	\$147,080.88	\$303,900.00	\$0.00	\$303,900.00	\$450,980.88
Total	\$1,215,600.00	\$646,524.76	\$569,075.24	\$1,215,600.00	\$137,894.73	\$592,591.88	\$1,181,467.49

² In 2009, Burundi remitted \$162,225.13 on 12/12/2008 and \$161,475.24 on 28/05/09

³ In 2010, Burundi remitted \$53,527.05 on 28/05/2010, \$53,731.06 on 19/07/2010 and \$53,492.26 on 28/09/2010

⁴ In 2009, Tanzania remitted the whole amount on 9/04/2009

⁵ In 2010, Tanzania remitted the whole amount on 12/07/2010

⁶ In 2009, Zambia remitted \$18,924.39 on 16/07/2009 and in 2010, \$137,894.73 was remitted on 13/04/2010

30. The Tanzanian delegation suggested that the riparian countries should remit all outstanding national contributions to LTA by the end December 2010. This proposal was supported by delegations from Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia. The Management Committee members drew the attention of riparian countries to the provisions of the Financial Regulations and reminded all the states to remit their national contributions in US Dollars currency.
31. The Burundian delegation informed the meeting that there was an error in the way the country's funding was being disbursed as it was treated as investment and went on to say that funding had now been streamlined into the normal budgetary allocations.
32. The Tanzanian delegation suggested that the Secretariat should devise a workable strategy for follow up on the national contributions. The LTA Secretariat was requested to draft a letter to be signed by the Chairperson of the Conference of Ministers to remind the three riparian countries (Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia) to immediately remit the outstanding national contributions. However, it was later decided to present the matter to the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers for a definite decision.

After a lengthy discussion, the Management Committee agreed to table the matter before the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers for a definite decision.

UNDP/GEF Regional Project Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011 (MC/4/7.2)

33. The Project Regional Coordinator presented the UNDP/GEF Project Annual Workplan and Budget. A question was raised why Burundi was not included on catchment management programme of activities. In response to the question, the Project Regional Coordinator said that according to the Project Design, the activities planned for Burundi were on controlling pollution of the Lake waters through treatment of urban wastewaters in Bujumbura. The Regional Project Coordinator added that Burundi was going to benefit from the catchment management activities programme by attending the ICRAF workshop in the Democratic Republic of Congo (see Agenda Item 6, paragraphs 24 & 25 above).
34. The meeting was further informed that the Mid-Term Evaluation for the UNDP/GEF Project would be undertaken early next year and the results were expected to inform and identify areas that may need improvement in the project design and implementation.

After a brief discussion and clarifications, the Management Committee approved the UNDP/GEF Regional Project Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011.

Agenda Item 8: Issues from the Dar-Es-Salaam Extra-Ordinary Meeting

35. The issues under agenda 8 were first presented to the Management Committee at the extra-ordinary meeting held on 12th May 2010 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and were again being presented at the fourth ordinary meeting of the Management Committee for endorsement.

Fundraising Strategy (MC/4/8.1)

36. The LTA Secretariat briefly presented the draft Fundraising Strategy to the meeting for comments and endorsement.
37. The Tanzanian delegation appreciated the efforts made by the Secretariat in preparing the document but indicated that there was need to also include a sustainable mechanism such as introduction of user fees for utilization of natural resources of Lake Tanganyika and its Basin. In

response to the Tanzanian delegation, the Secretariat said that some provisions had already been included in the Fundraising Strategy to consider introduction of some user fees for utilization of the natural resources. Furthermore, a regional study was proposed to identify the potential sources to contribute to the trust fund taking into consideration provisions in the laws of each riparian country. The Democratic Republic of Congo delegation supported the Fundraising Strategy implementation modalities especially the idea of involving the Heads of State in the fund raising strategy as that would raise the profile of the LTA and guarantee success of the fundraising efforts.

38. The delegate from UNDP advised that funds that are for operational activities and the funds that are intended to support the staff should be clearly stated in the Fundraising Strategy in order for the LTA to effectively sell the strategy to donors.

After considering the comments and suggestions, the draft Fundraising Strategy was adopted by the Management Committee pending approval by the Conference of Ministers.

Regional Steering Committee terms of reference (MC/4/8.2)

39. The LTA Secretariat presented the draft Regional Steering Committee terms of reference (ToRs). The Executive Director further highlighted that the genesis of the ToRs emanated from the second ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers held in April 2008 in Bujumbura, Burundi which mandated the Secretariat to prepare TORs for the Regional Steering Committee.
40. On the question of the membership and quorum for the meetings, the Secretariat informed members of the Management Committee that the Rules of Procedures approved by the Conference of Ministers at the third ordinary meeting will apply to the Regional Steering Committee.

After the LTA Secretariat clarifications, the draft Regional Steering Committee terms of reference were adopted by the Management Committee pending approval by the Conference of Ministers.

LTA Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (MC/4/8.3)

41. The Director of Monitoring and Evaluation briefly presented the draft LTA Monitoring and Evaluation Manual to the meeting. After brief discussion and minor clarifications, the Democratic Republic of Congo delegation proposed adoption of the Monitoring and Evaluation Manual.

After a brief discussion, the Management Committee adopted the LTA Monitoring and Evaluation Manual, pending approval by the Conference of Ministers.

