

Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika

Report on the Second Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers



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**Second Meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the
Lake Tanganyika Authority
Hotel Club du Lac Tanganyika, Bujumbura, Burundi**

24 – 25 April 2008

Report of the Meeting

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

1. The Second Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers was convened in Bujumbura on 24 - 25 April 2008, in accordance with article 24, section 1 of the *Convention for the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika*. The Second Meeting was hosted by the Government of the Republic of Burundi.
2. The meeting was attended by delegations from the riparian countries of Lake Tanganyika, led respectively by the Honourable Anatole Kanyenkiko, Minister for Environment, Land Planning and Public Works of the Republic of Burundi; His Excellency Phoba di M'Panzu, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo to Burundi, the Honourable Dr Batilda S. Burian, State Minister for Environment of the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Honourable Todd Chilembo, Deputy Minister for Tourism and Natural Resources for the Republic of Zambia, as well as representatives of AfDB, UNDP/GEF, FAO and IUCN.
3. A complete list of participants is shown as Annex 1, and the provisional agenda and programme as Annex 2.
4. Participants were welcomed by His Excellency Mr Anatole Kanyenkiko, Minister for Environment, Land Management & Public Works, Republic of Burundi, whose address is reproduced in Annex 3.
5. His Excellency Mr Kanyenkiko then invited his fellow Heads of Delegation to address the meeting.
6. Honourable Dr Batilda S. Burian, State Minister for Environment of the United Republic of Tanzania, also expressed gratitude to the people and the Government of the Republic of Burundi for hosting the Second Lake Tanganyika Ministerial Conference, and for the hospitality they have shown. She also recognized with appreciation the efforts of senior Government officials and representatives of FAO, IUCN, the African Development Bank, and the United Nations Development Programme/ Global Environmental Facility (UNDP/GEF) in conducting the Work Planning Meeting and the Second Lake Tanganyika Management Committee Meeting in the preceding days. The full text of her address is shown as Annex 6.
7. The Guest of Honour, His Excellency Monsieur Gabriel Ntisezerana, the Second Vice President of the Republic of Burundi, warmly welcomed the Honourable Ministers and delegations from the Lake Tanganyika States, and applauded the collective commitment to the Lake Tanganyika Convention process that was once again being affirmed through the present series of meetings in Bujumbura. He declared the Second Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers to be officially opened. The full text of his address is reproduced as Annex 9.
8. Honourable Mr. Todd Chilembo, Deputy Minister for Tourism and Natural Resources of the Republic of Zambia, expressed his appreciation to the host country Burundi for

making the meeting possible and for the warm welcome accorded to participants. He emphasised that Zambia, as part of the 'Lake Tanganyika family' was deeply committed to the Lake Tanganyika Convention process and stressed the importance of the Lake, its biodiversity and fisheries, for the welfare of riparian populations. His address is shown as Annex 5.

9. (9) His Excellency Phoba di M'Panzu, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo to Burundi, thanked the Republic of Burundi for hosting the meeting, and underlined the importance of the Lake Tanganyika Programme to the human communities within the Basin. His remarks are reproduced in Annex 4.
10. Dr. Akiko Yamamoto, Representative of UNDP/GEF, was then asked to address the meeting. Dr Yamamoto recalled the earlier work of UNDP/GEF on Lake Tanganyika, and the activities that led up to the ratification of the Lake Tanganyika Convention and the establishment of the Lake Tanganyika Authority. She announced that the 2nd phase of the UNDP/GEF project has been finally approved and cleared by both GEF and UNDP earlier in the month. The project is due to run over a period of four years, with a total budget of USD13.5 million. Dr Yamamoto's remarks are shown as Annex 7.
11. The Representative of the AfDB, Dr. Jean-Louis Kromer, was also invited to speak. Dr Kromer reminded the meeting that more than three years had passed since the Bank and the riparian States finalised and signed loan and grant agreements to enable commencement of the AfDB component of the Lake Tanganyika Programme, with a total budget on the order of USD 40 million. He observed that while the present meeting of the Conference demonstrated the continued strong commitment of the Lake Tanganyika States to the Programme, there was a real concern that further delay with the fulfilment of national- and regional-level Bank conditions, and with the full operational establishment of the LTA, would result in annulment of the AfDB component. Dr Kromer's remarks are shown as Annex 8.
12. Following the official opening of the meeting, participants were invited to join the Second Vice President for a group photograph, followed by refreshments and a performance of the *Tambourinaires*, a traditional Burundi drum and dance group.

Agenda Item 2: Consultations among Heads of Delegations

13. After the official opening of the Conference, the Heads of Delegation met *in camera* for joint consultations.

Agenda Item 3: Constitution of Bureau

14. When the Conference reconvened, the Honourable Anatole Kanyenkiko, Minister for Environment, Land Planning and Public Works of the host country Burundi assumed the Chair, in accordance with article 24, section 2 of the *Convention for the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika*.

Agenda Item 4: Adoption of Agenda and Programme

15. The Chairman requested meeting participants to review the provisional agenda and programme, which were adopted as proposed.

Agenda Item 5: Adoption of Minutes of the First Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers

16. The Minutes of the First Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 5 April 2007) were presented by the The Chair of the Second Lake Tanganyika Management Committee, Mr Washington Mutayoba (Director of Water Resources, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Tanzania). The Minutes were reviewed and adopted with minor revisions.

Agenda Item 6: Presentation of Matters Arising from the First Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers

17. The Secretariat informed the meeting that a number of issues raised at the First Conference of Ministers had not yet been resolved, owing principally to delay in the formal appointment of the Executive Secretary of the LTA.
18. Outstanding matters included finalisation of draft administrative instruments for the LTA – viz.: the Headquarters Agreement with the Government of the Host Country; the Rules of Procedure; and the Financial Regulations.
19. The Secretariat further observed that LTA Staff Rules and Conditions of Service needed to be drawn up, for Conference approval.
20. The meeting recognised with concern that continued delay with the requisite administrative instruments was preventing the operational establishment of the Authority, and urged the Secretariat and the Lake Tanganyika Partner agencies to facilitate their finalisation as quickly as possible.

Agenda Item 7: Consideration of the Report of the Second Lake Tanganyika Management Committee Meeting

21. The Chair of the Second Lake Tanganyika Management Committee, Mr Washington Mutayoba (Director of Water Resources, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Tanzania), informed the Conference that the Committee had been meeting over the last two days, and that this sitting had been preceded by a preparatory Work Planning Meeting comprised of senior officials of the riparian States, representatives of Lake Tanganyika Partner agencies, nominated directors of the Secretariat of the Lake Tanganyika Authority and other invited observers.
22. It was noted that the Management Committee had reviewed and adopted the report of the Work Planning Meeting.
23. The Conference endorsed the proposal to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee in late October or early November 2008, in Zambia, for the purpose of resolving pending issues related to LTA Staff Rules and Conditions of Service and other administrative instruments needed for the full operational establishment of the Authority.
24. The Conference further endorsed the proposal to hold the next Ordinary Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee in April 2009, at a venue in the DR Congo.

