



LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY

Report of the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Authority Conference of Ministers



26 November, 2010
Mulungushi International Conference Centre,
Lusaka, Zambia

INTRODUCTION

1. The fourth ordinary meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) Conference of Ministers took place on 26th November 2010 at Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka, Republic of Zambia.
2. Delegates from the four riparian countries were led by Honourable Jean-Marie NIBIRANTIJE, Minister of Water, Environment, Territory Management and Urban Planning of the Republic of Burundi, Honourable Norbert Basengezi KATINTIMA, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mrs. Ruth H. MOLLEL, Permanent Secretary, Vice-President's Office in charge of Environment of the United Republic of Tanzania and Honourable Catherine NAMUGALA, Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Zambia.
3. Staff members from the LTA, United Nations Development Programme / Global Environment Facility (UNDP/GEF) Regional Project Coordination Office, National Coordination Units (NCUs) and UNDP/GEF Project Management Units (PMUs) attended the meeting as observers. Representatives of the following partner organizations: UNDP, the African Development Bank (ADB), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) also attended the meeting as observers.
4. The Agenda and the list of delegates (and observers) are respectively included in Annexes 1 and 2 of the report.

Agenda Item 1: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

5. The Opening Ceremony of the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers was graced by the presence of the Guest of Honour, Honourable Dr. Kalombo MWANSA, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Zambia.
6. Before the official opening of the meeting, the LTA Executive Director called the meeting to order at 11:30 Hours and welcomed all the delegates and observers to the meeting. Thereafter, the Executive Director invited the Heads of Delegation to deliver their opening statements.

Remarks by Heads of Delegation

7. The first statement was made by Honourable Catherine NAMUGALA, Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Zambia. In her statement shown under Annex 3, Honourable NAMUGALA welcomed all delegates to Zambia and urged everyone to feel at home. She went on to say that the meeting was very important to all the Lake Tanganyika riparian countries and hoped that there would be fruitful deliberations and outcomes.
8. The Burundian Head of Delegation, Honourable Jean Marie NIBIRANTIJE, Minister of Water, Environment, Territory Management and Urban Planning paid tribute to the Republic of Zambia for hosting the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers. He thanked the supporting partners and requested them to continue providing support to the Lake Tanganyika Authority. Honourable NIBIRANTIJE's statement is shown under Annex 4.

9. In her statement shown under Annex 5, the Tanzanian Head of Delegation, Mrs. Ruth H. MOLLEL, Permanent Secretary, Vice-President's Office in charge of Environment, thanked the Republic of Zambia for the hospitality and organizing the meeting in Lusaka. She stated that the meeting offered a very good opportunity to reflect on the decisions of the previous meetings and on the implementation status of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika. Mrs. MOLLEL said that there was need to come up with workable mechanisms for financial sustainability of the LTA. The Tanzanian Head of Delegation suggested that Permanent Secretaries should be included in the LTA structure.

Statements from Supporting Partners

10. Mr. Jean-Louis KROMER made a statement on behalf of the ADB. In his statement shown under Annex 6, Mr. KROMER thanked the Government of the Republic of Zambia for hosting the meeting and for the excellent logistical arrangements. He was pleased to see that all the NCUs and the LTA had made some progress. However, he stated that there was need to improve the implementation of activities at the regional level. Furthermore, he called upon the riparian countries to ensure timely payment of national contributions which also served as counterpart funds for the ADB grant and loans. Mr. KROMER called for re-evaluation of the terms and conditions of the national contributions of the riparian countries to the LTA in order to ensure that they can be complied with on a sustainable basis.
11. Mrs. Viola MORGAN, the Country Director for UNDP Zambia Office, thanked the Zambian government for hosting the meeting which reaffirmed Zambia's commitment in furthering the sustainable management of Lake Tanganyika. She emphasized that improving the livelihoods of people living in the Lake Tanganyika Basin through sustainable development strategies was a goal that the UNDP strongly advocated and would therefore continue to support the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme and the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika. Mrs. MORGAN's statement is shown under Annex 7.
12. Mr. John JORGENSEN made a statement on behalf of the FAO. In his statement shown under Annex 8, Mr. JORGENSEN highlighted the economic importance of Lake Tanganyika and said that it was an enormously important source of food, income and livelihoods for millions of people not only in the four riparian countries that share the lake but in the entire East and Central African region. He further informed the meeting that FAO had for many years supported a number of activities especially in fisheries management on Lake Tanganyika. Mr. JORGENSEN said that FAO was ready and looking forward to working with the LTA through provision of technical assistance in the implementation of the ADB supported Project to Support the Lake Tanganyika Integrated Regional Development Programme (PRODAP).
13. Ms. Esther ABONYO made a statement on behalf of the IUCN. In her statement shown under Annex 9, Ms. ABONYO assured the meeting that IUCN was dedicated to working with the LTA and the riparian countries to lessen the threat of biological invasions to the biodiversity of Lake Tanganyika and its catchment. She further observed that there was need to involve the riparian local communities in order to achieve sustainability in activity implementation.
14. Dr. Charles KAHINDO made a statement on behalf of WWF. He thanked the Republic of Zambia for the hospitality and stated that WWF was honoured to be invited to the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers in Lusaka. Dr. KAHINDO informed the

meeting that WWF had been sub-contracted by the UNDP/GEF Project to implement the Project Component on catchment management in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In conclusion, Dr KAHINDO assured the delegates and observers that WWF would follow its main core values of results, integrity and respect to effectively implement the project in close collaboration with partners and local communities.

