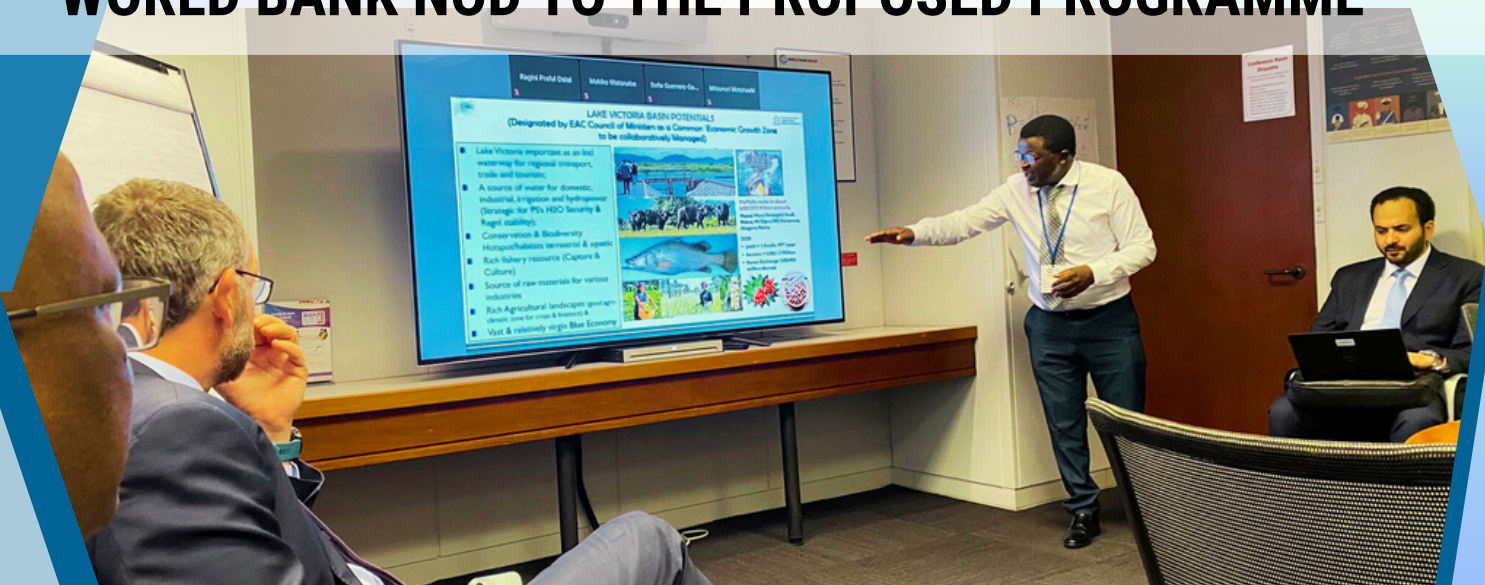


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Mr Paul Kariuki, Environment and Natural Resources officer LVBC makes pitch to the World Bank team in Washington DC

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The process to develop the proposed multi-phase programme for strengthening resilience of communities, ecosystems and economies in Lake Victoria Basin has officially kicked off.

The programme seeks to address three broad areas on ecosystem stabilization through sustainable watershed management and pollution control.

Sanitation, Maritime Safety and climate resilient transport and logistics; and unlocking Lake Victoria Basin blue economy potential are also other areas to be prioritized.

The proposed programme to be implemented by Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) will be funded by the World Bank.

During this year's World Bank Springs meeting in Washington DC, the financial institution committed to spearheading the development of the concept note of the proposed programme.

LVBC's Executive Secretary Dr. Masinde Bwire who led a team from the commission at the Springs meeting in Washington DC from 11th- 20th April, co-chaired a Partner States engagements with World Bank Vice President for Africa Dr. Victoria Kwakwa.

The consultative meeting was attended by Ministers / Cabinet Secretaries for Finance together with their respective delegations from the Partner States.

The Partner States expressed their support for the programme and **Contd Pg 2...**



MEACA-UGANDA APPLAUDS LVBC'S ROLE IN PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION

Permanent secretary in the Ministry of East African Community Affairs in the Republic of Uganda Hon Edith Mwanje has applauded Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) on the implementation of projects and programmes within the Lake Victoria Basin. Hon Mwanje pledged to mobilize other members of the Partner States in coordinating the mobilization of resources required by the commission.

The Permanent Secretary made the remarks during a consultative meeting between the ministry of East African Community Affairs Uganda and the management of Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) to discuss progress of implementation of projects and programmes on 3rd and 4th April.