Agenda Item 8: Matters Arising from the Second Lake Tanganyika Management Committee Meeting

Agenda Item 8a: Regional Work Plan and Budget

25. The Conference noted that the Regional Work Plan and Budget for both the AfDB and UNDP/GEF project components of the overall Lake Tanganyika Programme had

been developed during the Work Planning Meeting and reviewed and adopted by the Second Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee.

26. Members of the Conference recognised the considerable challenges inherent to the Lake Tanganyika Programme, and appreciated the Management Committee's close attention to the question of coordination needs at both national and regional levels.
27. The Conference noted with approval the conclusions of the Management Committee, as follows.
 - a) The Lake Tanganyika Regional Integrated Programme should be understood as a single regional programme that is supported by the four riparian governments and multiple development partners, with the aim of achieving the sustainable development of the region. It consists of regional actions as well as national actions in each riparian state.
 - b) To ensure coordination at the regional level, the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee will act as a Steering Committee for the regional components of both UNDP/GEF and AfDB projects, which will make strategic decisions for both projects; day-to-day management of project activities will be the responsibilities of the Regional Project Coordination Unit of each project.
 - c) To ensure coordination at the national level, the National Steering Committees, established as part of the conditionalities set by AfDB, may act as a Steering Committee for both UNDP/GEF and AfDB projects. The National Steering Committees will make strategic decisions for both projects; day-to-day management of project activities will be the responsibilities of Project Management Unit for UNDP/GEF activities and of National Coordination Units (NCUs) for AfDB activities.

Agenda Item 8b: Proposed salary structure for LTA and NCUs

28. The Conference of Ministers took good note of the considerable research and effort that had been devoted to proposed salary structure/remuneration package issues by the Lake Tanganyika Partner agencies, participants in the Work Planning Meeting, and members of the Management Committee.
29. The Chair informed the meeting that, after reviewing and discussing in a separate session the three scenarios that had been presented by the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee, the Heads of Delegation had determined that it would be best to settle on an approach lying midway between the first and second scenarios.
30. The Chair and the three other Heads of Delegation went on to remark upon the extensive consultations that took place on the issue of the proposed salary/remuneration packages, and underlined the difficulties involved.
31. While all parties wished to provide attractive packages for the professional and support staff who would be taking up positions in the new LTA Secretariat and the respective NCUs, differing views had to be accommodated in order to reach a consensus. Indicative figures considered by the Heads of Delegation for the salary/remuneration packages covering the various LTA Secretariat and respective NCU positions are presented in the tables shown in Annex 10.
32. Overriding concerns were the capacity of Lake Tanganyika States to maintain high cost commitments over time, bearing in mind that donor partners could only support some of the staff positions for the first few years. Contribution levels need to be sustainable over the long term, and may be reviewed as appropriate in due course.

Agenda Item 8c: Associated national contributions for the LTA and NCUs

33. The Chair noted that the compromise reached with regard to the LTA and NCU salary/remuneration packages would translate into an annual contribution per country of USD 303,890 as in the table shown in Annex 10 (b). Ministers agreed that this decision on the contribution level, along with other major decisions reached at the meeting, would be reflected in a resolution to be issued at the conclusion of the Second Conference.

Agenda Item 9: Date and venue for the Third Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers

34. Members agreed that the Third Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers should be held in conjunction with the Third Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee in April 2009, in the DR Congo.

Agenda Item 10: Any other business

35. The Chair recognised representatives of the Lake Tanganyika Partner agencies, who reminded the meeting that the lengthy delays in achieving full operational establishment of the LTA and the NCUs had placed the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika in serious jeopardy. Urgent action is required on several fronts to secure continuation of the Programme. These include the following.
- a) The remaining conditionalities linked to the AfDB-funded project component of the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika at both national and regional levels need to be fulfilled without further delay.
 - b) For project activities at the national level, as appropriate, formal notification needs to be provided to the Bank pertaining to suitable candidates to serve in National Coordination Units, and proof of establishment of National Coordination Units.
 - c) For project activities at the regional level, formal notification needs to be provided to the Bank, by each country, of the names of their appointees to the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee, representing the sectors of Fisheries, Environment, Finance and Water respectively.
 - d) Formal appointment of National Coordinators and other experts to serve in the respective National Coordination Units needs to be accomplished no later than 30 June 2008,.
 - e) Formal appointment of the Executive Director and the Director of Finance and Administration of the Lake Tanganyika Authority's Secretariat needs to be accomplished no later than 30 June 2008.
 - f) Formal appointment of the remaining Lake Tanganyika Authority Secretariat's Directors, namely the Director of Fisheries, the Director of Environment, and the Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, needs to be accomplished no later than 31 July 2008.
36. The Conference took good note of these alerts and agreed that they should be reflected in the resolution to be issued at the conclusion of the meeting.

Agenda Item 11: Adoption of Report of the Second Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers and Closure of Meeting.

38. It was agreed that the Technical Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the meeting, would finalize the meeting report and distribute it to delegations.
39. With brief closing remarks on the part of all Heads of Delegation, congratulating the senior officials and the Technical Secretariat for their preparatory work and the delegates for efficient and productive deliberations, the Chair closed the meeting and invited participants to a reception hosted by the Government of the Republic of Burundi.
37. Prior to their departure from the meeting venue on the morning of 25 April 2008, the Heads of Delegation of the respective Lake Tanganyika States signed the resolution of the Second Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers, which appears as Annex 11 to this report.
40. The Heads of Delegation also signed the press release that appears as Annex 12 to this report.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2008.

For the IUCN/FAO Secretariat:

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Annex 2: Provisional agenda for the Second Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers

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Provisional Agenda and Programme

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2. Provisional Programme

1	Opening Ceremony	0830 -
	a Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	0830
	b Arrival of Ministers, Heads of Delegations	0850
	c Arrival of Guest of Honor	0900
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	k Group Photo	1000
	l Performance by a Burundian Cultural Group	1015
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	<i>Lunch</i>	1230 -
3	Constitution of Bureau	1405
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	c Associated national contributions for the LTA and NCUs	1600
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Annex 3: Welcoming statement by His Excellency Mr Anatole Kanyenkiko, Minister for Environment, Land Management & Public Works, Republic of Burundi

Allocation de Monsieur Anatole KANYENKIKO , Ministre de l'Environnement, de l'Aménagement du Territoire et des Travaux Publics, à l'occasion des cérémonies d'ouverture de la Deuxième Conférence Ministérielle de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika,

Hôtel Club du Lac Tanganyika, le 24 Avril 2008

Excellence Monsieur le Deuxième Vice Président de la République
Excellences, Mesdames, Messieurs les Ministres,
Excellences Messieurs les Chefs de Délégations,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Chefs de Missions Diplomatiques,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Représentants des Organisations Internationales,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Représentants des Partenaires,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Délégués des Pays Riverains du Lac Tanganyika,
Distingués Invités,
Mesdames, Messieurs,