Declining water levels, deforestation and sedimentation (MC/4/8.4)

42. The LTA Secretariat presented a report on declining water level and stated that the key findings of the rapid assessment demonstrated that human activities such as destruction of a barrage in the Lukuga River did not have any significant influence on natural water level fluctuations in Lake Tanganyika over the period: 1995 - 2010.
43. The Tanzanian delegation submitted that there was need to undertake further research within the framework of the Lake Tanganyika Water Initiative. The meeting was informed that with the support of the UNDP/GEF Project more data would be collected and analyzed and the results would be uploaded on the LTA website.

The Management Committee took note and agreed that more studies should be undertaken in order to generate quantitative information that would be useful for management decisions.

Notifications to Contracting States (MC/4/8.5)

44. The LTA Secretariat reported that two Notifications had been issued to each riparian country requesting for information on activities being undertaken to implement the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika and developmental activities that may be presumed to have adverse impacts on Lake Tanganyika and its basin (Copies of Notifications are included under Annex 8).

The Management Committee took note of the two Notifications and urged Contracting States to submit the required information to the LTA Secretariat by the end of February 2011. Furthermore, the Management Committee reminded the LTA Secretariat to compile the information and distribute to all the contracting states

Amendments to the present Convention (MC/4/8.6)

45. Burundi volunteered to propose an amendment to the present Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika aimed at formalizing the increase in the number of members of the Management Committee from three to four.
46. The meeting further agreed that the request made during the third ordinary meeting to include ADB as an Observer under Article 24 of the Convention was not necessary. After reviewing the provisions of Article 24 paragraph 6 of the Convention, the Management Committee concluded that it was not necessary to propose any amendment for inclusion of ADB on the list of Observers.

The Management Committee adopted the recommendation for Burundi to submit an amendment to the present Convention to include one member from the Ministry in charge of Finance on the Management Committee, subject to approval by the Conference of Ministers.

Roles of Permanent Secretaries on the LTA Structure (MC/4/8.7)

47. The LTA Secretariat introduced this agenda item which was proposed by Tanzania during the extraordinary meeting held in Dar es Salaam on 12th May, 2010.
48. The Tanzanian delegation submitted that the Permanent Secretaries who are the controlling officers of funds in their respective ministries should be included in the present LTA structure and their roles clearly articulated. Furthermore, the Tanzanian delegation said that including Permanent Secretaries in the LTA structure would be in line with provisions of Article 36 and Article 24, paragraph 5(e) of the Convention. The Zambia delegation supported the Tanzanian delegation's submission.
49. The Democratic Republic of Congo delegation rejected the proposal of including Permanent Secretaries in the LTA structure and stated that the Anglophone system and Francophone systems were different. The Democratic Republic of Congo delegation went on to say that in Francophone countries, Ministers are the controlling officers of the Ministry's budget and their Directors are directly responsible to them. The Burundian delegation concurred with the Democratic Republic of Congo position.

The Management Committee resolved to present the matter to the Conference of Ministers since the riparian countries had failed to come up with a common position.

Agenda Item 9: Formation of Technical Committees/ Agenda Item 10: Communications and Appointment of Official Contact Persons

50. The LTA Secretariat proposed to the meeting the need to establish four technical committees, namely Socio-economic, Fisheries Management, Biological Diversity and Water Quality/Pollution Control, to assist in the performance of its functions in accordance with Article 27, paragraph 2 of the Convention. Each contracting state was requested to submit nominations of one expert for each of the four technical committees.

51. Further, the LTA Secretariat informed the meeting that there was need for the contracting states to formally communicate to the LTA Secretariat the appointment of their official Contact Persons in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedures.

After a brief discussion, the Management Committee agreed that Contracting States should submit to the LTA Secretariat the names of experts to sit on each of the four technical committees and also submit the name(s) of official LTA Contact Person(s). The deadline for the submissions to the LTA Secretariat was 31st December 2010.

Agenda Item 11: Draft Updated Strategic Action Programme

52. The LTA Secretariat presented the draft of the updated Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for endorsement. The process followed in national and regional consultations was highlighted by the Director of Environment. The roadmap to finalize the updating process was presented by the UNDP/GEF Project Regional Coordinator. According to the roadmap, the updating process was expected to be completed by October 2011

The Management Committee took note of the progress made in the updating of the SAP and agreed with the proposed roadmap. However, the Management Committee recommended that the updating of the SAP should be completed in good time in order for it to be presented at the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers for final endorsement.

Agenda Item 12: National Coordination Units (NCUs) Staff Rules and Conditions of Service

53. The LTA Secretariat introduced the draft NCU Staff Rules and Conditions of Service document and emphasized the importance of harmonizing and standardizing the staff rules and conditions of service for the NCUs staff members in the four riparian countries. The Executive Director stated that NCUs should be perceived as LTA national offices with clearly articulated linkages to the LTA Secretariat. The National Coordinator for Burundi gave the highlights of the Staff Rules and Conditions of Service document.

54. During discussion, the Tanzanian delegation said that Management Committee members needed more time to study the document because of the legal and financial implications involved. This view was also supported by the Burundian and Zambian delegations. But the Democratic Republic of Congo delegation earnestly implored the riparian countries to consider and adopt the

document since the NCU staff members in the four countries were currently working with no formal rules and conditions of service.

