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Lake Victoria Basin Commission management led by Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire issued donations of eighty approved SOLAS life jackets and food stuff to the Governments of the Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania following the recent boat tragedies that claimed eighteen and fourteen lives respectively.

In the Republic of Uganda the life jackets and foodstuffs were received by the Minister of Works and Transport in the Republic of



LVBC team presents 40 approved SOLAS life jackets to Mara Regional Commissioner Hon Hassan Mtanda



LVBC executive sec Dr Masinde Bwire presents foodstuffs to Uganda's Minister of Works and Transport Hon Gen. Katumba Wamala in aid of boat tragedy victims

Uganda Hon Gen. Edward Katumba while Mara Regional Commissioner Hon Hassan Mtanda received on behalf of the government of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Dr Bwire sent a message of condolence to the governments and bereaved families of the two East African Countries.

The Executive Secretary said the Commission which is a coordinating entity for East African Community Partner States is keen in providing safe and water transportation in Lake Victoria.

He said in the Republic of Uganda already a cost of over UGX 17 Billions has been spent towards the improvement of maritime safety in various projects While in URT, a total of 60billion TZ Shillings has been allocated.

The two leaders,...**Contd Pg4**





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Partner States of East African Community in partnership with development partners have contributed US dollars 28 million towards the improvement of maritime safety on Lake Victoria.

The funds secured by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission have facilitated various initiatives aimed at providing safe and sustainable water transportation on Lake Victoria.

Head of maritime safety and security at the Lake Victoria Basin Commission Amos Ndoto said already eighty-six aids to navigation equipment have been installed across Lake Victoria in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

Out of the total amount secured by the Commission under the Lake Victoria Environmental Programme (LVEMPII), USD 1.7 million was used to design, supply, install and commission eighty-six aids to navigation equipment through the Kenya Marine Contractors Limited.



Amos Ndoto, Head of Maritime and Safety at LVBC

Mr. Ndoto confirmed that eighteen aids to navigation equipment had been installed in Kisumu, Homa Bay, Mbita and Luanda k'Otieno in the Republic of Kenya.

In the Republic of Uganda, twenty-two aids to navigation equipment have been installed in Bukakata, Luku, Port Bell, Entebbe and Jinja jetties.

Forty-six aids to navigation equipment have also been installed in the United Republic of Tanzania's Mwanza South and North ports.

Mr. Ndoto said the installation of the equipment have greatly improved safety and navigation of the vessels (ships and boats) across Lake Victoria.

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The Lake Victoria Basin Commission is currently co-ordinating the Multinational Lake Victoria Maritime Communications and Transport (MLVMCT) project funded by the African Development Bank.

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Wild Beasts in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve

Preparations for the 12th Mara Day celebration are currently underway.

The annual event will be held in Mugumu town, Mara Region in the United Republic of Tanzania from 13th to 15th September.

This year's theme will be, "Conserving Mara River Basin for Biodiversity and Sustainable Economy (*hifadhi mto mara kwa ustawi wa viumbe hai na uchumi endelevu*)".

The Mara River Basin forms one of ten major rivers that drain into Lake Victoria, the second largest

fresh water lake in the world.

The River is the lifeline of the world's renowned Maasai Mara and Serengeti ecosystem which forms the bedrock of tourism activities for the two sister EAC countries.

Mara Day celebration helps to recognize and safeguards the

vitality of the shared Mara Serengeti ecosystem.

Positive results including signing of MOU between Kenya and United Republic of Tanzania on the trans-boundary water resources management for Mara River Basin and formation of Mara River Trans-boundary water users forum have been birthed as a result of the past celebrations.

Several dignitaries from the East African partner states are expected to grace the occasion.

Key Information

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- To be held in the United Republic of Tanzania on 13th to 15th September 2023



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Executive Secretary Dr. Bwire and Arch, David Waititu PS representative of the State department of public works issuing certificate to the contractor

The construction of the second phase of the new Lake Victoria Basin Commission Headquarters has kicked off in Kisumu.

The second phase of construction will cost two million, five hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred and seventy point six eight US dollars (USD\$ 2, 560,718.68).

The construction of the new Headquarters that will help in promoting regional integration is fully funded by the East African Partner States.

The Executive Secretary of Lake Victoria Basin Commission Dr Masinde Bwire officially handed over the site to the contractor China Jiangxi International Kenya

Limited and China Jiangxi Corporation for International Economic and Technical Cooperation Co. Limited.

Dr Bwire indicated that the construction of the second phase is set to be completed within eighty weeks.

The Executive Secretary said that the East African Partner States are closely monitoring this project and are keen to ensure that it is completed soon.

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LVBC'S DONATIONS TO BOAT TRAGEDY VICTIMS IN THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA AND UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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Mtanda said, "As a government we appreciate your kind support during this trying period and also thank you for measures you have put in place in terms of maritime safety". General Katumba said, "We thank LVBC for committing itself towards maritime safety that will greatly help those using lake transport".

The new headquarters will host several departments for various projects undertaken by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission, a body within the East African Community.

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