1. C'est pour moi un réel plaisir de me retrouver aujourd'hui avec vous tous, à l'occasion de la tenue de la Deuxième Conférence Ministérielle de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika.
2. Je voudrais par conséquent, souhaiter à toutes les délégations venues des pays frères et amis ainsi qu'aux partenaires de développement de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika la chaleureuse bienvenue et un agréable séjour à Bujumbura.
3. La majorité d'entre vous connaissent déjà la ville de Bujumbura, certes, et d'autres n'avaient jamais eu l'occasion de visiter notre pays.
Je voudrais m'adresser aux uns et aux autres pour vous dire que notre pays a connu quelques mutations au cours de ces dernières années, lesquelles mutations ont eu des impacts sur les différentes structures socio économiques, politiques voire écologiques.
4. Veuillez donc bien vouloir vous sentir chez vous. Qu'il vous plaise aussi de visiter à votre guise les différentes communes urbaines de la capitale et admirer la beauté de notre bien commun. J'ai nommé le Lac Tanganyika, qui se trouve par ailleurs à moins de 100 mètres de cette salle de conférence.
5. La ville de Bujumbura grandit de jour en jour et sa population s'accroît proportionnellement.
6. La ville compte aussi une centaine d'entreprises industrielles et établissements similaires et les différentes activités de développement de cette population urbaine et de ses unités de production présentent un danger réel sur la qualité des eaux du lac Tanganyika ainsi que sur la riche diversité biologique que regorge cet écosystème.
7. Aujourd'hui, nos pays et nos partenaires voudraient bien alors se féliciter du pas franchi dans le processus de la conjugaison de nos efforts pour la gestion durable du Lac Tanganyika.
8. Nous sommes donc très heureux que vous ayez choisi Bujumbura pour cette Deuxième Conférence de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika., En effet, notre ville présente des menaces de pollution du lac assez considérables.

Pour éviter que le Burundi ne porte préjudice à la qualité des eaux du lac qui par ailleurs est un écosystème très fragile, le gouvernement du Burundi a, depuis 1994 entrepris des actions de traitement des déchets aussi bien liquides que solides et cela malgré les difficultés socio politiques que connaissait le pays à l'époque.

Aujourd'hui, nous disposons à Bujumbura d'une station d'épuration des eaux usées d'une bonne partie de la capitale et une étude de faisabilité pour le traitement des déchets solides a déjà été réalisée.

9. Nous sommes par conséquent très reconnaissants que parmi les activités prioritaires du Gouvernement dans la protection du Lac Tanganyika, il y aura le soutien à notre pays en ce qui concerne le renforcement dans le domaine du traitement des eaux usées.
10. Le calendrier très chargé de cette rencontre ne vous permettra sans doute pas de visiter la station de traitement des eaux usées de Buterere, mais j'invite ceux qui le peuvent de se rendre compte des efforts consentis par notre pays dans la lutte contre la pollution du Lac Tanganyika.

Excellence Monsieur le Deuxième Vice Président de la République,
Excellences, Mesdames, Messieurs les Ministres,
Distinguées invités, Mesdames et Messieurs,

11. Le gouvernement du Burundi et le peuple Burundais saluent avec enthousiasme la décision des pays riverains de confier à notre pays l'hébergement du siège de l'Autorité du lac Tanganyika.
Cette Deuxième Conférence constitue l'étape cruciale de la prise de mesures adéquates visant le démarrage effectif des activités de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika ainsi que des projets spécifiques y afférents dans chaque pays.
Notre souhait est que les activités du Projet puissent démarrer au début du mois de juillet 2008 conformément aux plans de travail que les équipes d'experts viennent d'élaborer et de soumettre à l'approbation du comité de gestion.
12. Je saisis cette occasion pour confirmer une fois de plus que toutes les facilités seront octroyées au Secrétariat de l'Autorité du lac Tanganyika ainsi qu'aux Unités de coordination des différents projets afin que chacun puisse se sentir à l'aise dans l'accomplissement de ses tâches.
13. S'il faut revenir sur les étapes franchies dans la mise en œuvre de la convention sur la gestion durable du lac Tanganyika, tout nos pays ont déjà ratifié la convention et ont rempli les différentes conditionnalités permettant le démarrage effectif des différentes actions de protection du Lac Tanganyika.
Je sais en outre que ces derniers jours ont permis d'aboutir au consensus sur certaines questions relatives aux salaires du personnel, aux cotisations des différents gouvernements et j'en profite pour féliciter les Experts et le Comité de Gestion pour ce travail accompli au bout d'une semaine de concertation.
14. Ainsi, tous les ingrédients sont aujourd'hui réunis pour le lancement des activités et de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika ainsi que les différents autres projets financés par le PNUD/FEM, la Banque Africaine de Développement, la FAO et l'IUCN.

Excellence Monsieur le Deuxième Vice Président de la République
Excellences, Mesdames, Messieurs les Ministres,
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15. Je ne saurais terminer mon propos sans réitérer mes remerciements à vous tous qui oeuvrez au développement et à la protection de l'environnement en général et du Lac Tanganyika en particulier. Encore une fois soyez les bienvenus à Bujumbura .

Que vive l'entente entre les peuples.
Que vive la Coopération sous-régionale, régionale et Internationale
Je vous remercie

Annex 4: Opening remarks by His Excellency Phoba di M'Panzu, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo to Burundi

DISCOURS DE L'AMBASSADEUR DE LA RD CONGO LORS DE LA II^{EME} CONFERENCE MINISTERIELLE DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA

Honorables Ministres,
Mesdames, Messieurs les délégués des pays riverains du Lac,
Distingués invités,
Mesdames et Messieurs,

Avant toute chose permettez moi, au nom du Ministre d'Etat empêché, de remercier la République du BURUNDI pour l'accueil réservé à tous les invités et pour l'organisation de ces travaux.

Je voudrais ensuite rappeler l'importance du respect de la biodiversité pour la protection de l'environnement et les attentes des populations riveraines pour la réalisation de ce vaste programme.

La République Démocratique du Congo promet par ailleurs d'honorer ses engagements afin de soutenir notre projet régional.

Je tiens aussi à remercier les différents partenaires pour le soutien de ce programme.

Je vous remercie.

Annex 5: Opening remarks by Honourable hon. Todd Chilembo, MP., Deputy Minister of Tourism and Natural Resources, Republic of Zambia

STATEMENT BY HON. TODD CHILEMBO, MP., DEPUTY MINISTER OF TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY HELD IN BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI ON 24th APRIL 2008

The chairman of the second session of the Conference of Ministers,

Fellow Hon. Ministers present,

Other heads of delegations and representatives of governments,

Your Excellencies representatives of United Nations agencies,

Representative of the World Conservation Union,

Representative of the African Development Bank,

Distinguished invited guests,

Ladies and gentlemen.