The Permanent Secretary cited the importance of the visit to LVBC which is among the nine institutions of the East African Community. The PS said, "I am happy for the progress made so far and I want to encourage the team to keep on executing individual roles with professionalism to ensure that the Commission effectively contributes to the EAC integration agenda".

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willingness to work collaboratively to address the challenges in Lake Victoria Basin and create decent Jobs by unlocking the enormous potential of the basin.

The World Bank on its part expressed its satisfaction with the regional commitment by the member countries to work together and reiterated their commitment to support the programme and rally other development partners to follow suit.

LVBC team had been invited at the Springs meeting after the World Bank team led by the director for Regional Integration for Sub Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa Ms Boutheina Guermazi visited the commission for multi sectoral engagement in March.

Lake Victoria Basin Commission's Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire thanked the Permanent Secretary for her steadfast support towards the management of the institution. Dr Bwire said, "as a commission we appreciate your support in ensuring that we deliver our mandate that benefits the millions of people living within the East African Community".

The commission is currently implementing various projects which include the Integrated Water Resource Management Programme (IWRMP), Multinational Lake Victoria Maritime Communications and Transport (MLVMCT) Project, scaling out Resilient Water and Agricultural systems (ScaleWays), Adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin (ACC-LVB), and Nile Cooperation for Climate Resilience (NCCR) Project.

The Adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin(ACC-LVB) was implemented in Masaka and Mubende districts in the Republic of Uganda.

An Ultra-Modern Maritime Training facility at the Fisheries Training Institute has also been built in Entebbe at a cost of USD 1.45 Million through the support of the African Development Bank.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKE VICTORIA STATE OF THE BASIN REPORT KICKS OFF.



Participants at a joint workshop in Entebbe, Republic of Uganda

Lake Victoria Basin Commission in collaboration with the German International Co-operation (GIZ) has kick started the process of the national workshops to generate information products for the joint development of the Lake Victoria State of the Basin Report (SoBR).

The report is meant to understand the current state of the basin and guide policy and management decisions. It also seeks to foster regional co-operation and ensure the sustainable use of Lake Resources. Already, three (3) National Consultative workshops for the generation of information products for the joint development of the Lake Victoria State of the Basin Report (SOBR) have been held in the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Kenya.

During the recent joint workshop at the Water Resources Institute in Entebbe in the Republic of Uganda between 16th and 17th April 2024, LVBC Projects Development Officer, Eng. Hilda P. Luoga noted the importance of the report as a key step to investment identification and prioritization, hence a critical activity for LVBC and the Partner States.

Eng. Hilda said, "I wish to highlight the linkages between the KfW-supported program which supports the implementation of 4 High Priority Investment (HPI) projects among other things, and the GIZ-supported technical assistance which is meant to strengthen institutional capacities of LVBC and Partner States".

The workshop participants included delegates from various organizations/agencies/sectors such as environment, forestry, maritime transport, meteorology, water resources management, and development partners from the Republic of Uganda. The main objective of the workshop was to generate information products in key thematic areas (Environment and Natural Resources, Water Resources and Development, Climate Change) on selected assessment indicators.

The other objectives were for the participants to seek clarifications on the SoBR joint development process, and the roles of various teams involved in the development of the SoBR Representatives of GIZ, Consultants (GFA/Zutari and SWECO), and the staff of LVBC Secretariat attended the workshop.

ACC-LVB PROJECT WAS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED: SAYS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Senior government officials from five East African countries have hailed Lake Victoria basin commission for the successful implementation of the Adapting to Climate change (ACC-LVB) project in Lake Victoria Basin.

The officials from the Republic of Burundi, Republic of Rwanda, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania said the project had changed the lives of millions of people living within the Lake Victoria Basin.

In the United Republic of Tanzania, Magu District Executive Director Ms Fidelica Mwovella said, "the people of Magu district in Mwanza Region have benefited from this project and I can

proudly say that as a government we have learnt great lessons from it and we have also replicated the same in various areas".

In the Republic of Burundi, the Executive Secretary of Giteranyi commune Mr Mushengezi Venant said, "through this project, our people have been able to protect the environment, learnt modern bee keeping methods and sustainable income generating activities". Residents of Masaka and Mubende districts in the Republic of Uganda were also among the beneficiaries of the project.

National project co-ordinator Eng Pamela Agaba, "we are happy this pilot project changed the lives of community members especially those that were facing acute water shortage. The installation of the water tanks has made it easier for the women and community members".