Remarks by the out-going Chairperson of the Conference of Ministers

15. The out-going Chairperson of the Conference of Ministers, Honourable Norbert Basengezi KATINTIMA, the Democratic Republic of Congo Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock thanked the Government of Zambia for hosting the meeting. He also expressed appreciation to the partners for attending the meeting. Honourable KATINTIMA mentioned some successes achieved under his leadership including the approval of the Staff Rules and Conditions of Service of the LTA staff members, signing of the LTA Headquarters Agreement, approval of the LTA Rules of Procedures, approval of the LTA Financial Regulations and approval of the LTA logo and flag.
16. Honourable KATINTIMA further informed the meeting that he recognized the shortcomings with regard to timely remittance of national contributions by some riparian countries but he recognized the commendable efforts made by the United Republic of Tanzania in remitting full national contributions to the LTA Secretariat. Before calling upon the Guest of Honour to officially open the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers, Honourable KATINTIMA expressed hope that the fulfilment of national contribution obligations by all the riparian countries would improve during the tenure of the in-coming Chairperson. The full statement made by Honourable KATINTIMA is shown under Annex 10.

Agenda Item 2: OPENING REMARKS BY THE GUEST OF HONOUR

17. The Guest of Honour, Honourable Dr. Kalombo MWANSA, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Zambia, officially opened the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers. Honourable MWANSA welcomed all the delegates and observers to Zambia and informed the meeting that the Republic of Zambia felt honoured to host the meeting.
18. The Guest of Honour recognized the efforts made by the riparian countries in addressing the socio-economic and environmental challenges of the Lake Tanganyika and its Basin. He also thanked the cooperating partners for their financial and technical support. The Guest of Honour concluded his remarks by encouraging the delegates to continue with the same spirit of regional cooperation that had already been exhibited. The full text of Honourable MWANSA's statement is shown under Annex 11.

Agenda Item 3: CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HEADS OF DELEGATION

19. After the Opening Ceremony, Heads of Delegation took a moment for consultations behind closed doors.

Agenda Item 4: FORMAL HAND-OVER OF CHAIRMANSHIP / CONSTITUTION OF THE BUREAU

20. When the meeting resumed after consultations between Heads of Delegation, the LTA Executive Director introduced Agenda Item 4 and called upon the out-going Chairperson of the Conference of Ministers to officially handover the Chairmanship to Zambia. Honourable KATINTIMA expressed gratitude for the opportunity to have served as Chairman of the

Conference of Ministers and promised to give his support to the in-coming Chairperson: Honourable NAMUGALA, the Zambian Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources. In conclusion, Honourable KATINTIMA presented and handed over the LTA flag to Honourable NAMUGALA.

21. In her acceptance remarks, Honourable NAMUGALA stated that it was an honour for her to take up the important role of Chairperson of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers. She further mentioned that she would rely on the support and advice from Ministers in other riparian countries of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania. Honourable NAMUGALA went on to say that she would also rely on the advice of the technocrats in the four riparian countries. Finally, Honourable NAMUGALA called upon the supporting partners to continue their invaluable support for the sake of sustainable management of Lake Tanganyika and its Basin. Thereafter, Honourable NAMUGALA called the meeting to order and invited the riparian countries to nominate rapporteurs.
22. Tanzania and Burundi were invited to serve as Anglophone and Francophone Rapporteurs respectively. The two countries accepted the invitations.

Agenda Item 5: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

23. The Democratic Republic of Congo proposed adoption of the agenda and the proposal was seconded by the United Republic of Tanzania. The draft agenda was adopted with no amendments.

Agenda Item 6: ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING

24. The Conference of Ministers unanimously adopted the minutes of the third ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers.

Agenda Item 7: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING

25. The LTA Executive Director presented a report on three items as matters arising from the third ordinary meeting as follow.

Zambia fulfilment of the ADB conditions (CoM/4/7.1)

26. The LTA Executive Director informed the Conference of Ministers that Zambia had fulfilled the ADB loan conditions by submitting the document on sustainable debt management to ADB and establishing the NCU office in Mpulungu. The first disbursement from ADB was received in February 2010.

The Conference of Ministers took note of progress and achievements made by the Republic of Zambia.

National Contributions (CoM/4/7.2)

27. The LTA Executive Director reminded the Conference of Ministers that at the third ordinary meeting, the riparian countries were called upon to expedite remittance of full national contributions to the LTA. He further presented the status of national contributions as of 31st October 2010.

28. The LTA Executive Director then suggested that the Conference of Ministers deal with the issue when considering the report of the fourth ordinary meeting of the Management Committee.

The Conference of Ministers agreed to discuss the remittance of national contributions to the LTA at the time of considering the report of the fourth ordinary meeting of the Management Committee.

Signing of the LTA Headquarters Agreement (CoM/4/7.3)

29. The LTA Executive Director reported that the LTA Headquarters Agreement with the Republic of Burundi was signed on 4th November, 2009. The LTA Executive Director, Dr. Henry MWIMA, signed on behalf of the LTA and the Minister of External Relations and International Cooperation, His Excellency Dr. Augustin NSANZE, signed on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

The Conference of Ministers took note of the progress and achievements made by the LTA Secretariat and the Government of the Republic of Burundi.