It is a great honour and privilege for me to address you at this high level segment of the second session of the conference of ministers for the Lake Tanganyika Authority.

On behalf of the Zambian delegation, allow me to join the rest of the speakers to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman and other officials who have been elected to lead us in our deliberations.

I have no doubt that you will effectively execute your functions and guide us in the discussions so that this gathering can reach the consensus on pertinent issues that would facilitate for the smooth start up of the implementation of the activities for the programme on the development of the Lake Tanganyika basin.

Mr. Chairman,

Let me take this opportunity to thank the government of the republic of Burundi for offering to host the second Conference of Ministers for the Lake Tanganyika Authority and according us the warm welcome.

Today, marks a milestone in our protracted negotiations and efforts for putting in place administrative instruments for start up of the implementation of the Lake Tanganyika Integrated Regional Development Programme at both the regional and national levels. It is the hope of my government that at the end of this meeting, functional regional Lake Tanganyika Authority and national coordinating units will be realised.

Mr. Chairman,

In the spirit of the Lake Tanganyika family that we have established, the Zambian government, welcomes and appreciates the efforts made by the riparian countries to develop the Lake Tanganyika basin through implementation of regional and national programmes aimed at protecting the shared resources of the lake and improving the livelihood of over 10 million the riparian people. It is in this regard that my government welcomed the ratification of the convention on sustainable management of Lake Tanganyika by the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo with great pleasure.

We will, therefore, continue to provide support to other riparian states for the sake of making the regional programme on development of Lake Tanganyika realise its goals of contributing to the improvement of ten million people whose livelihoods depend on the lake basin. While we take our individual countries' interest first, the Zambian government has also prioritised supporting the operations of Lake Tanganyika Authority to ensure its sustainability for the benefit of the riparian communities.

Mr. Chairman,

My government is also cognisant of the fact that continuous dialogue in this process is inevitable and it is my plea that my fellow honourable ministers will keep their doors open until when Lake Tanganyika authority reaches maturity and becomes self sustainable and contribute to the economic welfare of our countries and the people who derive their livelihood from the resources of the lake basin.

We recognise that the documents and other administrative instruments that will be presented for our consideration today may not be in a perfect form and they are not cast in stone but we have trust that they will still provide us with a basis for reaching consensus for kick starting the implementation of the activities of the regional programme on the development of Lake Tanganyika basin.

Mr. Chairman,

Our government is conscious of the threats to the lake basin as a result of sedimentation, pollution, over-fishing, loss of habitats and other impacts of human activities within the territories of the riparian states. We also recognise that the riparian states shares a common interest in the conservation and equitable utilisation of the resources of Lake Tanganyika. As a matter of urgency, we must put our efforts together and seek to establish lasting institutional arrangements for achievement of socio-economic development in a manner that conserves and protects the lake basin resources.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, I wish to thank our cooperating partners for the support rendered during the process of establishment of a functional Lake Tanganyika Authority and it is our sincere hope that they will continue providing technical assistance for the benefit of the regional programme on development of Lake Tanganyika.

I thank you all.

Annex 6: Opening remarks by Honourable Dr Batilda S. Burian, State Minister for Environment of the United Republic of Tanzania

STATEMENT BY DR. BATILDA. S. BURIAN (MP), MINISTER OF STATE (ENVIRONMENT), VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY, 24th APRIL 2008, HOTEL CLUB DU LAC TANGANYIKA, BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI

Your Excellency Gabriel Ntizezerana, Second Vice President of the Republic of Burundi;
Hon. S. E. Anatole Kanyenkiko (MP), Minister of Environment Management, Tourism and Lands of the Republic of Burundi;
Hon. Todd Chilembo (MP), Deputy Minister of Tourism and Natural Resources of the Republic of Zambia;
Your Excellency Ambassador Phoba, Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi;
Invited Guests,

Distinguished Delegates of the Riparian States;

Development Partners;

Members of the Media;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude to the people and the Government of the Republic of Burundi for hosting this Second Meeting of the Conference of Ministers for Lake Tanganyika Authority and for hospitality they have accorded us since our arrival here in this beautiful city of Bujumbura. I express my sincere gratitude to you all, Honourable Ministers, for your acceptance and response to my invitation in spite of your other equally important commitments. This is a clear demonstration of your desire, commitment and dedication you attach to this joint process in our common mission of implementation of the Convention towards sustainable management of the Lake Tanganyika resources and its basin.

H. E. Guest of Honour,

As you know, we have come a long way. Endeavours to put in place a programme for sustainable management of the lake started way back in 1995 when the first phase of the programme was initiated. The major milestones in the first phase were the finalization of the Strategy Action Programme (SAP); Special Studies on Biodiversity, Legal and Institutional; Socio- economic and environmental education; Sedimentation discharge and its consequences; Pollution in international Waters and its effect on the lake's biodiversity; and Fishing practices and their effects on the lake's biodiversity; Trans-boundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA); and the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika. The Convention was signed by Ministers of the riparian States in June 2003 in Dar es Salaam. That first phase was concluded in July 2000.

H. E. Guest of Honour,

The second phase of the programme enabled preparation and endorsement of various projects addressing fishing pressure in the littoral zone; harbour pollution; control ornamental fish trade; future mining operations; promotion of sustainable agriculture; deforestation; and park management. By the end of the second phase, a project document fully developed with detailed regional and national proposals for financing to implement the Strategic Action Programme was adopted.

In April 2007, the First Meeting of the Conference of Ministers was held in Dar es Salaam. In this meeting decisions were made on a number of important matters, namely: - status of ratification of the Convention; appointment of the Executive Director for Lake Tanganyika Authority; Headquarters of the Authority; mobilization of resources; rules and procedures for the Authority; and financial regulations of the Authority. The Lake Tanganyika Authority was officially established. Furthermore Conference of Ministers came up with the *Dar es Salaam Declaration* which was signed by all ministers on 5th April 2007, which officially pronounced the Lake Tanganyika Authority operational.

In February 2008 while we were in Monaco for the 10th Governing Council, we Ministers responsible for Environment from Zambia, Tanzania and a representative from Burundi, had an opportunity to convene a small meeting, among other things, we discussed the way forward on the operationalization of the LTA. We agreed to a date for meeting we are having today.

H. E. Guest of Honour, Honourable Ministers,

The task ahead before us is absolutely urgent and important in order to address the array of challenges facing the lake and its basin. We need to address these challenges before we can fully exploit the opportunities that exist for socio-economic development. This can only be achieved with strong regional cooperation of our riparian countries. The lives of the riparian communities depend on the lake's stability and resources. All these resources benefit humankind immensely. Long term sustainable economic development is dependent on the way we manage the environment today. Protecting and managing the environment and natural resources base for economic and social development and addressing the unsustainable consumption remain fundamental challenges for poverty eradication and sustainable development of our people.