The Management Committee called upon all the riparian countries to study the document and thereafter submit comments to the LTA Secretariat not later than 31st December, 2010. The Management Committee went on to say that if no comments are received by the LTA Secretariat by the end of December 2010, the document would be considered as approved. The Management Committee adopted this recommendation, pending approval by the Conference of Ministers

Agenda Item 13: National Programme / Project Progress for 2010 and Activities Planned for 2011

National Coordination Units (MC/4/13.1)

55. The summary progress reports covering the period from January to September 2010 and highlights of activities planned for 2011 in the four riparian countries were presented by National Coordinators for Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia.

Project Management Units (MC/4/13.2)

56. The summary progress reports covering the period from January to September 2010 and highlights of activities for 2011 for national projects funded by the UNDP/GEF were presented by PMU Managers for Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia.

After discussing and making some corrections to the reports, the Management Committee took note of the progress and achievements made by the individual NCUs and PMUs in implementing the 2010 Workplans and Budgets. Furthermore, the Management Committee took note of the planned activities for 2011.

Programme/Project Coordination at National Levels (MC/4/13.3)

57. The LTA Secretariat gave a brief background on the decision made at the second ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers regarding programme and project coordination at national levels. During the second ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers, ministers resolved that the Inter-ministerial Steering Committees established as part of the ADB loan and grant conditions should serve as National Steering Committees for the purpose of programme and project coordination at national levels. Membership of each Inter-ministerial Steering Committee included eight members: a representative of the Ministries in charge of Finance, Fisheries, Environment, Water, Local Government, a representative of the private sector and two representatives of the socio-professional organizations one of whom shall be a woman. The riparian countries were then asked to confirm the formation and composition of their respective National Steering Committees.
58. The Burundian delegation reported that Burundi had 10 members mainly from fisheries department of the Ministry of Agriculture. The Tanzanian delegation reported that the National Steering Committee with 13 members included Permanent Secretaries from the Vice President's Office, Water, Local Government, Natural Resources, Fisheries, Agriculture and Finance. Other members of the Tanzania National Steering Committee were: Kigoma Regional Commissioner, Rukwa Regional Commissioner, two representatives from NGOs and one representative from the Private Sector.

59. The Zambian delegation reported that the National Steering Committee had 9 members consisting of Directors from Finance, Water Affairs, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment; Mpulungu District Commissioner, Kaputa District Commissioner, one representative from the NGOs and one representative from Planning and Information in the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources. The Democratic Republic of Congo delegation reported that the National Steering Committee had eight members selected in accordance with the decision of the second ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers.

After a long discussion, the Management Committee noted that some countries had identified other important stakeholders like Agriculture that should be represented on the National Steering Committee (NSC) and suggested that the NSC for each riparian country should be re-constituted with a minimum number of 8 and a maximum number of 12 members. Furthermore, the Management Committee observed that all the sectors identified in the decision of the second ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers should be represented.

Agenda Item 14: Specific Items from Contracting States and LTA Secretariat

Oil Exploration and Extraction/Production (MC/4/14.1)

60. The LTA Secretariat presented information about Surestream Petroleum's work on the preliminary oil exploration work in Burundi on Lake Tanganyika. The Secretariat further stated that Beach Petroleum was another oil exploration venture on Lake Tanganyika, but the LTA Secretariat had no specific details on the Beach Petroleum project at the time of reporting.
61. The LTA Secretariat presented the matter for discussion and suggested the matter be tabled before the soon to be established Biological Diversity Technical Committee to critically evaluate the environmental impact assessment done by Surestream Petroleum and advise the riparian governments through the Management Committee.
62. The Tanzanian delegation proposed that the riparian countries should harmonize investment guidelines to guide all investments in the Lake Tanganyika and its Basin and also develop protocols to guide the riparian countries in the sustainable development of Lake Tanganyika and its Basin just like the one that has been developed by Lake Victoria Basin.

The Management Committee took note of the development and called upon the LTA Secretariat to work closely with the riparian countries and come up with long term framework for sustainable development of Lake Tanganyika and its Basin.

Tourism Development (MC/4/14.2)

63. The LTA Secretariat introduced the subject and reminded the riparian states that they should report to the LTA Secretariat their planned and on-going tourism development activities within the Lake Tanganyika Basin in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika. During discussion, the Zambian delegation informed the meeting that there were tourism development activities that were being undertaken in the Kasaba Bay and Nsumbu National Park.

The Management Committee called upon all the riparian countries to report to the LTA Secretariat any planned and on-going tourism activities within the Lake Tanganyika Basin

in their respective countries. In particular, Zambia was requested to officially communicate to the LTA Secretariat details of the tourism development activities in Kasaba Bay and Nsumbu National Park.

NIGLAS Donation (MC/4/14.7)

64. The LTA Secretariat gave a brief background and progress made working with the Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology (NIGLAS) of China on the project titled Enhance Capacity of Monitoring Shared Water Resources of the Lake Tanganyika. The meeting was informed that LTA Secretariat Working Group consisting of the Director of Environment (Chairperson), Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical Advisor – Environment of the UNDP/GEF Project and Tanzania NCU Coordinator was formed to ensure that there was adequate coordination with riparian countries, NIGLAS and LTA supporting partners. The LTA Secretariat reported that two training workshops were held in May – July, 2010 and October, 2010 in China and were attended by participants from the four riparian countries. Furthermore, the LTA Secretariat informed the meeting that NIGLAS had procured water monitoring equipment worth USD 20,000 for two laboratories for Lake Tanganyika (full details shown under Annex 9).