Agenda Item 8: CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE 4TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

30. The LTA Executive Director reported that the fourth ordinary meeting of the Management Committee was held at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka, Zambia from 23rd to 25th November 2010. The Executive Director further reported that Dr. Julius NINGU from the United Republic of Tanzania formally handed over the Chairmanship to Dr. Harris PHIRI of the Republic of Zambia. With the permission of the Chairperson of the Conference of Ministers, the LTA Executive Director called upon Dr. PHIRI to present the report of the fourth ordinary meeting of the Management Committee.

31. Dr. Harris PHIRI presented a detailed report of the fourth ordinary meeting of the Management Committee and invited the Conference of Ministers to take note of the decisions made by the Management Committee as well as to consider and approve a number of decisions and recommendations.

Items for consideration, attention and approval by the Conference of Ministers

32. The Management Committee Chairman invited the Conference of Ministers to take note of the following decisions and recommendations made by the Management Committee:

Matters Arising from the third Ordinary Meeting

33. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the Management Committee took note of the progress and achievements made by LTA Secretariat in implementing the issues raised during the third ordinary meeting of the Management Committee. He specifically mentioned the following: Zambia's fulfilment of the ADB conditions, status of national contributions, and appointment of the LTA and NCU staff members.

The Conference of Ministers took note of progress and achievements made by the LTA Secretariat

LTA Secretariat Annual Report for 2009 and Progress Report for 2010

34. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the Management Committee took note of the LTA Annual Report for 2009, LTA Audited Accounts Report for 2009, the LTA Progress Report for 2010 and the UNDP/GEF Project Progress Report for 2010.

The Conference of Ministers took note of progress and achievements made by the LTA and the UNDP/GEF Project Coordination Office.

Lake Tanganyika Authority Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011

35. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the LTA Secretariat presented the Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011 to the Management Committee for approval. The Management Committee approved the Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011 but requested the LTA Secretariat to come up with a cost effective mechanism for the purchase of surveillance boats for riparian countries. Furthermore, the Management Committee advised that the recruitment of the Deputy Executive Director which had been planned for the first quarter of 2011 should be undertaken after the financial situation of the LTA had improved.

The Conference of Ministers took note and approved the LTA Secretariat Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011.

National Contributions to LTA

36. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the LTA Secretariat presented the report and a summary of the status of national contributions to LTA by the end of October, 2010 (details in the table below). As shown in the table, only the United Republic of Tanzania had fully remitted the national contributions. The Management Committee Chairman reported further that the Management Committee had recommended that all outstanding national contributions should be remitted to the LTA by the end of December 2010.

Status of national contribution to LTA as at 31st October 2010

Country	Year 2009			Year 2010			Total Outstanding Amount
	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Amount Outstanding	Amount Due	Amount paid	Amount Outstanding	
Burundi	\$303,900.00	\$323,700.37 ¹	(\$19,800.37)	\$303,900.00	\$161,413.02 ²	\$122,686.61	\$122,686.61
DC Congo	\$303,900.00	\$0.00	\$303,900.00	\$303,900.00	\$0.00	\$303,900.00	\$607,800.00
Tanzania	\$303,900.00	\$303,900.00 ³	\$0.00	\$303,900.00	\$303,900.00 ⁴	\$0.00	\$0.00
Zambia	\$303,900.00	\$156,819.12 ⁵	\$147,080.88	\$303,900.00	\$0.00	\$303,900.00	\$450,980.88
Total	\$1,215,600.00	\$646,524.76	\$569,075.24	\$1,215,600.00	\$137,894.73	\$592,591.88	\$1,181,467.49

37. The Chairperson of the Conference of Ministers, Honourable NAMUGALA, informed the meeting that fulfilment of the national contributions was one of the biggest challenges faced by the riparian countries. She commended the United Republic of Tanzania for showing leadership and commitment by remitting full national contributions to the LTA. She further requested fellow Ministers to make bold decisions and indicate when the 2009 and 2010 outstanding national contributions would be paid.

¹ In 2009, Burundi remitted \$162,225.13 on 12/12/2008 and \$161,475.24 on 28/05/09

² In 2010, Burundi remitted \$53,527.05 on 28/05/2010, \$53,731.06 on 19/07/2010 and \$53,492.26 on 28/09/2010

³ In 2009, Tanzania remitted the whole amount on 9/04/2009

⁴ In 2010, Tanzania remitted the whole amount on 12/07/2010

⁵ In 2009, Zambia remitted \$18,924.39 on 16/07/2009 and in 2010, \$137,894.73 was remitted on 13/04/2010

In response to the Chairperson's request, Honourable KATINTIMA informed the meeting that the Democratic Republic of Congo would pay the outstanding contributions in \$150,000 instalments in the months of November 2010, February 2011, April 2011 and June 2011. Honourable NIBIRANTIJE stated that Burundi would pay the entire amount by the beginning of 2011. Honourable NAMUGALA said that the Government of the Republic of Zambia would pay the outstanding national contributions within the next five months starting from December 2010.

UNDP/GEF Regional Project Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011

38. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the Management Committee discussed and approved the UNDP/GEF Regional Project Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011 as presented. The Management Committee Chairman also reported that the UNDP/GEF Project on Lake Tanganyika Mid-Term Evaluation would be undertaken early next year.

The Conference of Ministers took note and endorsed the UNDP/GEF Regional Project Annual Workplan and Budget for 2011.