Allow me to quote one Cree Indian Prophecy that said, *"Only when the last tree has been cut down; Only when the last river has been poisoned; Only when the last fish has been caught; Only then will you find that money cannot be eaten."*

H. E. Guest of Honour, Honourable ministers,

There are still pending issues needed to be addressed before Lake Tanganyika Authority and the Programme become fully operational. At this meeting we have to reach agreement on a number of issues, including decisions on: - annual Government contributions; remuneration packages of Lake Tanganyika Authority Secretariat staff; remuneration packages for National Coordination Unit staff; Agreement of the Lake Tanganyika Authority Headquarters; Lake Tanganyika Authority/ National Coordination Unit staff manuals; and a regional work-plan and budget. I am confident that we will amicably reach consensus on these issues so as to make the Lake Tanganyika Authority and the programme operational.

H. E. Guest of Honour,

I would like to make this opportunity, on your behalf, to express our gratitude to the Democratic Republic of Congo for ratifying the Convention. This was a necessary step towards the operationalization of the Lake Tanganyika authority, and the implementation for the Regional Programme for the Integrated Development of Lake Tanganyika.

Honourable ministers

After saying all this, let me take this opportunity to recognize the work done by the senior officials meeting held in Bujumbura from 16th – 21st April 2008, as well as Management Committee meeting over the last two days. They had an enormous task of reviewing and finalizing the work plan and budget for the first year of projects implementation, Remuneration packages for Lake Tanganyika Authority and National Coordinating Unit staff and National Contribution. All these important documents set up the agenda for this Conference. My special appreciation also goes to our secretariat team from FAO, IUCN, and others.

H. E. Guest of Honour, Honourable ministers,

Before concluding my statement, Let me also take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate most sincerely, on behalf of the member countries of the Lake Tanganyika Authority, the support generously extended by various development partners, especially the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), GEF, The African Development Bank (ADB), NORDIC Fund, the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) and IUCN to the entire process over the years since 1995. Last but not least, I wish the incoming chairperson of the Conference of Ministers of Lake Tanganyika Authority much success, and I look forward to a positive outcome of this meeting.

I would like to finish my speech by yet again quoting the co-Governor of Earth day Mr. Gaylord Nelson when he said, *"The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."*

With this few remarks, I thank you for your attention.

Annex 7: Statement by Akiko Yamamoto (UNDP)

**STATEMENT BY AKIKO YAMAMOTO (UNDP) AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR
THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY
24th APRIL 2008
HOTEL CLUB DU LAC TANGANYIKA, BUJUMBURA**

Your Excellency Gabriel Ntizezerana, Second Vice President of the Republic of Burundi;

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Hon. Dr. Batilda. S. Burian (MP), Minister Of State (Environment) of the Republic of Tanzania

Hon. Todd Chilembo (MP), Deputy Minister of Tourism and Natural Resources of the Republic of Zambia;

Ambassador Phoba, Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo in Burundi;

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Fellow Development Partners;

Members of the Media;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great honor and privilege for me to be here today as a partner for the Lake Tanganyika riparian states.

I would like to thank the Government of Tanzania for calling for this important meeting in such a timely fashion. I would also like to thank the Government of Burundi for hosting this meeting at the beautiful shore of the Lake Tanganyika.

Honourable Ministers,

UNDP's involvement with the Lake Tanganyika started early 1990's. The first phase of the UNDP/GEF project was one of the very first projects funded by Global Environment Facility with the aim to protect and restore the ecosystem of international waters. The project assisted the riparian states in developing the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), which tells us how the state of the lake today, what major threats are and what the immediate and root causes for those threats are. Following the development of TDA, the project assisted the riparian states in developing the Strategic Action Programme, which is a set of actions to address the challenges that are considered high priorities by the riparian states. Strategic Action Programme (SAP) endorsed by all the four countries is one of the first SAPs produced and endorsed in the world. In other words, Lake Tanganyika riparian states and all delegates in this room have been leading the world for the protection of international waters.

Today, after nearly 15 years since our first involvement, UNDP remains as a Lake Tanganyika partner. We have witnessed significant progress, especially in the last few years, towards the regional cooperation for the management of the Lake Tanganyika, most notably manifested by the signing of the Lake Tanganyika Convention and the establishment of the Lake Tanganyika Authority.

The establishment of the Lake Tanganyika Authority is leading the way for all of us to move to the second phase of the Lake Tanganyika management, which is to start implementing prioritized actions agreed in 2000 and start making differences on the ground. It took us some time - a little longer than we initially expected - but finally UNDP is ready to support the riparian states to implement the Lake Tanganyika Integrated Management Programme (more than in our spirit).

Honourable Ministers,

I am happy to announce that the 2nd phase of the UNDP/GEF project has been finally approved and cleared by both GEF and UNDP earlier this month. The project documents are ready for signature by all the riparian states. Once signed, the project will start its activities immediately to support the implementation of Strategic Action Programme. GEF made available USD13.5million for this endeavor and as their contribution to the implementation of the overall Lake Tanganyika Management Programme. The project will continue for 4 years. The project will focus on the environmental management aspects of the Lake Tanganyika Programme with 4 main objectives. They are: 1) Regional institutional and coordination capacity building, 2) pollution control through wastewater treatment and management, 3) sedimentation control through better catchment management and 4) development of the M&E framework for the Lake system.

Honourable Ministers,

It is our strong belief that the challenges the Lake Tanganyika region faces are addressed better and more effectively if they are addressed by collectively by the 4 riparian states in a coordinated manner. Not only countries but also all the development partners should work together as a team. It is not an easy task, but we are willing, as willing as the riparian states. To conclude this short statement, I would like to reiterate our commitment to the Lake and our support to the riparian countries. We are delighted to remain as your partner. I wish you a successful meeting today.

I thank you for your attention.

Annex 8: Statement by Jean-Louis Kromer (AfDB)

Excellences madame et messieurs les Ministres,
Excellence monsieur l'ambassadeur,
Mesdames, Messieurs les délégués des pays riverains du lac,
Distingués invités,
Mesdames, Messieurs,

En premier lieu, je tiens à vivement remercier le Gouvernement du Burundi pour l'excellente organisation de cette conférence à Bujumbura.

Comme vous le savez, quatre accords de prêt et un protocole de don ont été signés pour le financement, sur le Fonds Africain de Développement, du projet d'appui au programme régional d'aménagement du lac Tanganyika pour un montant total de l'ordre de 40 millions de Dollars US.

Je suis heureux de constater que nous nous approchons finalement du démarrage de ce très important projet. Cependant permettez moi de vous rappeler que ces prêts et ce don ont été signés par les Gouvernements de vos pays respectifs il y a maintenant plus de trois ans et qu'en conformité avec les règles de procédures de la Banque ils sont tous éligibles à annulation depuis maintenant plus d'une année.

Nous avons heureusement jusqu'à présent réussi à convaincre la haute direction de la Banque de surseoir à cette annulation, au vu de l'importance de ce projet pour la région des Grands Lacs.

