

Pollution Control and Other Measures to Protect Biodiversity in
Lake Tanganyika (RAF/92/G32).

Minutes of the first meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee

Arusha, Tanzania.

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VENUE

The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting took place at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) on the 13th August 1998.

THOSE PRESENT

BURUNDI

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ZAMBIA

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N. Hodgson	Facilitator
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ITEM 1 : WELCOME

Mr T.W Maembe, the Director of the Fisheries Department, Tanzania formally welcomed the delegates to this first meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee.

ITEM 2 : ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed and approved that Tanzania preside over the meeting. Mr Maembe was duly elected as chairman.

ITEM 3 : ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The meeting perused the provisional agenda and adopted the agenda as shown below :

Agenda of the Meeting :

1. Welcome by the National Coordinator for Tanzania.
2. Election of chairperson.
3. Adoption of agenda.
4. Introduction by Dr A Menz Project Coordinator
5. Overview of Strategic Action Planning Process, forthcoming Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) workshop and role of TAC by Nick Hodgson
6. Participants and Preparations required for TDA workshop.
7. Date and venue for TDA workshop.
8. Date and venue of the second regional workshop.
9. Any Other Business.
10. Closure.

ITEM 4: INTRODUCTION BY DR A MENZ :PROJECT COORDINATOR.

Dr Menz provided the delegates with a brief background in the origins of the Technical Advisory Committee, and how its current role in the project.

It was explained that the role of the Technical Advisory Committee proposed in the original project document; namely to oversee technical implementation of the special studies had been largely subsumed by the National Working Groups and that it was agreed at the meeting of the Steering Committee in January 1998 that its original role, and TOR were redundant. Nevertheless with the advent of the agreed process for the development of the Strategic Action Plan including the need for a regional group of environmental scientists to carry out a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and produce a draft of the Strategic Action Plan it was agreed at the same Steering Committee Meeting that these roles should be taken on by the Technical Advisory Committee but that it should review its composition and TOR in line with its new role when it first met.

After discussion from the floor it was agreed that the development and adoption of the TOR and new composition of the Technical Advisory Committee in order for it to carry out the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Plan development, should be considered during item 6 of the Agenda following the presentation by Nick Hodgson.

ITEM 5: OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING PROCESS, FORTHCOMING TRANSBOUNDARY DIAGNOSTIC ANALYSIS (TDA) WORKSHOP AND ROLE OF TAC BY NICK HODGSON.

Nick Hodgson apologised for the similarity of this presentation with a previous presentation last December -national co-ordinators, and January steering committee meeting. He explained that since the presentation there have been some changes, such as the employment of Jean-paul Ledent.

He then proceeded with his presentation based on document TAC 1/1. (Appendix 1) He demonstrated the progress to date and reminded the delegates that the Seven Steps in developing the SAP plan were approved by the Steering Committee in the January 1997 meeting. He indicated to date the project has progressed to step four of the progress.

He continued then to define and describe the Transboundary Analysis process leading to the development of the Strategic Action Plan and expanded on the role of the TAC in the process.

He finished his presentation by proposing that there are four necessary tasks for the afternoon :

1. Composition of TAC team for development of TDA and SAP - representing national interests and including regional/international specialist support.
2. Date for TDA - five day workshop Oct / Nov 1998
3. Date for draft SAP - five day workshop January 1999
4. Decision on process/responsibility for preparation of national briefings for the TDA - based on the National Sectoral Problem reviews.

ITEM 6: PARTICIPANTS AND PREPARATIONS REQUIRED FOR TDA WORKSHOP.

It was agreed that discussions should progress with agreement on the composition of the TAC team for development of the TDA and SAP. However it was added that a consideration of the terms of reference for the TAC would be of considerable help in understanding the process resulting in the production of a draft SAP. Thus it was decided that the TOR would be developed following discussion on the composition of the TAC teams.

The tasks for afternoon were thus amended to :

1. Composition of TAC team for development of TDA and SAP - representing national interests and including regional/international specialist support - under item 6.

2. Development of TOR for the TAC - under item 6.
3. Date for TDA - five day workshop Oct / Nov 1998 - under item 7.
4. Date for draft SAP - five day workshop January 1999 - under item 8.

6.1 Composition of TAC team for development of TDA and SAP - representing national interests and including regional/international specialist support.

It was considered that provision of names of individuals could not be given at this stage - and would be given as and when they become available. Therefore the participants concentrated in the main on the sectors or types of person which would be needed in the TDA and SAP process. The results are given below and the delegates agreed to furnish the PCU with the names of specific individuals as soon as possible.

BURUNDI	DR CONGO	TANZANIA	ZAMBIA
National coordinator.	National coordinator.	National coordinator	National coordinator. (pollution/institutional)
Socioeconomy and demography.	Head of hydrobiological station, Uvira.	Fisheries	Senior research officer Mpulungu fisheries dept.
Biodiversity and fishing.	Environmentalist.	Water sector (pollution)	Socio-economist.
Institutional framework	Fisheries expert.	Environment	University of Zambia (Sedimentologist)
Catchment basin / sediment/ forestry and land use.	Institutional framework ie - ministry of foreign affairs	University of Dar es Salaam (sedimentology)	Environmentalist.

It was explained that those chosen to attend the workshops should be available for all future workshops, preferably should have attended previous SAP workshops and

need to be fully aware of the problems of the management of the lake and resources. They must have worked/still are working on the lake and lake management problems and must be fully cognisant with all previous SAP documents generated from the meetings in all four riparian states, not just their own.

This necessity was explained as being due to the need to ensure all important continuity in the process. It was expressed that the purpose of national reviews as a preliminary to the TDA is that national interests are represented at a regional level. One person from each country would be expected to present a review highlighting the conclusions of the national sectoral review - the conclusions would then be extended to include a regional perspective.

6.2 Terms of Reference for the Technical Advisory Committee

Terms of reference for the Technical Advisory Committee were proposed, and amended to read :

To develop the strategic action plan at a regional level through :

A : Carrying out TDA reviewing national problems.

B : Establishing priorities for action.

C : Drafting the SAP.

Some debate ensued regarding the role of the executing subcontractors in the production of the SAP and guarantee of its quality and whether or not it was the role of the sub-contractors to present the SAP to the Regional Steering Committee.

The facilitator noted that it would be a crucial factor in any future attempts to leverage funds for carrying out the actions recommended by the SAP, that the riparian states could demonstrate clearly their ability to develop, monitor and maintain the SAP. The role of the implementing subcontractor was to assist with that development and to provide as much guidance as possible but that the final content must be the work of the stakeholders in the region.

ITEM 7: DATE AND VENUE FOR TDA WORKSHOP.

Date : 12-16 October 1998

Venue : Arusha International Conference Centre

ITEM 8: DATE AND VENUE OF THE SECOND REGIONAL WORKSHOP.

Date : 18 -22 January

Venue : Arusha International Conference Centre.

ITEM 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Burundi recommend that the project coordination unit take into account the deadlines, and provide the means for the TAC to carry out the necessary work.

Translated working documents should be provided before the meeting starts.

ITEM 10: CLOSURE.

Thanks were expressed, and the meeting was formally closed at 6.00pm.

APPENDIX 1.

TAC1/1 Background paper