Fundraising Strategy (MC/4/8.1)

39. The Conference of Ministers was informed that the Management Committee discussed and adopted the LTA Fundraising Strategy. The Management Committee noted that the Fundraising Strategy should clearly articulate the funds for operational activities and for staff remuneration so that it would be easy to sell the strategy to donors.

The Conference of Ministers took note and approved the LTA Fundraising Strategy.

Regional Steering Committee terms of reference

40. The Management Committee Chairman reported that Management Committee discussed and approved the Regional Steering Committee terms of reference presented by LTA Secretariat.

The Conference of Ministers took note and endorsed the Regional Steering Committee terms of reference.

LTA Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

41. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the Management Committee discussed and approved the LTA Monitoring and Evaluation Manual.

The Conference of Ministers took note and endorsed the LTA Monitoring and Evaluation Manual.

Declining water levels, deforestation and sedimentation

42. The Conference of Ministers was informed that the LTA Secretariat presented a report to the Management Committee on declining water level. The key findings of the rapid assessment demonstrated that human activities such as destruction of a barrage in the Lukuga River did not have any significant influence on natural water level fluctuations in Lake Tanganyika over the period: 1995 - 2010. The Management Committee took note and agreed that more studies should be undertaken in order to generate quantitative information that would be useful for management decisions.

The Conference of Ministers took note and endorsed the decision by the Management Committee.

Notifications to Contracting States

43. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the Management Committee discussed the need for the four Contracting States of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika to report regularly to the LTA in accordance with Articles 14, 20 and 22 of the Convention. After the discussion, the Management Committee recommended that each Contracting State should submit the reports requested in the two Notifications issued by the LTA Secretariat not later than the end of February 2011. Copies of the Notifications issued by the LTA Secretariat are shown under Annex 12.

The Conference of Ministers took note and endorsed the recommendation by the Management Committee.

Amendments to the present Convention

44. The Management Committee Chairman reported that Burundi volunteered to propose an amendment to the Convention to increase the number of Management Committee members from three to four to include one member from the Ministry in charge of Finance. After reviewing the provisions of Article 24 paragraph 6 of the Convention, the Management Committee concluded that it was not necessary to propose any amendment for inclusion of ADB on the list of Observers.

The Conference of Ministers took note and endorsed the decision by the Management Committee.

Roles of Permanent Secretaries on the LTA Structure

45. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the issue to include Permanent Secretaries on the LTA structure and to determine their roles arose from the extraordinary meeting held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 12th May, 2010. The Conference of Ministers heard that during the Management Committee discussion, the Tanzanian and Zambian delegations supported the inclusion of Permanent Secretaries in the LTA structure while the Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi did not support the suggestion.
46. The Management Committee Chairman further reported that the matter was brought to the Conference of Ministers for a definite decision because the riparian countries had not reached a common position at the Management Committee level.
47. The Tanzanian Head of Delegation said that Permanent Secretaries as controlling officers of funds in their respective ministries should be involved in supervising programme and project activity implementations and should ensure that there was proper accountability for the resources at both the regional and national levels.
48. The Burundian Head of Delegation informed the meeting that Burundi supported the inclusion of Permanent Secretaries in the LTA structure and stated that the Republic of Burundi had introduced the position of Permanent Secretaries in all the Ministries which was in line with the East African Community structures.
49. The Democratic Republic of Congo Head of Delegation said that he did not see the need for including Permanent Secretaries in the structure of the LTA.

After a long discussion, the Chairperson almost called for a vote on the matter, but the decision was rescinded to allow for a short recess in order for the riparian countries to consult. After the short recess, the Democratic Republic of Congo Head of Delegation stated that he had – after consultations - agreed to the suggestion of including the Permanent Secretaries on the LTA structure and supported the idea of determining their roles. Finally, the Conference of Ministers agreed to the proposal of determining the roles of Permanent Secretaries and to include them on the LTA structure

Formation of Technical Committees and Appointment of Official Contact Persons

50. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the LTA Secretariat proposed to the Management Committee the need to establish four technical committees, namely Socio-economic, Fisheries Management, Biological Diversity and Water Quality/Pollution Control, to assist in the performance of its functions in accordance with Article 27, paragraph 2 of the Convention. Each Contracting State was requested to submit nominations of one expert for each of the four technical committees.
51. The Management Committee Chairman also reported that the LTA Secretariat had requested each riparian country to formally communicate to the LTA Secretariat the name(s) of official appointment Contact Person(s) in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedures. Finally, the Management Committee Chairman reported that the Management Committee agreed that Contracting States should submit to the LTA Secretariat the names of experts to sit on each of the four technical committees and also submit the name(s) of official LTA Contact Person(s). The deadline for the submissions to the LTA Secretariat was 31st December 2010.

The Conference of Ministers took note and endorsed the decisions by the Management Committee.

LTA/FAO Technical Assistance Agreement for PRODAP

52. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the LTA/FAO Technical Assistance Agreement for PRODAP was signed on 10th September 2010 by Dr. Henry MWIMA, LTA Executive Director and His Excellency Mr. Arlindo P. BRAGANGA GOMES the FAO Resident Representative in Burundi at a brief ceremony held at the Ministry of External Relations and International Cooperation in Bujumbura, Burundi. His Excellency Dr. Augustin NSANZE, the Minister of External Relations and International Cooperation witnessed the signing and endorsed the Agreement on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Burundi. The signing ceremony was also witnessed and endorsed by His Excellency Ambassador Salomon BALIENE on behalf of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo and His Excellency Ambassador Dr. James NZAGI on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania. On 11th November, 2010, the Agreement was endorsed by His Excellency Ambassador Darius BUBALA on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia.