Cependant, je ne vous cacherais pas que nous sommes extrêmement préoccupés par ce retard pris dans la satisfaction des conditions préalables aux premiers décaissements des prêts et du don. J'ai eu le plaisir d'apprendre que la principale des conditions restant à satisfaire devrait l'être au cours de cette conférence. Il s'agit en effet de la signature de l'accord de rétrocession, par le Gouvernement de la République Démocratique du Congo, de l'intégralité du Don FAD à l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika. Il reste malgré tout deux conditions à satisfaire par la RDC (*fournir au Fonds la preuve de la création de l'UNC et fournir au Fonds la preuve de la création du Comité de pilotage interministériel du Projet*) ainsi que la finalisation du recrutement du personnel de l'Unité de Coordination Nationale.

Il est de mon devoir de vous informer à nouveau que la direction de la Banque s'est engagée dans une politique très claire d'annulation des prêts et projets problématiques. Force est de constater que ce projet est déjà très problématique avant même d'avoir commencé, autant vous dire que la probabilité de son annulation est un peu plus élevée avec chaque jour qui passe.

Comme cette question a été évoquée à diverses reprises lors du Comité de Gestion, permettez moi, d'attirer votre attention sur le fait que les nouvelles règles et directives de la Banque relatives à l'utilisation des fonds FAD, pour le versement de primes et indemnités aux personnels chargés de la mise en œuvre des projets, sont de plus en plus restrictives et que ce projet constitue déjà une exception quant aux nombres de personnels concernés et aux montants alloués à cet effet.

Permettez moi aussi de rappeler que les budgets actuels ont fait l'objet de négociations entre les représentants de vos Gouvernements et la Banque, préalablement à la signature des accords de prêts et du protocole de don.

En conclusion, je pense que nous sommes tous d'accord qu'il est essentiel que le secrétariat de l'ALT soit très rapidement mis en place et que les activités du projet PRODAP puissent démarrer au cours des prochains mois. Si tel n'est pas le cas, tous les efforts menés jusqu'à présent de part et d'autre pour la mise en place de ce projet risquent d'avoir été vains.

Je vous remercie.

Annex 9: Address of the Guest of Honour, His Excellency Monsieur Gabriel Ntisezerana, the Second Vice President of the Republic of Burundi

PROJET DE DISCOURS DE SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR Gabriel NTISEZERANA, DEUXIEME VICE-PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE, A L'OCCASION DE L'OUVERTURE DE LA DEUXIEME CONFERENCE MINISTERIELLE DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA.

Bujumbura, Hôtel Club du Lac TANGANYIKA, le 24 Avril 2008

**Excellences, Mesdames, Messieurs les Ministres,
Excellences Messieurs les Chefs de Délégations,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Chefs de Missions Diplomatiques,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Représentants des Organisations Internationales,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Représentants des Partenaires
Mesdames, Messieurs les Délégués des Pays Riverains du Lac Tanganyika,
Distingués Invités,
Mesdames, Messieurs,**

1. C'est avec une fierté et un plaisir légitimes que Nous prenons la parole en cette occasion où Nous procédons à l'ouverture solennelle de la Deuxième Conférence Ministérielle de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika.

2. Qu'il Nous soit permis, en cette heureuse circonstance de souhaiter au nom du Gouvernement du Burundi et en mon nom propre, la chaleureuse bienvenue aux distinguées délégations des pays frères. Nous avons nommé la République Démocratique du Congo, la République Unie de Tanzanie et la République de Zambie. Que tous et chacun vous sentiez comme chez vous tout au long de votre séjour dans notre capital Bujumbura.

3. Nous voudrions également saluer la présence parmi nous des représentants du Corps Diplomatique et des organisations internationales qui ont voulu s'associer à nous lors des cérémonies de lancement officiel des travaux des présentes assises.

**Mesdames, Messieurs les Délégués ;
Distingués invités ;
Mesdames, Messieurs,**

4. Votre présence dans notre pays est un témoignage éloquent d'une réelle prise de conscience et de l'intérêt que vous attachez à la gestion durable et partagée de ce bien précieux qu'est le Lac Tanganyika.

5. Ce Lac couvre une superficie de 32 600 km². Il est le plus long du monde (673 km), le deuxième le plus profond au monde après le Lac Baïkhal, l'un des premiers réservoirs mondiaux d'eau douce et l'un des écosystèmes continentaux de la planète les plus riches en terme de biodiversité.

6. Le Lac Tanganyika abrite plus de 2 000 espèces de plantes et d'animaux, et la majorité de celles-ci lui sont endémiques. En outre, il vient en deuxième position au niveau de la pêche de la région africaine, après celle du Lac Victoria.

7. Par sa grande biodiversité et autres caractéristiques dont nous venons d'esquisser les grands traits, le Lac Tanganyika constitue l'une des grandes richesses du continent africain. En conséquence, la sauvegarde de ce patrimoine mérite de mobiliser une attention toute particulière.

8. En dépit de son importance aussi bien au niveau régional et qu'au niveau global, le Lac Tanganyika fait face à de nombreuses menaces, notamment la pollution qui s'observe autour des grandes villes riveraines comme Bujumbura, Kigoma, Mpulungu, Uvira et Kalémie.

9. Ces villes concentrent des déchets urbains non traités et des déchets industriels provenant notamment des centrales thermiques, des dépôts de carburant dans les principaux ports, des unités de congélation de la pêche industrielle, des usines de traitement du coton et de sucre, et j'en passe...

10. A côté de tout cela, les déchets provenant de petites entreprises d'exploitation de minerais dans le bassin et des ménages ne sont généralement pas traités. J'ai nommé les déchets organiques, les produits chimiques comme le mercure, le dioxyde sulfurique et les huiles usagées.

11. Par ailleurs, la déforestation, l'érosion des terres et le transport des sédiments, ainsi que le ruissellement des pesticides utilisés pour l'agriculture et la jacinthe d'eau douce ont été également identifiés comme une autre source de dégradation et de pollution affectant sérieusement la biodiversité du Lac Tanganyika.

**Mesdames, Messieurs,
Distingués invités,**

12. La signature et la ratification de la convention pour la gestion durable du Lac Tanganyika par nos 4 pays respectifs est un témoignage éloquent de la volonté politique et de l'engagement de nos Etats pour la mise en place d'un cadre de concertation pour une gestion commune de notre éco-système transfrontalier, un bassin qui regorge d'énormes potentialités, mais également confronté à plusieurs problèmes et défis.

13. Il nous plait de mettre en exergue que l'objectif poursuivi dans ce projet est la réduction de la pauvreté par le développement et la valorisation durable des potentialités du Lac Tanganyika et de son bassin, notamment à travers:

- La rationalisation de l'exploitation des ressources halieutiques ;
- La préservation durable de l'environnement lacustre ;
- La réduction de la pauvreté des populations du bassin du Lac qui sont parmi les plus pauvres de la région et qui dépendent, pour l'essentiel, des ressources de la pêche ;
- La diversification des sources de revenus et
- La création des emplois.