The Management Committee took note of the progress made and thereafter endorsed the Burundi and Tanzania as the first two riparian countries to receive the water monitoring laboratory equipment.

Agenda Item 15: Preparation of Agenda for the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of Ministers

65. The Conference of Ministers meeting Provisional Agenda presented by the LTA Secretariat was adopted with minor amendments as shown under Annex 10.

Agenda Item 16: Date and Venue for the fifth Ordinary Meeting

66. The fifth ordinary meeting of the Management Committee will be hosted by Tanzania at a date to be agreed upon after consultations between the host country and other riparian countries.

Agenda Item 17: Any Other Business

Suggestion for future meetings

67. The meeting suggested that in future meetings, a provision should be made on the agenda for country consultations. It was felt that this would facilitate speedy decision making during meeting deliberations.

Operation of the Management Committee

68. The 2012 LTA Budget should have sufficient provisions for the Management Committee to procurement of goods and services for the LTA work. The LTA Executive Director took note and said that he was going to make consultations with the Management Committee national focal points.

There being no other matters for discussion, the meeting closed at 17.30 hrs.

Dr. Harris PHIRI
Chairman

Dr. Henry MWIMA
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**Annex 1: Agenda for the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Authority
Management Committee, 23-24 November 2010, Mulungushi International
Conference Centre, Lusaka - Zambia**

Day One: Tuesday – 23rd November, 2010

Time	Agenda Item	Issue	Reference
09:00	1	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS	
09:45	2	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	MC/4/4
09:50	3	ELECTION OF THE BUREAU	
10:00	4	ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING	Report
10:25		Recess: Group Photo	
10:30		Tea / Coffee Break	
11:00	5	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING	MC/4/5
		5.1 Zambia fulfillment of the ADB conditions	MC/4/5.1
		5.2 National Contributions	MC/4/5.2
		5.3 Appointment of LTA and NCU staff members	MC/4/5.3
		5.4 LTA/FAO Technical Assistance Agreement for PRODAP	MC/4/5.4
		5.5 Signing of the LTA Headquarters Agreement	MC/4/5.5
11:00	6	LTA SECRETARIAT ANNUAL REPORT - 2009 AND PROGRESS REPORT - 2010	MC/4/6
		6.1 Lake Tanganyika Authority Annual Report for 2009	MC/4/6.1
		6.1.1 LTA Audited Accounts for 2009	MC/4/6.1.1
		6.2 LTA Progress Report for 2010	MC/4/6.2
		6.3 UNDP/GEF Project Progress Report for 2010	MC/4/6.3
11:45	7	REGIONAL PROGRAMME / PROJECT AWPB FOR 2011	MC/4/7
		7.1 Lake Tanganyika Authority	MC/4/7.1
		7.1.1 Detailed Budget for 2011	MC/4/7.1.1
		7.1.2 National Contributions (2009 and 2010)	MC/4/7.1.2
		7.2 UNDP/GEF Project	MC/4/7.2
		7.3 PRODAP	MC/4/7.3
13:00		Lunch Break	
14:00	8	ISSUES FROM THE DAR-ES-SALAAM EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING	MC/4/8
		8.1 Fundraising Strategy (2011 – 2015)	MC/4/8.1
		8.2 Regional Steering Committee terms of reference	MC/4/8.2
		8.3 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework	MC/4/8.3
		8.4 Declining water levels, deforestation and sedimentation	MC/4/8.4
		8.5 Notifications to Contracting States	MC/4/8.5
		8.6 Amendments to the present Convention	MC/4/8.6
		8.7 Roles of Permanent Secretaries in the LTA Structure	MC/4/8.7
15:00		Tea / Coffee Break	
15:30	9	FORMATION OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES	MC/4/9
16:00	10	COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL CONTACT PERSONS	MC/4/10
16:30		Conclusion of Business for Day One	

Day Two: Wednesday – 24th November, 2010

Time	Agenda Item	Issue	Reference
09:00	11	DRAFT UPDATED STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME	MC/4/11
10:30		Tea / Coffee Break	
11:00	12	NCU STAFF RULES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE	MC/4/12
11:45	13	NATIONAL PROGRAMME / PROJECT PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 (Highlights)	
	MC/4/13		
		13.1 National Coordination Units	MC/4/13.1
		Burundi	MC/4/13.1.1
		D. R. Congo	MC/4/13.1.2
		Tanzania	MC/4/13.1.3
		Zambia	MC/4/13.1.4
		13.2 Project Management Units	MC/4/13.2
		Burundi	MC/4/13.2.1
		D. R. Congo	MC/4/13.2.2
		Tanzania	MC/4/13.2.3
		Zambia	MC/4/13.2.4
		13.3 Programme/Project coordination at national levels	MC/4/13.3
13:00		Lunch Break	
14:00	14	SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM CONTRACTING STATES AND LTA SECRETARIAT	MC/4/14
		14.1 Oil Exploration and Extraction/Production	MC/4/14.1
		14.2 Tourism Development	MC/4/14.2
		14.3 Water Level Decrease	MC/4/14.3
		14.4 Sedimentation	MC/4/14.4
		14.5 Climate Change	MC/4/14.5
		14.6 Malagarasi River Hydro-electric Power Project	MC/4/14.6
		14.7 NIGLAS Donation	MC/4/14.7
14:45	15	PREPARATION OF AGENDA FOR THE 4TH ORDINARY COM MEETING	MC/4/15
15:30	16	Date and Venue for the 5 th ordinary meeting	
15:35	17	Any Other Business	
15:45		Conclusion of Day Two Business / Tea – Coffee Break	