The Conference of Ministers took note and appreciated the efforts made by the LTA Secretariat, FAO and the four riparian governments.

Draft Updated Strategic Action Programme

53. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the LTA Secretariat presented a progress report on the process made in updating the Strategic Action Programme (SAP). The

Management Committee Chairman also reported that a roadmap for finalizing the SAP updating process and elaboration of the National Action Plans (NAPs) had been presented by the UNDP/GEF Project Regional Coordinator. After some discussion, the Management Committee recommended that the updating process of the SAP and elaboration of the NAPs should be completed in good time in order for the updated SAP to be presented at the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers for endorsement.

The Conference of Ministers took note of the efforts made in updating the SAP and endorsed the recommendation by the Management Committee.

National Coordination Units (NCUs) Staff Rules and Conditions of Service

54. The Management Committee Chairman reported that the Management Committee briefly discussed the draft Staff Rules and Conditions of Service for NCUs and called upon all the riparian countries to study the document and thereafter submit comments to the LTA Secretariat not later than 31st December, 2010. The Management Committee further resolved that if no comments were received by end of December 2010, the document would be considered approved. The Management Committee Chairman presented the decision of the Management Committee for approval by the Conference of Ministers.

The Conference of Ministers took note of the suggestions and approved the recommendation made by the Management Committee.

National Programme / Project Progress for 2010 and Activities Planned for 2011

55. The Management Committee Chairman reported that progress reports from January to September 2010 and highlights of activities planned for 2011 by NCUs and PMUs were presented by National Coordinators and Project Managers from Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia.

The Conference of Ministers took note of the progress and achievements in 2010 and also took note of the activities planned for 2011 by the NCUs and PMUs in the four riparian countries.

Programme/Project Coordination at National Levels

56. The Management Committee Chairman reported that all riparian countries had formally established National Steering Committees (NSCs) for the purpose of programme and project coordination at national levels. However, the Management Committee learned that the membership of NSCs did not (in the case of Burundi, Tanzania and Zambia) comply with the membership which the Conference of Ministers approved at the second ordinary meeting.

57. The Conference of Ministers was also informed that after a long discussion, the Management Committee noted that some countries had identified other important stakeholders like Agriculture that should be represented on the NSC and suggested that the NSC for each riparian country should be re-constituted with a minimum number of 8 and a maximum number of 12 members. Furthermore, the Management Committee observed that all the sectors identified in the decision of the second ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers should be represented. Finally, the Management Committee Chairman presented the decisions of the Management Committee to the Conference of Ministers for approval.

The Conference of Ministers took note and approved the decisions made by the Management Committee.

DATE AND VENUE FOR THE FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING

58. The Tanzanian Head of Delegation extended an offer for the United Republic of Tanzania to host the fifth ordinary meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers in September 2011 at a date to be agreed upon after consultations between the host country and other riparian countries. The Heads of Delegation from Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia welcome the offer by the United Republic of Tanzania.

DECLARATION BY THE 4TH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

59. After a short recess, the delegates and observers reassembled and thereafter, Dr. Henry MWIMA, the LTA Executive Director read the Declaration of the fourth ordinary meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers. The full text of the signed Declaration is shown under Annex 13.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 4TH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS

60. Minutes of the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers will be adopted at the fifth ordinary meeting.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

61. In her closing remarks, the Chairperson of the Conference of Ministers, Honourable Catherine NAMUGALA thanked all the Heads of Delegation and observers for their useful contributions to the meeting. She also thanked all members of the Management Committee and representatives of supporting partners for their hard work as demonstrated by the report which was presented by the Management Committee Chairman. Finally, the Chairperson expressed very sincere thanks to all the riparian governments and supporting partners and called upon them to continue supporting the sustainable management of Lake Tanganyika and its Basin for the benefit of the riparian communities.

62. There being no other issues for discussion, the Chairperson officially closed the meeting at 17:10 Hrs and then invited all the delegates and observers to a dinner hosted by the host country at Fairview Hotel, Lusaka.

Signed:

Honourable Catherine NAMUGALA, MP
Chairperson: Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers

Honourable Jean Marie NIBIRANTIJE
Republic of Burundi
Francophone Rapporteur

Mrs. Ruth MOLLEL
United Republic of Tanzania
Anglophone Rapporteur

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**Annex 1: Agenda for the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Authority
Conference of Ministers, 26 November 2010, Mulungushi International
Conference Centre, Lusaka - Zambia**