14. Conscient de l'intérêt de la sauvegarde de ce patrimoine, le Burundi a été le premier pays à signer la Convention pour la Gestion Durable du Lac Tanganyika. Il s'est engagé en outre à ne ménager aucun effort pour soutenir cette initiative.

15. Aussi, le Burundi a dédié la journée du 22 juillet de chaque année au Lac Tanganyika en vue d'inciter la communauté nationale et internationale à prendre conscience de l'importance de cet écosystème.

**Mesdames, Messieurs,
Distingués invités,**

16. Au sortir d'une décennie de conflit, le Burundi veut s'engager résolument sur la voie de la normalisation politique, socio-économique et celle du développement durable.

17. C'est pour cela que, nous tenons à remercier vivement tous nos partenaires, qui ne cessent d'apporter des appuis multiformes au Gouvernement du Burundi et de nous soutenir dans nos efforts de réconciliation nationale et dans la voie du développement durable, source de la protection et de la gestion intégrée de l'Environnement.

18. L'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika, un organe chargé de coordonner la mise en place de la Convention pour la gestion durable du Lac Tanganyika signée le 12 juin 2003 et subséquemment ratifiée par les 4 Etats ayant en commun le Lac, constitue une valeur ajoutée pour nos pays respectifs dans la préservation de cet écosystème et à l'amélioration des conditions de vie de plus de 10 millions de citoyens vivant dans le bassin hydrographique du Lac.

**Excellences, Mesdames , Messieurs les Ministres,
Excellences Messieurs les Chefs de Délégations,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Chefs de Missions Diplomatiques,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Représentants des Organisations Internationales,
Mesdames, Messieurs les Représentants des Partenaires
Mesdames, Messieurs les Délégués des Pays Riverains du Lac Tanganyika,
Distingués Invités,
Mesdames, Messieurs,**

19 Nos Etats viennent de remplir toutes les conditionnalités exigées par nos donateurs. L'heure est donc venue de passer à l'action en matière de gestion du Lac et de son bassin.

20 A cet effet, la Conférence Ministérielle en tant qu'organe suprême de l'Autorité, va doter cette dernière, entre autres d'outils nécessaires pour son financement, notamment un plan de travail au niveau tant national que régional, un personnel du Secrétariat de l'Autorité et celui des unités de coordination nationales.

21 Nous ne saurions terminer notre allocution sans remercier une fois de plus tous les donateurs qui ne ménagent rien pour soutenir ce processus et les encourageons à consentir encore des efforts pour que des activités du vaste projet Autorité du Lac Tanganyika trouvent un démarrage effectif sur terrain.

22 C'est sur cette note de gratitude et d'encouragement que nous déclarons ouverts les travaux de la Deuxième Conférence Ministérielle de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika.

Vive l'intégration régionale !

Vive la solidarité entre les peuples !

Je vous remercie.

Annex 10: Indicative figures for salary/remuneration packages covering NCU and LTA Secretariat positions**A. Annual costs for NCUs**

	NATIONAL COORDINATION UNIT						MONTHLY TOTAL	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
								ANNUAL					
	Coordinator	Environment	Fisheries	Civil Eng	Socio-econ	Accountant		TOTAL	TOTAL				
Salary							22,000	264,000	264,000	264,000	264,000	264,000	264,000
Housing Allowance								1,920	1,920	1,920	1,920	1,920	1,920
Schooling Allowance							960	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Night guards	4,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,750	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Medical Insurance	160	160	160	160	160	160							
Leave Allowance	2,250	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750							
Gratuity 12.5%	563	438	438	438	438	438							
TOTAL								282,420	282,420	282,420	282,420	282,420	282,420
Contribution ADF							6,500	-78,000	-78,000	-78,000	-78,000	-78,000	-78,000
Contribution UNDP/GEF								0	0	0	0	0	0
Other contributions								0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Contributions								-78,000	-78,000	-78,000	-78,000	-78,000	-78,000
Demobilization fee	2,250	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750		11,000					11,000
Family members	4	4	4	4	4	4							
Air tickets	250	250	250	250	250	250							
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000							
Total travel	3,250	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750		17,000					17,000
TOTAL EXPERTS								232,420	204,420	204,420	204,420	204,420	232,420
Secretaries 2							600	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200
Drivers 2							400	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
Office assistants 1							200	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Cashier							400	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
Liaison officer							400	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
SUBTOTAL GS								24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
Contribution ADF							1,850	-22,200	-22,200	-22,200	-22,200	-22,200	-22,200
TOTAL NCU								234,220	206,220	206,220	206,220	206,220	234,220

B. Annual costs for LTA Secretariat and grand totals (LTA Secretariat and NCU figures combined, per country)

	DIRECTORS					MONTHLY TOTAL	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Executive	Environment	Fisheries	M&E	Fin&Admin		ANNUAL					
							TOTAL					
Salary						29,500	354,000	354,000	354,000	354,000	354,000	354,000
Housing Allowance												
Schooling Allowance												
Night guards												
	7,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500							
Medical Insurance	160	160	160	160	160	800	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600
Leave Allowance	3,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750		14,750	14,750	14,750	14,750	14,750	14,750
Gratuity 12.5%	11,250	8,250	8,250	8,250	8,250		44,250	44,250	44,250	44,250	44,250	44,250
TOTAL							422,600	422,600	422,600	422,600	422,600	422,600
Contribution ADF							-84,000	-84,000	-84,000	-84,000	-84,000	-84,000
Contribution UNDP/GEF							-156,000	0	0	0	0	0
Other contributions							0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS							-240,000	-84,000	-84,000	-84,000	-84,000	-84,000
Demobilization fee	3,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750							
Family members	4	4	4	4	4							
Air tickets	1,000	500	500	500	500							
Total travel	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000							
Total one-time costs	7,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750		26,750					26,750
TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS REGIONAL DIRECTORS							209,350	338,600	338,600	338,600	338,600	365,350
Secretaries 3						2,400	28,800	28,800	28,800	28,800	28,800	28,800
Drivers 3						1,600	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,200
Office assistants 3						990	11,880	11,880	11,880	11,880	11,880	11,880
Contribution ADF							-7,800	-7,800	-7,800	-7,800	-7,800	-7,800
TOTAL GENERAL STAFF							52,080	52,080	52,080	52,080	52,080	52,080
TOTAL LTA							261,430	390,680	390,680	390,680	390,680	417,430
TOTAL LTA per country							65,358	97,670	97,670	97,670	97,670	104,358
TOTAL NCU per country							234,220	206,220	206,220	206,220	206,220	234,220
GRAND TOTAL							299,578	303,890	303,890	303,890	303,890	338,578

Annex 11: Resolution No. 01/08 of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers on the Status of the Lake Tanganyika Authority Secretariat and the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika

Resolution No. 01/08 of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers on the Status of the Lake Tanganyika Authority Secretariat and the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling the Dar es Salaam Declaration of fifth April 2007, issued on the occasion of the First Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers, and formally establishing the Lake Tanganyika Authority as provided for in the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika,

