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IT'S EUR 45 MILLION COMMITMENTS TO LVBC FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT



LVBC Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire with Mrs. Eva Birnfeld, the Head of Division KFW

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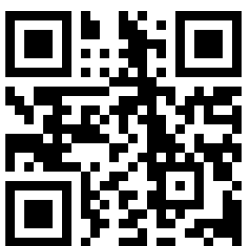
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The German Co-operation has made a commitment of EUR 45 million towards the implementation of a new program within the Lake Victoria Basin.

This follows a series of negotiation between the East African Community and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany represented by its Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

During the negotiations, the EAC Secretariat and affiliated institutions presented their plans and project proposals to the Partner, who at the end made financing commitments.

In November 2020, EUR 15 million was committed for Regional Economic Integration in EAC.

However, in July 2022, the Partners modified the scope and agreed that the commitment be used on prioritizing and financing climate-proof infrastructure investment, including measures in Lake Victoria Basin that include landscape restoration, climate change resilience and Nature-based Solution approach.

In December 2021 and July 2022, EUR 10 million and EUR 20 million were committed respectively as additional funding to the LVB-IWRM Programme...**Contd Pg2**





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The above commitments translate into EUR 30 million additional to the LVB-IWRM Programme under implementation, and EUR 15 million for a new Programme on "Fostering Potential in the Lake Victoria Basin" Nature-based Solution project.

The commitment of EUR 30 million will be utilized to scale-up the ongoing High Priority Investment projects in the Cities of Kisumu/Kenya, Mwanza/Tanzania, and Kampala/Uganda.

On the other hand, the commitment of EUR 15 million for the Program on "Fostering the Potential of Lake Victoria" will be utilized in piloting a Nature-based Solution Projects in Rwanda and Burundi, and the remaining funds will be used to promote and enhance knowledge on Nature-based Solutions in the EAC Partner States.

Both commitments shall lapse if the related grant agreements between KfW and the Recipient (i.e. EAC/LVBC) are not concluded within a period of five years after the day each commitment was made (Nov. 2025 and July 2027).

The KfW delegation from Frankfurt/Germany undertook a mission from 12th to 16th February 2024 at the LVBC headquarters in Kisumu/Kenya, where both institutions discussed and agreed on an Action-based Roadmap for fast-tracking the preparation of the required legal instruments.

Lake Victoria Basin Commission Executive Secretary, Dr Masinde Bwire, led the LVBC team while KfW Delegation was led by Mrs. Eva Birnfeld, the Head of Division at KfW.

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The 22nd Sectoral Council of Ministers for Lake Victoria Basin has adopted and declared November 29th as a significant date set aside for Lake Victoria Day Celebrations. The inaugural celebrations will be held in Mwanza, in the United Republic of Tanzania.

The ministerial session chaired by Hon Pal Mai Deng, Minister for Water and Irrigation from the Republic of South Sudan commended Lake Victoria Basin Commission for developing the idea of celebrating the day.



Ministers from Lake Basin countries sign report of the 22nd Secom

Lake Victoria Day, whose idea came from the 10th meeting of the regional policy steering committee, is expected to be held annually at the regional level in the five partner states on a rotational basis. The proposed theme for the 1st Lake Victoria Day is **"Revive and Thrive: Uniting for Lake Victoria's Future"**.

The event will feature an array of activities including development partner forums, scientific conferences discussing issues like sanitation, Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), Climate Change, Capacity development of LVBC and sustainable development within LVB.

Hon Deng said, "we are happy to be part of the community and the event will help in creating awareness of the greatest resource which is the Lake and brainstorm and look into the challenges and possible solutions" ...*Contd Pg3*



EALA MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT APPLAUDS LVBC ON PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION.

East African Legislative Assembly Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources has applauded LVBC for its commitment in implementing projects and programmes within Lake Victoria Basin.

The Committee which visited the Commission on 19th-20th February 2024 pledged to support the ongoing programmes and projects implemented by the Commission to ensure the East African Community region becomes food sufficient.

Committee Chairperson Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza said the region was racing against time to fight hunger by the year 2025 and called upon various agencies and partner states to scale up efforts to achieve the target.

Hon Uwumukiza noted that climate change was the biggest barrier to the realization of the stipulated goals and called for joint efforts to moderate the unpleasant effects of the occurrence.



Committee Chairperson Hon. Francoise Uwumukiza with Executive secretary Dr Masinde Bwire

She commended LVBC for implementing various projects within the East African Partner States that boost food security. "As a committee we are happy that the commission has implemented projects that address the critical issues in the society and the basic need that a human being needs which is food" she said Hon. Francois Ngate, EALA Mp representing

the Democratic Republic of Congo, "this region is endowed with large agricultural land which if properly utilized, the 2025 target will be achieved earlier than expected".

His sentiments were echoed with Hon Gideo Thoar Gapta, EALA Mp representing the Republic of South Sudan.