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MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS LES MEMBRES DU COMITE DE GESTION DE L'ALT,
MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS LES DIRECTEURS DE L'ALT,
DISTINGUES INVITES,
MESDAMES, MESSIEURS,

AU NOM DE LA DELEGATION BURUNDAISE, JE VOUDRAIS SOUHAITER LA CHALEUREUSE BIENVENUE A TOUTES LES DELEGATIONS VENUES PARTICIPER A CES ASSISES DE LA 4^{EME} REUNION ORDINAIRE DU COMITE DE GESTION DE L'ALT.

VOTRE PRESENCE ICI EST UN TEMOIGNAGE ELOQUENT DE L'IMPORTANCE QUE VOUS ACCORDEZ A LA GESTION DURABLE DE NOTRE PATRIMOINE COMMUN QU'EST LE LAC TANGANYIKA.
JE VOUDRAIS AUSSI PROFITER DE CETTE OCCASION POUR REMERCIER TRES VIVEMENT LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE LA ZAMBIE QUI A ACCEPTE D'ABRITER LES TRAVAUX DE CETTE REUNION.

MES REMERCIEMENTS S'ADRESSENT EGALEMENT AU SECRETARIAT DE L'ALT QUI A APPRETE LA LOGISTIQUE AFIN DE PERMETTRE LE BON DEROULEMENT DES TRAVAUX DE LA PRESENTE REUNION.
DISTINGUES INVITES, MESDAMES, MESSIEURS, COMME VOUS LE SAVEZ TOUS LE LAC TANGANYIKA EST CONFRONTE A DE NOMBREUX DEFIS. CE SONT ENTRE AUTRES LA SUREXPLOITATION DE SES RESSOURCES, LES DIFFERENTES FORTUNES DE POLLUTION.

AUJOURD'HUI, ON SE REJOUIT D'ORGANISER CETTE REUNION APRES AVOIR TERMINE DES ATELIERS DE CONSULTATIONS NATIONALES SUR LA MISE A JOUR DU PROGRAMME D'ACTION STRATEGIQUE SUR LA GESTION DURABLE DU LAC TANGANYIKA.

JE NE DOUTE DONC PAS QU'ON SORTIR DE CETTE REUNION, DES PROPOSITIONS CONCRETES ALLANTS DANS LE SENS DE RELEVER TOUS CES DEFIS VONT ETRE EMISES DANS LE SENS DE PRESERVER POUR NOTRE ECOSYSTEME SI PRECIEUX POUR NOS GENERATIONS ACTUELLES ET FUTURES.

VIVE LA COOPERATION ENTRE LES PEUPLES,
VIVE LE LAC TANGANYIKA,
JE VOUS REMERCIE.

**Annex 4: Opening Remarks by the DR Congo Chairperson of Lake Tanganyika Authority
Management Committee, Mr. Gayo LEMBA, 23rd November 2010**

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MESSIEURS LES MEMBRES DU COMITE DE GESTION,
MESSIEURS LES DIRECTEURS DU SECRETARIAT EXECUTIF DE L'ALT,
CHERS INVITES ET MESDAMES, MESSIEURS,

NOUS SOMMES TOUS HEUREUX DE NOUS RETROUVER ICI A LUSAKA – ZAMBIE, POUR LA 4EME REUNION ORDINAIRE DU COMITE DE GESTION ET 4EME REUNION DE LA CONFERENCE MINISTERIELLE DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA.

JE PROFITE DE CETTE OCCASION POUR REMERCIER LE GOUVERNEMENT ZAMBIEN D'ACCEPTER DE RECEVOIR CES ASSISES.

NOUS LE CROYONS TOUS BIEN QUE LES PRESENTES ASSISES VONT CONTRIBUER EFFICACEMENT A RESOUDRE CERTAINES QUESTIONS PENDANTES QUI N'ONT PAS ENCORE DE SOLUTION EFFICIENTE. COMME VOUS LE SAVEZ TOUS, LE LAC TANGANYIKA, C.A.D. ECOSYSTEME AUJOURD'HUI TRES TOUCHE PAR LA SEDIMENTATION, LA POLLUTION ET LE DEBOISEMENT DEVAIT ETRE PROTEGE, CONSERVE ET SAUVEGARDE SES RESSOURCES POUR LES GENERATIONS PRESENTES ET FUTURES.

ESPERONS QUE LA CONFERENCE MINISTERIELLE DE LUSAKA POURRAIT FAIRE AVANCER NOTRE PROGRAMMA DANS LE SENS DE LA GESTION COOPERATIVE ET INTEGREE POUR L'INTERET DE NOS ETATS CONTRACTANTS.

JE VOUS REMERCIE.