Time	Agenda Item	Issue	Reference
08:30	1	WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY	
		1.1 Arrival of Delegations, Invited Guests and Observers	
08:50		1.2 Arrival of Ministers / Heads of Delegation	
09:00		1.3 Arrival of Guest of Honour	
09:05		1.4 Welcome Remarks – Host Minister	
09:10		1.5 Remarks by Honourable Minister (Burundi)	
09:15		1.6 Remarks by Honourable Minister (Tanzania)	
09:20		1.7 Remarks by current CoM Chairman: Honourable Minister (DR Congo)	
09:25		1.8 Remarks by Representatives of supporting partners:	
		1.8.1 African Development Bank	
		1.8.2 UNDP	
		1.8.3 FAO	
		1.8.4 IUCN	
		1.8.5 WWF	
09:50		1.9 Chairman’s Brief Statement and inviting the Guest of Honour	
09:55	2	OPENING REMARKS BY GUEST OF HONOUR	
10:10		Recess for Group Photo	
10:15		Tea / Coffee Break	
10:30	3	Consultations between Heads of Delegations	
11:00	4	Formal Hand-over of Chairmanship / Constitution of the Bureau	
11:10	5	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	CoM/4/5
11:15	6	ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING	CoM/4/6
11:00	7	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING	CoM/4/7
		6.1 Zambia fulfilment of the ADB conditions	CoM/4/7.1
		6.2 National Contributions	CoM/4/7.2
		6.3 LTA Agreement	CoM/4/7.3
11:30	8	CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF 4TH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	CoM/4/8
		8.1 Items for consideration and adoption	CoM/4/8.1
		8.1.1 LTA Secretariat Annual Report for 2009 and Progress Report for 2010	CoM/4/8.1.1
		8.1.2 Regional programme/Project Annual Work Plan and Budget 2011	CoM/4/8.1.2
		8.1.3 Declining Water Levels, Deforestation and Sedimentation	CoM/4/8.1.3
		8.1.4 Notifications to Contracting States	CoM/4/8.1.4
		8.1.5 National Programme/Progress for 2010 and Activities Planned for 2011	CoM/4/8.1.5
		8.1.6 Draft Updated Strategic Action Plan (SAP)	CoM/4/8.1.6
		8.1.7 National Coordination Units Staff Rules and Conditions of Services	CoM/4/8.1.7
		8.2 Items for consideration and approval	CoM/4/8.2
		8.1.1 Fund Raising Strategy	
	CoM/4/8.1.1	8.1.2 Regional Steering Committee Terms of Reference	CoM/4/8.1.2
		8.1.3 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework	CoM/4/8.1.3
		8.1.4 Roles of Permanent Secretaries on the LTA Structure	CoM/4/8.1.4
		8.1.5 Amendment of the present Convention	CoM/4/8.1.5
		8.1.6 Communication and Appointment of Official Contact Persons	CoM/4/8.1.6
		8.1.7 Formation of Technical Committees	CoM/4/8.1.7
13:00		Lunch Break	

14:00	8(cont)	CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF 4TH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	CoM/4/8
15:00		Tea / Coffee Break	
15:30	9	Any Other Business	
16:00	10	Declaration by the 4 th Conference of Ministers	
16:10	11	Adoption of the Report of the 4 th Conference of Ministers / Closure	

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
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YOU ARE WELCOME TO ZAMBIA (*KARIBU SANA, MWAISENI MUKWAI!*)

WE WELCOME YOU AND WE WANT YOU TO FEEL AT HOME HERE, AFTER ALL IT IS HOME FOR MANY OF YOU. AS YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING, I DO HOPE YOU WILL FIND TIME TO SAMPLE ZAMBIA'S HOSPITALITY IN THE LITTLE FREE TIME YOU HAVE.

I WANT TO ALSO SAY THAT THIS MEETING IS VERY IMPORTANT AND I DO WISH AND HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE FRUITFUL DELIBERATIONS.

I ONCE AGAIN WELCOME YOU TO ZAMBIA.

THANK YOU.

Annex 4: Statement by Honourable Jean Marie NIBIRANTJE, Minister of Water, Environment, Territory Management and Urban Planning of Republic of Burundi, 26 November 2010

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AU NOM DU GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU BURUNDI ET EN MON NOM PROPRE, , JE VOUDRAIS EXPRIMER MES SINCERES REMERCIEMENTS AU GOUVERNEMENT ET AU PEUPLE DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRERE DE ZAMBIE POUR LEUR HOSPITALITE ET L'ACCUEIL CHALEUREUX QU'ILS ONT RESERVES A NOS DELEGATIONS. NOUS NE DOUTONS PAS QUE TOUTE LA PERIODE QUI NOUS ALLONS PASSEE ICI A LUSAKA SERA AGREABLE . NOS REMERCIEMENTS S'ADRESSENT EGALEMENT AU DIRECTEUR EXECUTIF DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA ET A TOUTE SON EQUIPE QUI A DISPONIBILISE TOUTE LA LOGISTIQUE NECESSAIRE EN VUE DE FACILITER LA TENUE DES PRESENTES ASSISES.

JE M'ADRESSE AUSSI A NOS PARTENAIRES DE DEVELOPPEMENT NOTAMMENT (LA BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT, LE PNUD/FEM, LA FAO, L'UICN ...) QUI SONT TOUJOURS RESTES A NOS COTES DANS LA REALISATION DE CE VASTE PROGRAMME AUTOUR DU LAC TANGANYIKA.

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AUJOURD'HUI, LE MONDE TRAVERSE DES PHÉNOMÈNES ENVIRONNEMENTAUX AUSSI VARIÉS QUE DÉLICATS, JE VAIS DIRE PAR LÀ DES PHÉNOMÈNES LIÉS À LA POLLUTION, LA SUREXPLOITATION DES RESSOURCES, LA DÉSSERTIFICATION, LES CHANGEMENTS CLIMATIQUES QUI SONT SUSCEPTIBLES D'AVOIR DES EFFETS SUR LES ÉTENDUES D'EAU DONT LE LAC TANGANYIKA ET J'EN PASSE.