Hon Gapta said the assembly had already passed a policy on the management of genetically modified organisms (GMO) to come up with resolutions. The committee was doing an oversight of the projects and plans by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission.

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Lake Victoria Basin Commission Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire said, "This event will be important in passing crucial messages on the effects of Lake Pollution that has been a big problem in the region and has greatly affected the lives of millions of people".



EAC TO ROLL OUT SINGLE WATER QUALITY POLICY



Hon Pal Mai Deng, Minister for Water and Irrigation, Republic of South Sudan addressing the meeting.

The East Africa Community (EAC) Member States have agreed to adopt a unified water quality policy, to safeguard Lake Victoria and other water bodies in the region.

Ministers, Cabinet Secretaries, Permanent Secretaries and Under-Secretaries from the seven Member States, agreed during the 22nd Sectoral Council of Ministers on Lake Victoria Basin (SECOM-LVB) meeting in Kisumu to develop a single policy, to address issues affecting water quality in the region.

The joint policy will help in having a singular approach in maintaining the water quality in Lake Victoria.

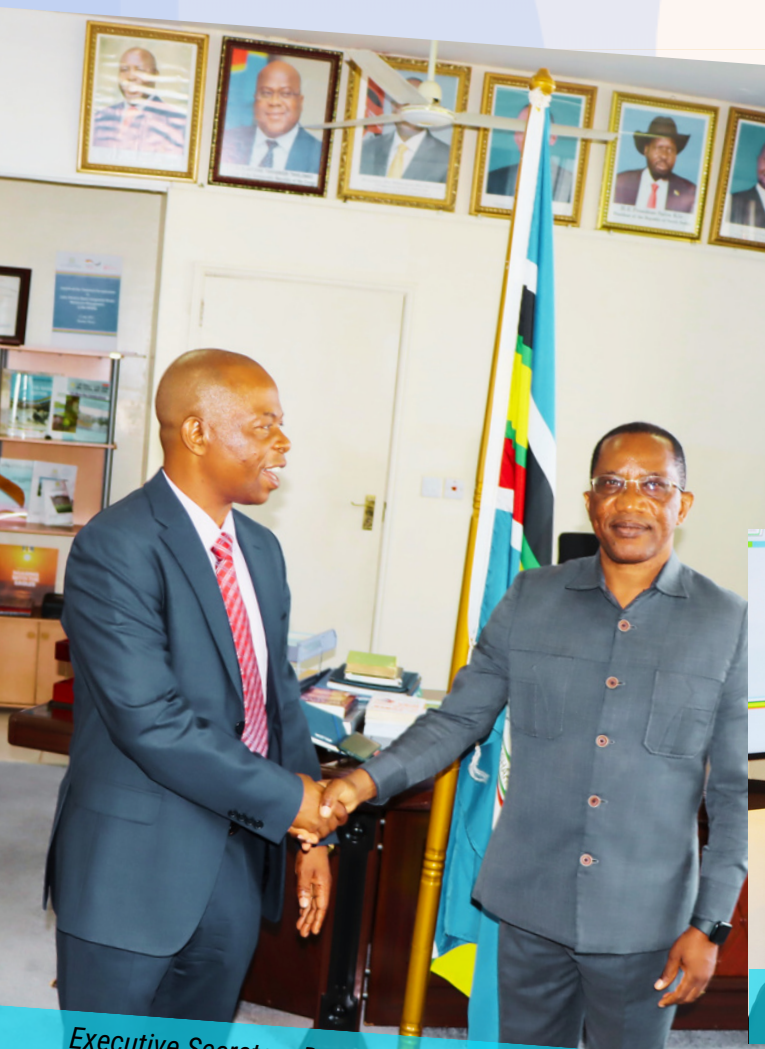
Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), Executive Secretary (ES), Dr. Masinde Bwire, said the Cabinet Ministers agreed to work on a framework to fast-track the development of the policy.

The policy will give guidelines on what needs to be done to restore the lake's ecosystem and water quality in other water bodies in the Basin.

The Harmonized Policy is being developed in collaboration with Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) under the framework of the Nile Co-operation for Climate Resilient (NCCR) Project funded by World Bank.



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Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire with H.E Dr. Bernard Yohana Kibesse, High Commissioner from the United Republic of Tanzania at the LVBC headquarters



Hon. Dr Anthony Kafumbe, Counsel to the Community (CTC) from East African Community makes his address.



Permanent Secretary, Mr. Patrick Karera from the Republic of Rwanda follow the 22nd SECOM proceedings



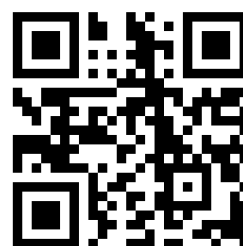
Principal and permanent secretaries from the EAC Partner States at the 22nd SECOM Meeting

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Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire presents a gift to Hon Pal Mai Deng



LVBC headquarter under construction.



EALA MPS at the KISAT Centre.



LVBC Executives with EALA MP Hon Francoise Uwumukiza and Kisumu Deputy governor Mathews Owili.

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