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WORLD BANK AND LVBC AGREE ON A MULTI-PHASE PROGRAMME



Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire with World Bank Director for Regional Integration for Sub Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa Ms Boutheina Guermazi

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The World Bank and Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) have jointly agreed on a multi-phase programme for strengthening resilience of communities, ecosystems and economies in Lake Victoria Basin.

The two institutions have already identified key priority areas and challenges to be addressed in the respective areas where the proposed projects will be implemented.

Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) had presented several broad priority interventions areas under five Thematic Sectors that included Environment, ecosystem landscape/land use and Water resources/sanitation. Others were climate change resilience (including climate induced migration), agriculture, Lake Victoria Basin

blue economy, maritime transport, trade, fisheries and aquaculture.

Infrastructure connectivity and services, energy, and digital services, Cross-cutting issues and institutional strengthening were also presented. The main aim of the program is to improve Lake Victoria Basin ecosystem health through pollution reduction and enhance climate resilient socio-economic productivity.

The World Bank team led by Director for Regional Integration for Sub Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa Ms Boutheina Guermazi visited the commission for multi-sectoral engagement from 4th-8th March 2024.





LVBC DEVELOPS GENDER MAINSTREAMING STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN



LVBC Staff during the Gender Inclusion Training in Kisumu

Lake Victoria Basin Commission has developed Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and Action Plan (2024-2028). This plan is guided by two key principles that relate to gender equality which are Gender equality in development and decision making, equity, partnership and collaboration and social justice.

The strategy lays a foundation and culture for mainstreaming gender at both the institutional level and in projects and programs coordinated by the Commission.

The strategy's scope extends to Partner States through regional projects facilitated and coordinated by the Commission.

LVBC Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire reiterated the commission's commitment to ensuring that Gender activities are considered and prioritized within the commission in a bid to become a gender transformative institution.

Dr Bwire said, "as an institution we are more than committed to Gender inclusion in all our projects and programs".

The Sectoral Council of Ministers (SECOM) for Lake Victoria Basin (LVB) in their 21st Meeting adopted the 4th LVBC Strategic Plan (2021-2026) which has strong considerations for gender equality.

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The strategic plan went further to commit to mainstreaming gender into LVB under the Social Development program area.

The commission successfully conducted two-day training for staff on the importance of gender inclusion from 12th-13th March 2024.



ACC-LVB PROJECT- A GAME CHANGER IN THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

Hundreds of groups in various villages in the Republic of Burundi are among the beneficiaries of the successful implementation of adapting to Climate change project in the Lake Victoria Basin (ACC-LVB).

Mburikingichi Co-operative is one of the groups that has so far benefited from the project. The project supported the group by installing agro processing unit including maize and rice milling machines. The group's chairman Mr Rugenga Mazindejore says, "We are so happy with this project because we are able to generate our daily income that has greatly changed our lives".

The project has also trained farmers in modern beekeeping methods. Chief of the Co-operative of Kerebuke Tupirute group Mr Nizigiyimana Diomeode says, "this project has supported us by giving us one hundred bee hives and we have been able to harvest honey once".

In Busoni and Giteranyi villages the project has rehabilitated 240 hectares of agricultural land and constructed contour bunds.

Apart from the contour bunds, 54800 different varieties of multipurpose and agro forestry trees have also been planted. Through the project, local communities in Busoni and Giteranyi villages constructed a total of 125 Kilometers of contour bunds.

This has helped in reducing the intensity of surface run-off, hence protecting the top fertile soils in their farms from being washed away. It has also helped in retention of soil moisture content thus enhancing crop productivity.

Mr Annicet Nkurikiye, National Project coordinator for ACC-LVB in the Republic of Burundi also admits that the project has had positive impact in the region



Co-operative of Kerebuke Bee Farmer in the Republic of Burundi



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Executive Secretary Dr Masine Bwire with Kisumu County Governor Hon Prof Anyang' Nyong'o after a meeting to discuss World Bank's mission



LVBC and the World Bank team at the Kisumu Inland Port



Deputy Exec. Secretary Eng. Colletha Ruhamhya leads female staff in celebrating the International Women's Day



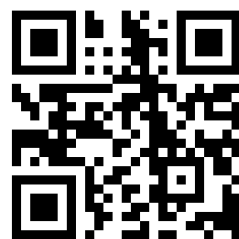
World Bank team at the LVBC headquarters in Kisumu

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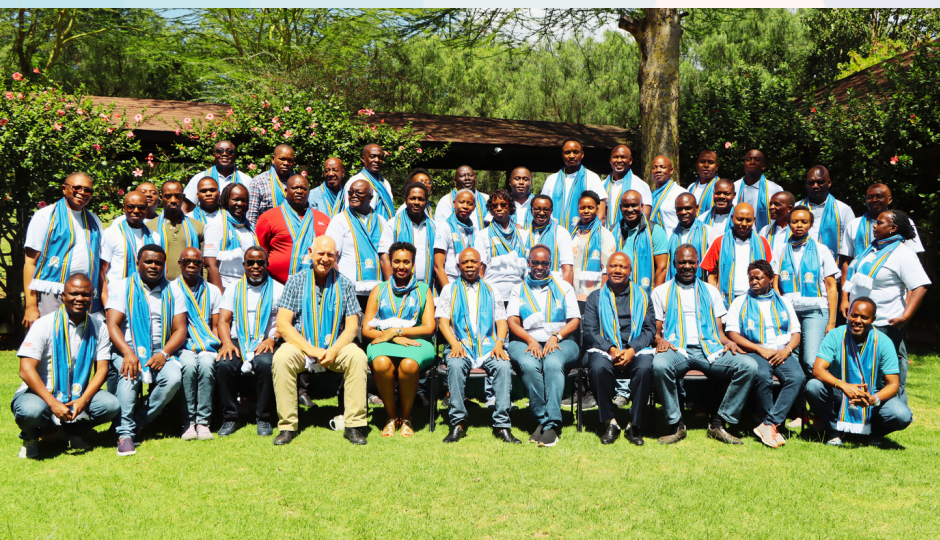
Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire with Deputy Vice Chancellor Maasai Mara University Prof Bulitia Godrick.



Principle Administrative Officer Ms Millicent Opiyo makes her remarks during the Gender Workshop for the Nile Basin Discourse



LVBC's Information Technology Officer Mr. Patrick Sabuni presents a gift to Ms Ellen Hagerman during the Gender Workshop.



LVBC staff pose for a photo during the Annual Retreat.

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