CETTE RÉUNION EST DONC UNE OCCASION POUR LES PARTICIPANTS DE FAIRE UN BILAN ANNUEL SUR LES RÉALISATIONS S'INSCRIVANT DANS LA GESTION DURABLE DE CE PATRIMOINE SI PRÉCIEUX POUR NOS GÉNÉRATIONS ACTUELLES ET FUTURES. LA RENCONTRE SERT AUSSI DE PLANIFIER LES ACTIVITÉS DE L'ANNÉE PROCHAINE MAIS AUSSI LA PRISE DES DÉCISIONS QUI VONT PERMETTRE À NOS POPULATIONS DE BÉNÉFICIER DE ACTIVITÉS DE L'ALT.

ELLE SE TIENT AU MOMENT OU DES SEANCES DE CONSULTATIONS NATIONALES SUR LA MISE A JOUR DU PROGRAMME D'ACTION STRATEGIQUE QUI ETABLIT UN CADRE DE PLANIFICATION REpondant AUX DEMANDES CHANGEANTES POUR L'UTILISATION DURABLE DES RESSOURCES NATURELLES DU LAC TANGANYIKA AINSI QUE POUR LA CONSERVATION DE SA DIVERSITE BIOLOGIQUE VIENNENT D'ETRE ORGANISEES A TRAVERS TOUS LES PAYS RIVERAINS DU LAC TANGANYIKA. NOUS SOMMES PAR CONSEQUENT REUNIS ICI A LUSAKA POUR EVALUER LA PROGRESSION DE LA MISE A JOUR DU PROGRAMME D'ACTION STRATEGIQUE QUI EST UNE REFERENCE DE

TRAVAIL DU SECRETARIAT DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA, JE TIENS ICI A FELICITER LE SECRETARIAT DES EFFORTS FAITS POUR CETTE MISE A JOUR ET MES REMERCIEMENTS S'ADRESSENT AU PNUD/FEM QUI A BIEN VOULU FACILITER CE PROCESSUS.

AUSSI, JE DOIS ME FÉLICITER QUE LA TENUE DES PRÉSENTES ASSISES PUISSENT SE FAIRE APRÈS AVOIR COMPLÉTÉ L'ÉQUIPE DE GESTION DU PROJET PNUD/FEM SUR LE TRAITEMENT DES EAUX USÉES DANS LA VILLE DE BUJUMBURA. QUE CETTE ÉQUIPE FASSE SIENNE LES ACTIVITÉS SUR LA PROTECTION DU LAC TANGANYIKA CONTRE LES EAUX USÉES.

POUR NOTRE PART, NOUS NE MÉNAGERONS AUCUN EFFORT EN VUE DE RESTER À SES CÔTÉS DURANT TOUTE LA PÉRIODE DE MISE EN ŒUVRE DUDIT PROJET.

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CE SOUTIEN PASSERA SURTOUT A TRAVERS LA MISE A LA DISPOSITION DU SECRETARIAT DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA TOUTE LA CONTRIBUTION NATIONALE DANS LES DELAIS AFIN DE LUI PERMETTRE DE VAQUER A SES ACTIVITES, SURTOUT QUE TOUTE L'ÉQUIPE DU SECRETARIAT DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA EST POUR LE MOMENT PRESQUE COMPLET.

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NOUS NE POURRIONS PAS TERMINER NOTRE ALLOCUTION, SANS DEVOIR ENCORE UNE FOIS EXPRIMER NOS REMERCIEMENTS LES PLUS SINCERES A L'ENDROIT DE TOUTES LES PERSONNES QUI, DE PRES OU DE LOIN ONT APORTE LEUR CONTRIBUTION POUR QUE LES TRAVAUX PORTANT SUR CETTE REUNION SOIENT COURONNES DE SUCCES. QU'ELLES TROUVENT ICI NOS SINCERES REMERCIEMENTS.

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VIVE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA,**

JE VOUS REMERCIE.

Annex 5: Statement by Mrs. Ruth H. MOLLEL, the Permanent Secretary, Vice President's Office, United Republic of Tanzania, 26th November 2010

HON. CATHERINE NAMUGALA (MP) – CHAIRPERSON FOR LTA CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA;
HON. NORBERT BASENGEZI KATINTIMA (MP) - MINISTER OF STATE, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK - DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO;
HON. JEAN MARIE NIBIRANTIJE (MP) - MINISTER OF WATER, ENVIRONMENT, TERRITORY MANAGEMENT AND URBAN PLANNING OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI;
DR. HENRY MWIMA - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY;
DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES;
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS;
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

IT IS ON HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO MAKE A STATEMENT AT THIS FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY. ON BEHALF OF THE TANZANIAN DELEGATION, I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA FOR HOSTING THIS HISTORICAL MEETING AND THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO US SINCE OUR ARRIVAL IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY OF LUSAKA.

I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE BUREAU WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO LEAD US IN OUR TODAY'S DELIBERATIONS. HON. CHAIRPERSON BE ASSURED OF OUR FULL CO-OPERATION AND I WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL TENURE OF OFFICE. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO LTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HIS TEAM FOR THEIR COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND HARD WORK SHOWN SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA.

HONOURABLE CHAIRPERSON,

THIS SESSION PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY OF REFLECTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA, AND OF ADVANCING ITS FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES. ALLOW ME HON. CHAIRPERSON TO BRIEFLY HIGHLIGHT A FEW KEY ISSUES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA AND ITS BASIN.

