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13TH MARA DAY CELEBRATION PREPARATIONS COMPLETE



Wildebeests crossing the Mara River

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Preparations for the 13th Mara Day celebration have been finalized. The annual event will be held in Narok County, Republic of Kenya from 12th to 15th September.

The scientific conference is scheduled for September 14th at the Maasai Mara University, with the main celebration taking place in Sekenani Town. Over fifty abstracts from researchers, scientists and environmental experts worldwide have been received.

Africa's renowned scholar, Prof. P.L.O Lumumba, has agreed to serve as the keynote speaker at the scientific conference.

This year's theme will be, ***"Flowing Forward Together: Conserving Mara Basin Ecosystem***

for Sustainable Biodiversity and Climate Resilience".

Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Environment Climate Change and Forestry, Hon. Adan Duale is expected to grace the event. Several dignitaries from the East African Communities are also expected to attend the event.

Among the activities planned for the event include a scientific conference, tree planting, exhibitions and competitions. The event is held on a rotational basis between the Republic of Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania.

LVBC Executive secretary Dr Masinde Bwire said, "Mara Day Celebrations **Cond Pg2...**





Dr George Lugomela the director of Water Resources in the Ministry of Water in the United Republic of Tanzania and Mr. Andrew Mware Kinyua director of Natural Water Resources from the Republic of Kenya display the signed copies of the resolutions of the 12th Mara day

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is meant to acknowledge ongoing process of different actors in promoting integrated and sustainable conservation practices of Mara Ecosystem.

Last year, the United Republic of Tanzania hosted the 12th Mara Day Celebrations in Mugumu, Serengeti district, Mara Region. The Mara River Basin forms one of ten major rivers that drain into Lake Victoria, the second largest freshwater lake in the world.

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



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Executive secretary Dr Masinde Bwire with Project Manager in charge of Infrastructure and responsible for the Cooperation with the EAC at the EU IN Dar Es Salaam Mr. Ally Mwinchande

The Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) hosted Mr. Ally Mwinchande, Project Manager for Infrastructure and Cooperation with the East African Community (EAC) at the European Union (EU) Delegation in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 12th to 14th August 2024.

During his visit, Mr. Mwinchande had the opportunity to learn more about LVBC, particularly the LVB IWRM Programme and its implementation status.

The LVB IWRM Programme, a flagship initiative of LVBC, is co-funded by the Federal Republic of Germany and the EU Commission through KfW Development Bank.

The Programme, with a total funding of EUR 40 million (EUR 30 million from Germany through KfW and EUR 10 million from the EU's EDF 11), was developed under a Protocol Agreement between the EAC and Germany for cooperation in the Lake Victoria Basin.

This Programme exemplifies the cooperation between the EAC and the EU, supporting the EAC's goal of enhancing political, social, and economic integration among its Partner States for mutual benefit.

The EU has supported the EAC's regional integration agenda through National Indicative Programmes (NIPs) in the five Partner States and the Regional Indicative Programme (RIP) of the Eastern and Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (ESA-IO) region.

Given that the EAC Secretariat is based in Tanzania, the EU Delegation in Dar es Salaam oversees cooperation with the EAC, which prompted Mr. Mwinchande's visit. During his stay, he engaged with LVBC executives on various topics, including potential areas for investment cooperation.



MARITIME RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE IN TANZANIA NEARS HALFWAY MARK IN CONSTRUCTION



MRCC under Construction

The construction of the ultra modern Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Ilemela, Mwanza City, United Republic of Tanzania, is currently at 49% completion. The ground floor has been fully constructed, and work on the first floor is progressing well, with the columns and walls completed.

The foundation of the guard house is 70% complete, while the boundary wall construction stands at 30%. The project, which officially commenced on December 13, 2023, is expected to cost USD 1,870,000. It is being undertaken by a contractor procured by the Government of Uganda (GoU) and the United Republic of Tanzania (URT), through the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), with support from the African Development Bank (AfDB).

LVBC Executive Secretary, Dr. Masinde Bwire, said, “the team is working tirelessly with utmost professionalism to ensure that it beats the deadline”.

Upon completion, the rescue centre will significantly enhance maritime safety within the East African Community.



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Linkspan Aid to navigation installed at the Kisumu Inland Port



Executive secretary Dr Masinde Bwire poses for a photo with EAC Senior budget officer Ms Beatrice Jerono Rono and director finance Mr Juvenal Ndimurirwo.



EAC director finance Mr Juvenal Ndimurirwo with Executive secretary Dr Masinde Bwire during a tour at the LVBC headquarters under construction.



EAC finance team and the LVBC management pose for a photo at the site.

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LVBC Maritime Safety Officer Mr Amos Ndoto leads Mr Ally Mwinchande EU programme officer for EAC LVBC in a tour at the Kisumu Inland Port.



Executive Secretary Dr Masinde Bwire, Dep Executive Secretary Eng Coletha Ruhanya, Mr Ally Mwinchande EU programme officer for EAC LVBC, Ms Anne Marie, (LVB IWRM Programme Assistant Consultant from KfW and IWMRP Project coordinator Eng Arsene Mukubwa.



Executive secretary Dr Masinde Bwire pose for a photo with delegates after the 2nd high level meeting of the MRCC in Mwanza, United Republic of Tanzania.



LVBC headquarters currently under construction.

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