GAYO LEMBA /DRC

**Annex 5: Opening Remarks by the representative of the Zambia Chairperson of Lake
Tanganyika Authority Management Committee, Dr. Harris PHIRI, 23rd November
2010**

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MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATES FROM THE RIPARIAN COUNTRIES
ALL PROTOCOLS OBSERVED
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

ON BEHALF OF REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ORGANIZERS OF THE MEETING FOR ALLOWING THAT THIS MEETING BE HELD IN ZAMBIA. WE FEEL HONOURED TO HAVE HOSTED THIS MEETING AND WE WELCOME YOU TO ZAMBIA ALL OF YOU.

LAKE TANGANYIKA IS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT FISHERIES RESOURCES IN ZAMBIA AND WE HAVE OBSERVED PROBLEMS THAT ARE LEADING TO THE DEPLETING OF OUR STOCKS AND ALSO THE DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE LAKE SHORES.

WE ARE HAPPY THAT THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (SAP) IS ALMOST FINISHED IN PREPARATION WHICH IS INTENDED TO ADDRESS MOST OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE RELATED TO STOCK DEPLETION. WE HOPE THAT THIS MEETING WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GATHERING SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO ADDRESS AND CHART THE WAY THE WAY FORWARD IN THE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ZAMBIA

THANK YOU.

Annex 6: Welcome Remarks by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Zambia, 23rd November 2010

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THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA,
DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA RIPARIAN COUNTRIES,
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COOPERATING PARTNERS,
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY,
SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,
INVITED GUESTS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA FOR THE HONOUR OF CHOOSING OUR COUNTRY TO HOST THE FOURTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY. IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO HAVE BEEN ACCORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU AT THIS SESSION.

ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, LET ME WELCOME YOU TO ZAMBIA AND LUSAKA IN PARTICULAR, AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO ENJOY THE WARM HOSPITALITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

THE TASK BEFORE YOU IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS IS TO MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA AND ITS BASIN. I AM AWARE THAT THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE LAKE AT BOTH NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS. YOUR COMMITTEE HAS GUIDED THE PROCESS OF UPDATING THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (SAP) AT REGIONAL LEVEL WHILE IN-COUNTRY GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED THROUGH THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEES. I AM ALSO INFORMED THAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDING INPUT TOWARDS IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY AREAS FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL MONITORING FRAMEWORK.

AT YOUR LAST EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING IN DAR ES SALAAM, OUR GOVERNMENTS WERE INFORMED OF THE STATUS ON THE IMPENDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION. MY GOVERNMENT IS, THEREFORE, ANTICIPATING THE CONCLUSION OF THIS AGREEMENT AT THIS SESSION AND URGES MEMBER STATES AND CO-OPERATING PARTNERS TO GIVE THIS ISSUE THE NECESSARY CONSIDERATION.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

LET ME CONCLUDE BY EMPHASIZING ON THE NEED FOR CO-ORDINATION AMONGST MEMBERS AT BOTH REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS TO ENSURE THAT POLICY AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE IS ABLY PROVIDED. LET ME EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO THE CO-OPERATING PARTNERS THAT HAVE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE, MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO ENABLE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO PROCEED AS SCHEDULED.

WITH THESE REMARKS, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU A PRODUCTIVE AND FRUITFUL MEETING.

I NOW HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO DECLARE THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY OFFICIALLY OPEN.

I THANK YOU.

Annex 7: Handing Over Remarks by the Chairperson of Lake Tanganyika Authority Management Committee, Dr. Julius NINGU, Director of Environment, Vice President's Office, United Republic of Tanzania, 23 November, 2010

LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS;
DR. HENRY MWIMA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY;
LTA SECRETARIAT;
REPRESENTATIVE OF DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS PRESENT HERE;
DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES;
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

GOOD MORNING. IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO GIVE SOME REMARKS AT THIS IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY AS AN OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS ARE DUE TO THE INCOMING CHAIRMAN FOR BEING READY TO TAKE OVER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF L T A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AS YOU RECALL, TANZANIA TOOK CHARGE OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN APRIL 2007 AT THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA. DURING THIS PERIOD, TANZANIA HAS CHAIRED THREE ORDINARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ONE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING. INDEED TANZANIANS APPRECIATE TO HAVE THIS HONOR FOR BEING TRUSTEE TO BE THE FIRST TO HOLD THIS POSITION. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM LTA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SECRETARIAT DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE TANZANIA CHAIRMANSHIP. FURTHERMORE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT GENEROUSLY EXTENDED BY IUCN WHICH TOOK PART AS SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE ALL THE REPORTS AND PROCEEDINGS WHEN THE L T A SECRETARIAT WAS NOT IN PLACE. ONCE AGAIN I SAY THANK YOU.

MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ON YOUR BEHALF, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS ESPECIALLY THE UNITED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP/GEF), THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (AFDB), NDF, THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS THE IUCN FOR THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF PUTTING IN PLACE THIS PROGRAMME. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS A REFLECTION OF YOUR COMMITMENT TOWARDS FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA.

MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ALLOW ME ALSO TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE PERIOD TANZANIA CHAIRED THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

- ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS SET OUT IN THE CONVENTION ON THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT, AMONG OTHERS, TO ENSURE OPERATIONALISATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA

AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. THIS INCLUDES, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; DIRECTOR OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION; DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES; DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT; AND SUPPORTING STAFF OF THE LTA SECRETARIAT;

- OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY;
- ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COORDINATION UNITS (NCU) AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNITS (PMU) IN FOUR RIPARIAN COUNTRIES;
- FINALIZATION OF THE PROJECT CONCEPT ON ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AS PART OF RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WORLD CONSERVATION UNION.
- UPDATING OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (SAP) WITH SUPPORT FROM THE UNDP/GEF. THIS WAS PRECEDED BY NATIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS IN ALL RIPARIAN COUNTRIES, HELD IN AUGUST 2010, FOLLOWED BY REGIONAL FORUM IN SEPTEMBER 2010. THE FINAL UPDATED SAP DOCUMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE ENDORSED BY THE FOURTH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS; AND
- FINALIZATION OF A FRAMEWORK FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA REGIONAL INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAMME UNDER SUPPORT OF UNDP/GEF.

MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DESPITE OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA PROGRAMME FACED SEVERAL CHALLENGES. THE CRITICAL ONE BEING DELAY IN NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION REMITTANCE AND FAILURE BY SOME RIPARIAN COUNTRIES TO REMIT FULL NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE LTA SECRETARIAT'S ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES. THIS INDEED HAS PUT A LOT OF SERIOUSLY CONSTRAINTS IN MEETING THE REGIONAL PLANS AND TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT AND COORDINATION OF REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL PROGRAMME. I URGE MY FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO TAKE NOTE OF THESE CHALLENGES AND DEVELOP THE BEST WAYS TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES AND REMIT OUR CONTRIBUTIONS ADEQUATELY AND TIMELY.

MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AS WE ALL KNOW, THE LAKE TANGANYIKA INTEGRATED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IS PART OF THE EFFORTS TO MANAGE THE INCREASINGLY DETERIORATING BIODIVERSITY OF FLORA AND FAUNA IN THE LAKE AND ITS BASIN DUE TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMPTION. FOR, IT IS CLEAR THAT AS HUMAN BEINGS SEEK FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT, THEY EXPLOIT THESE RESOURCES TO AN EXTENT THAT IF NOT WELL MANAGED; THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF CREATING AN IMBALANCE AMONG VARIOUS SPECIES OF FLORA AND FAUNA. THE TASK BEFORE US IS ABSOLUTELY URGENT AND IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE ARRAY OF CHALLENGES FACING THE LAKE AND ITS BASIN. WE NEED TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES BEFORE WE CAN FULLY EXPLOIT THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXIST FOR SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH STRONG REGIONAL COOPERATION OF OUR RIPARIAN COUNTRIES AS THE LIVELIHOODS OF RIPARIAN COMMUNITIES DEPEND ON THE LAKE'S STABILITY AND RESOURCES.

MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AS I CONCLUDE, I WOULD LIKE TO REFER YOU TO **ARTICLE 25**, OF THE **CONVENTION ON THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA** PARTICULARLY PARAGRAPH THREE, WHICH REFERS TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. I QUOTE "THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, THERE AFTER THE POSITION SHALL BE ROTATED AMONG THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTING STATES IN THE ALPHABETICAL ORDER",

HAVING SAID THAT, I HAVE ALL THE REASONS TO OFFICIALLY HAND OVER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO ZAMBIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA WILL CONTINUE TO RENDER ITS SUPPORT TO THE COMING CHAIRPERSON AND I ALSO URGE MY FELLOW RIPARIAN STATES TO SUPPORT THE INCOMING CHAIR FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME OF LAKE TANGANYIKA REALIZE ITS GOALS ON CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHOSE LIVELIHOODS DEPENDS ON THE LAKE AND ITS BASIN.

I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Annex 8: Copies of Notifications sent by the LTA Secretariat to all Contracting Parties of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika

LTA/TI.5.4 (A)/2010/04

NOTIFICATION 01/2010

Date: 29th April, 2010

Subject: INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING PARTIES ACTIVITIES IN THE IMPLIMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA

The Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) Secretariat presents its compliments to the Government of((Contracting State))..... and requests the Government, as Contracting State of the **Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika** to consider Notification 01/2010 Reference No. **LTA/TI.5.4 (A)/2010/04** dated 29th April, 2010. The LTA Secretariat would be most grateful to receive Information on activities within the area of the((Contracting State))..... jurisdiction or control aimed at implementation of the Convention and enhancing sustainable management of the Lake Tanganyika and its Basin.

In this regard, the LTA Secretariat would like to draw your attention to Articles 20 and 22 of the **Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika**. May we humbly request that your response to this Notification be communicated to the LTA Secretariat within **60 days** from the date of this Notification?

The LTA Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to renew to the Government of the((Contracting State))..... our highest consideration.

Dr. Henry MWIMA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NOTIFICATION 02/2010

Date: 29th April, 2010

Subject: PRIOR NOTIFICATION ON ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE PRESUMED TO RESULT IN ADVERSE IMPACTS

The Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) Secretariat presents its compliments to the((Contracting State))..... and requests the Government, as a Contracting State of the **Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika** to consider Notification 02/2011 reference No. **LTA/TI.5.4 (A)/2010/04** dated **29th April, 2010**. The LTA Secretariat would be most grateful to receive information on any activities that may be presumed to result in adverse impacts on the Lake Tanganyika and its Basin.