Woman fetches water in Kihere District, Republic of Rwanda

In the Republic of Rwanda, National project coordinator Seth Muhawenimana said, "Plastering of houses in the rural areas was massive and it changed the lives of many people in the rural areas. Installation of water tanks has also solved problem of water shortage and many groups have been financially empowered".

National project coordinator in the Republic of Kenya Ms Mayian Saino said, "We managed to train various communities and groups in Kenya on modern farming methods in Siaya and Busia counties. Through this project, modern automated weather stations have been set up in Busia and Siaya counties which are a great plus to farmers in these areas.

The Adapting to climate change for Lake Victoria Basin project officially ended on 31st August 2023 after the project co-operation **Contd in Pg5...**



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agreement was signed in March 2018.

It was implemented in five East African partner states namely the Republic of Kenya, Republic of Burundi, Republic of Rwanda, Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

This project was funded by the Adaptation Fund through UNEP to a tune of USD 5 million. Currently the commission is negotiating with relevant development partners to upscale the project and extend it to other East African Countries.



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Project Development Officer LVBC Eng Hilda Luoga makes her presentation



LVBC team with Mr Kevin Chretien, Policy Officer, Environment, Sustainable Natural Resource from the Team Europe Initiative in Africa and GLZ programme manager Mr Conrad Thombasen.



LVBC and world Bank team in washington DC.



MEACA-Uganda PS pose for a photo with the LVBC team at the headquarters in Kisumu.

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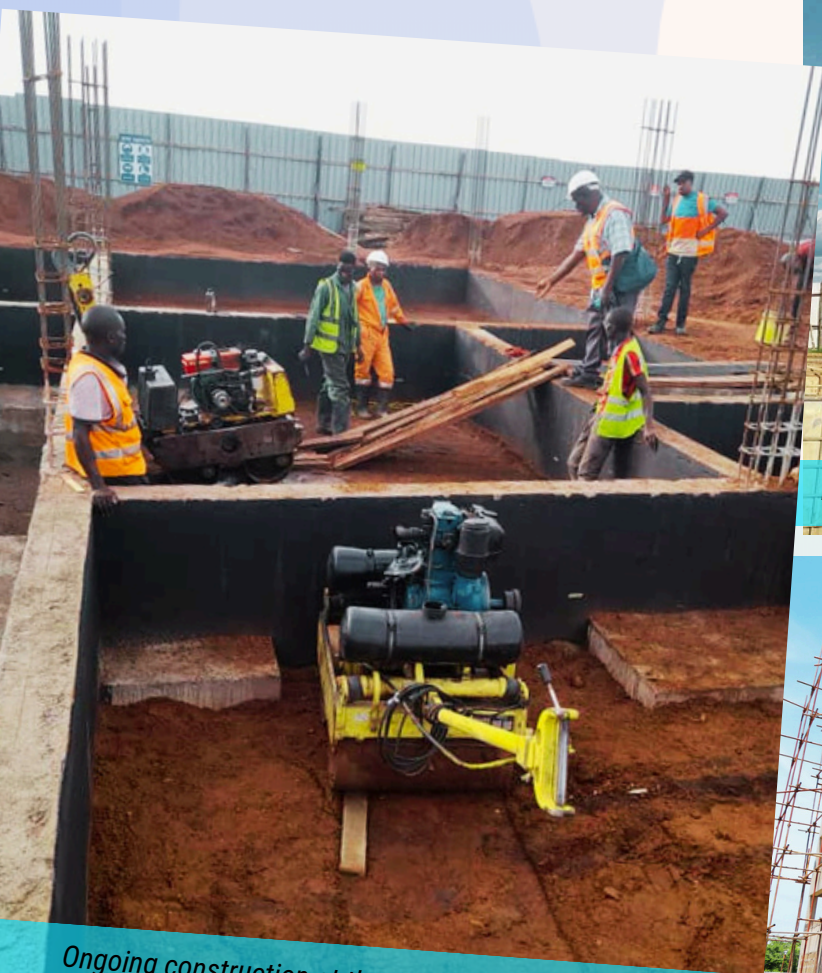
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Ongoing construction at the MRCC Centre in Mwanza, United Republic of Tanzania



Masene Landing Site under construction in the Republic of Uganda



LVBC headquarters currently under construction



Aerial view of Maritime Rescue and Coordination Centre under construction in Ilimela, Mwanza in the United Republic of Tanzania.

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