Noting with satisfaction the continued cooperation between the Lake Tanganyika States towards full implementation of the Convention for the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika, as marked for example by the ratification of the Convention by the Democratic Republic of Congo in November 2007 and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Lake Tanganyika Authority to allow the channeling of AfDB grant funds, reserved for the Regional Secretariat, to the Authority's account,

Taking further note of the substantial progress Contracting States have made in fulfilling the AfDB and Nordic Development Fund conditionalities for fund disbursement to the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika,

Acknowledging with gratitude the continued close consultation and collaboration between the Contracting States and the Lake Tanganyika Partner Agencies, including the AfDB, the Nordic Development Fund, UNDP/GEF, the IUCN and the FAO through its FishCode Programme, in working towards the full implementation of the Convention,

Appreciating the continued understanding of the principal funding agency Partners regarding the complexity of processes the Contracting States are following in order to fulfill all conditionalities for release of the first disbursement of loans and grants to support the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika,

Aware that it is crucial for the attainment of the goals set out in the Convention on the Sustainable Management to ensure the operational establishment of the Lake Tanganyika Authority and of the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika without further delay,


Recognizing the political will of the Lake Tanganyika States to achieve full and effective establishment of the Lake Tanganyika Authority and its Secretariat as soon as possible,

1. Stresses that the remaining conditionalities linked to the AfDB-funded project component of the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika at the national level need to be fully met no later than 31 May 2008, including, where appropriate, formal notification to the Bank of suitable candidates to serve in National Coordination Units, and formal notification to the Bank of the proof of establishment of National Coordination Units.
2. Further stresses that the remaining conditionalities linked to the AfDB funded project component of the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika at the regional level need to be met no later than 31 May 2008, in particular concerning the formal notification to the Bank, by each country, of the names of their appointees to the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee, representing the sectors of Fisheries, Environment, Finance and Water respectively.

3. Calls on the Governments of the Lake Tanganyika States to ensure the formal appointment, no later than 30 June 2008, of the National Coordinators and other experts to serve in the respective National Coordination Units.
4. Further calls on the Governments of the Lake Tanganyika States to ensure the formal appointment, no later than 30 June 2008, of the Executive Director and the Director of Finance and Administration of the Lake Tanganyika Authority's Secretariat.
5. Additionally calls on the Governments of the Lake Tanganyika States to ensure the formal appointment, no later than 31 July 2008, of the remaining Lake Tanganyika Authority Secretariat's Directors, namely the Director of Fisheries, the Director of Environment, and the Director of Monitoring and Evaluation.
6. Underlines the necessity for Contracting States to make provision in their respective national budgets in order to meet their annual national contribution obligation to the Lake Tanganyika Authority at the level agreed during the Second Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers, namely US\$303,900, and to make provision as well for funds to support initial project operations beginning in July 2008.

Resolved in Bujumbura, Republic of Burundi, this twenty-fifth day of April 2008, and signed by:

For the United Republic of Tanzania:


Hon. Dr. Batilda S. Burian
Minister of State, Vice President's Office
ENVIRONMENT

For the Republic of Burundi:


Hon. Anatole Kanyenkiko
Minister of Environment, Land Planning and Public Works

For the Republic of Zambia:


Hon. Todd S. Chilembo, M.P.
Deputy Minister of Tourism and Natural Resources

For the Democratic Republic of Congo:


H.E. Phoba di M'Panzu
Chargé d'Affaires
Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo in
the Republic of Burundi

Communiqué de presse de la Deuxième Conférence Ministérielle de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika

En date du 24 avril 2008, nous, Ministres de la République du Burundi, de la République Démocratique du Congo, de la République de Zambie et de la République Unie de Tanzanie en charge de la mise en œuvre de la Convention sur la Gestion Durable du Lac Tanganyika, avons participé à la Deuxième Conférence Ministérielle de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika qui s'est tenue à l'Hôtel Club du Lac Tanganyika, à Bujumbura, au Burundi.

Après avoir analysé les thèmes à l'ordre du jour dont les principaux étaient notamment :

1. Le lancement des activités du Secrétariat de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika (ALT) ;
2. L'analyse et l'approbation de la grille des salaires du personnel et des contributions financières des pays au fonctionnement de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika.

Après avoir aussi pris connaissance des plans de travail aussi bien au niveau national qu'au niveau régional par le Comité de Gestion, la Deuxième Conférence Ministérielle de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika lance officiellement le démarrage effectif des travaux du Secrétariat de l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika.

La Deuxième Conférence Ministérielle de l'ALT considère que ces assises constituent l'étape ultime qui permet aux pays riverains du Lac Tanganyika de démarrer, avec l'appui des partenaires, en l'occurrence la Banque Africaine de Développement et le PNUD/FEM, respectivement de l'ordre de 40 millions de dollars américains et 13.5 millions de dollars américains, leurs activités contenues dans leurs projets respectifs dès la signature des documents de projets ; et que les deux derniers trimestres de l'année 2008 soient une période de mise en oeuvre effective des différents projets dans les quatre pays.

Cela sera d'autant plus faisable que, à cette date, vient d'être signé, entre le Gouvernement de la République Démocratique du Congo d'une part et l'Autorité du Lac Tanganyika d'autre part, l'accord de rétrocession sous forme de Don d'un montant de 4 960 000 Unités de Compte conclu en date du 01/02/2005 entre la République Démocratique du Congo et le Fonds Africain de Développement.

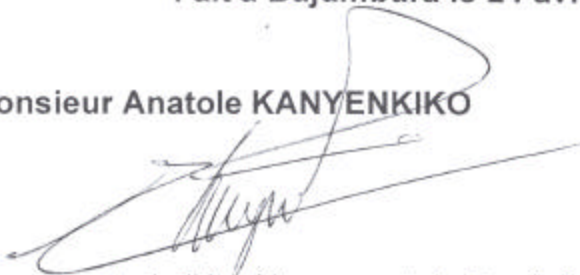
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Les Participants à la Conférence de Bujumbura remercient vivement d'une part, le Gouvernement du Burundi pour l'accueil chaleureux qui leur a été réservé ; et d'autre part, les partenaires qui sans cesse continuent à appuyer les pays riverains dans la protection et la gestion du Lac Tanganyika.

Fait à Bujumbura le 24 avril 2008

Son Excellence Monsieur Anatole KANYENKIKO



Ministre de l'Environnement, de l'Aménagement du Territoire et des Travaux Publics de la République du Burundi

Son Excellence Monsieur Phoba di M'panzu Cosman, Chargé d'Affaires



Ambassade de la République Démocratique du Congo à Bujumbura

Honorable Madame Batilda S. Burian



Ministre d'Etat à l'Environnement de la République Unie de Tanzanie

Honorable Monsieur Todd Chilembo



Vice Ministre du Tourisme et des Ressources naturelles de la République de Zambie