In this regard, the LTA Secretariat would like to draw the attention of the((Contracting State))..... to Article 14 of the Convention and to request for information on any **proposed or on – going activities** listed in Part A of Annex 1 of the Convention within your State jurisdiction or control. For ease of reference, please find attached photocopy of Annex 1 Part A of the Convention. The LTA Secretariat would be most grateful to receive your response within **60 days** from the date of this Notification.

The LTA Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to renew to the((Contracting State))..... the assurances of our highest consideration.

Dr. Henry MWIMA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Annex 9: Water Monitoring Laboratory Equipment procured by Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology (NIGLAS) of China

Lab 1				
Rec.	Name	Model	Num.	Manufacturing country
1	Ultraviolet Spectrophotometer	754	1	China
2	Ultraviolet Spectrophotometer	752	1	China
3	Inverted microscope	XD-202	1	China
4	Removable microscope	BM-1000	1	China
5	Analytical balance	FA2204N	1	China
6	Analytical balance	YP6001N	1	China
7	Portable sterilizer	DSX-280	1	China
8	Water bath	HS-6	1	China
9	Distilled water boiler	SZ-93A	1	China
10	Quick measuring instrument for water quality	SP-1	1	China
11	Water circulated vacuum pump	SHZ-D (III)	1	China
12	Personal Computer	Lenovo	1	China
13	Sampler, glassware and etc.			China
Lab 2				
1	Ultraviolet Spectrophotometer	752	1	China
2	Removable microscope	XS-212	1	China
3	Analytical balance	YP6001N	1	China
4	Portable sterilizer	DSX-280	1	China
5	Water bath	HS-6	1	China
6	Distilled water boiler	SZ-93A	1	China
7	Portable PH-Do instrument	JPB-607	1	China
8	Sampler, glassware and etc.			China

Annex 10: Provisional Agenda for the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Authority Conference of Ministers, 26 November, 2010, Lusaka, ZAMBIA

Time	Agenda Item	Issue	Reference
08:30	1	WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY	
		1.1 Arrival of Delegations, Invited Guests and Observers	
08:50		1.2 Arrival of Ministers / Heads of Delegation	
09:00		1.3 Arrival of Guest of Honour	
09:05		1.4 Welcome Remarks – Host Minister	
09:10		1.5 Remarks by Honourable Minister (Burundi)	
09:15		1.6 Remarks by Honourable Minister (Tanzania)	
09:20		1.7 Remarks by current CoM Chairman: Honourable Minister (DR Congo)	
09:25		1.8 Remarks by Representatives of supporting partners:	
		1.8.1 African Development Bank	
		1.8.2 UNDP	
		1.8.3 FAO	
		1.8.4 IUCN	
		1.8.5 WWF	
09:50		1.9 Chairman’s Brief Statement and inviting the Guest of Honour	
09:55	2	OPENING REMARKS BY GUEST OF HONOUR	
10:10		Recess for Group Photo	
10:15		Tea / Coffee Break	
10:30	3	Consultations between Heads of Delegations	
11:00	4	Formal Hand-over of Chairmanship / Constitution of the Bureau	
11:10	5	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	CoM/4/5
11:15	6	ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING	CoM/4/6
11:00	7	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING	CoM/4/7
		6.1 Zambia fulfillment of the ADB conditions	CoM/4/7.1
		6.2 National Contributions	CoM/4/7.2
		6.3 LTA Agreement	CoM/4/7.3
11:30	8	CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF 4TH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	CoM/4/8
		8.1 Items for consideration and adoption	CoM/4/8.1
		8.1.1 LTA Secretariat Annual Report for 2009 and Progress Report for 2010	CoM/4/8.1.1
		8.1.2 Regional programme/Project Annual Work Plan and Budget 2011	CoM/4/8.1.2
		8.1.3 Declining Water Levels, Deforestation and Sedimentation	CoM/4/8.1.3
		8.1.4 Notifications to Contracting States	CoM/4/8.1.4
		8.1.5 National Programme/Progress for 2010 and Activities Planned for 2011	CoM/4/8.1.5
		8.1.6 Draft Updated Strategic Action Plan (SAP)	CoM/4/8.1.6
		8.1.7 National Coordination Units Staff Rules and Conditions of Services	CoM/4/8.1.7
		8.2 Items for consideration and approval	CoM/4/8.2
		8.1.1 Fund Raising Strategy	
	CoM/4/8.1.1	8.1.2 Regional Steering Committee Terms of Reference	CoM/4/8.1.2
		8.1.3 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework	CoM/4/8.1.3
		8.1.4 Roles of Permanent Secretaries on the LTA Structure	CoM/4/8.1.4
		8.1.5 Amendment of the present Convention	CoM/4/8.1.5
		8.1.6 Communication and Appointment of Official Contact Persons	CoM/4/8.1.6

	8.1.7 Formation of Technical Committees	CoM/4/8.1.7
13:00	Lunch Break	
14:00	8(cont) CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF 4TH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	CoM/4/8
15:00	Tea / Coffee Break	
15:30	9 Any Other Business	
16:00	10 Declaration by the 4 th Conference of Ministers	
16:10	11 Adoption of the Report of the 4 th Conference of Ministers / Closure	