FIRSTLY, LAKE TANGANYIKA IS A SHARED HERITAGE OF OUR RIPARIAN STATES AND HAS MANY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE LAKE BASIN. THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FISHING, AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK KEEPING, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND MINING, JUST TO MENTION A FEW. ALL THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE SOME BEARING ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE LAKE RESOURCE.

HONOURABLE CHAIRPERSON,

IT IS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT TO HAVE A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AMONG US IN MANAGEMENT OF THIS LAKE WISELY. THIS SHOULD BE DONE WHILE BEARING IN MIND NOT ONLY THE VALUE, BUT ALSO THE FRAGILITY OF ITS ECOSYSTEMS.

HONOURABLE CHAIRPERSON AND DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES,

THE LAKE IS MORE THAN A FOOD BASKET FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. ITS BASIN IS HOME TO MORE THAN 10 MILLION PEOPLE. IT IS AN EXCELLENT AREA FOR UNITING THE FOUR RIPARIAN COUNTRIES. WE THEREFORE; HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN THE CONSERVATION AND EQUITABLE UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. IT IS, THUS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE CHALLENGES FACING LAKE TANGANYIKA NAMELY DECLINING WATER LEVELS, POLLUTION FROM BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC SOURCES, BIODIVERSITY LOSS, AND SEDIMENTATION ARE MINIMIZED AND FINALLY ELIMINATED.

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES,

THIS CONFERENCE MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN ASSESSING THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION OF THE RESOURCES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS UNDER THE REGIONAL PROGRAM. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA NOTES THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OBSTACLES THAT REDUCE THE PACE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF LAKE TANGANYIKA ACTIVITIES.

SOME OF THESE INCLUDE:

(I) FINANCE: WE ALL KNOW THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE CRUCIAL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES. THEREFORE; THERE IS A NEED TO DEVELOP A MECHANISM THAT WILL ENSURE RESOURCE AVAILABILITY FOR A SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE CONVENTION. THIS CAN BE DONE THROUGH DEVELOPING A TRUST FUND TO BE BEEFED UP BY COLLECTION OF REVENUES AND TAXES FROM RESOURCES ACCRUED THROUGH FUND RAISING ENDEOVERS.

(II) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: THE CONVENTION HAS A CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS, THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE LTA SECRETARIAT. THERE IS NO PLATFORM FOR THE PERMANENT SECRETARIES WHO ARE WARRANT HOLDERS AND AT THE SAME TIME SUPPOSED TO ADVISE THE MINISTERS ON POLICY ISSUES AND THE EFFECTIVE MECHANISM OF IMPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION. SIMILARLY, AT REGIONAL LEVEL, THE PARALLEL STRUCTURE OF TWO COORDINATORS DOES NOT AUGUR WELL WITH GOOD GOVERNANCE. THEIR WORKING RELATIONSHIP DEPENDS ON GOOD WILL OF THE TWO PARTIES. A SYSTEM THAT GOES BEYOND THE GOOD WILL SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. IT IS PROPOSED TO ENGAGE AN OVERALL CO-ORDINATOR WHO WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE PROJECT.

(III) NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS: TIME HAS COME WHEN WE SHOULD TIMELY AND FULLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRAMME SO AS TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE LAKE TANGANYIKA.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE ISSUES ARE AMONG TODAY'S AGENDA FOR OUR DELIBERATION. HON. MINISTERS, SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION IS IN OUR HANDS. THEREFORE; THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE GUIDANCE TOWARDS THAT GOAL.

WE SINCERELY ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE GENEROUS SUPPORT EXTENDED BY VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY UNDP, GEF, THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB), NORDIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (NDF), FAO AND IUCN FOR THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA. I ASSURE YOU OF TANZANIA'S COOPERATION FOR THE BEST OUTCOME.

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

BEFORE CONCLUDING MY REMARKS, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TAKES SERIOUSLY THE ISSUE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA BASIN. THIS IS BEING DEMONSTRATED IN OUR COMMITMENT TOWARDS OUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ON A NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE PROJECT AREAS.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION.

**Annex 6: Statement by Mr. Jean-Louis KROMER, Africa Development Bank (ADB), 26th
November 2010**

HONOURABLE MADAM CHAIR
HONOURABLE MINISTERS
HONOURABLE PERMANENT SECRETARIES
DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA RIPARIAN COUNTRIES,
COLLEAGUES REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA FOR HOSTING THIS MEETING AND FOR THE EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION.

AS YOU KNOW, FOUR LOANS AGREEMENTS AND ONE GRANT HAVE BEEN SIGNED FOR THE FINANCING, BY THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, OF THE PROJECT TO SUPPORT THE LAKE TANGANYIKA INTEGRATED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – PRODAP - FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF ABOUT 40 MILLIONS US DOLLARS.

IN THE LAKE TANGANYIKA BASIN, THE MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCES ARE INTENSELY EXPLOITED AND THE STRONG HUMAN PRESSURE CONSTITUTES A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE SUSTAINABILITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

IN ORDER TO BETTER PROTECT THE LAKE ENVIRONMENT AND ENABLE THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES, PRODAP AIMS AT RATIONALIZING THE EXPLOITATION OF FISHERIES RESOURCES, PROTECTING THE LAKE ENVIRONMENT IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER AND, REDUCING THE POVERTY OF THE LAKE BASIN COMMUNITIES, WHO ARE AMONG THE POOREST IN THE REGION. FURTHER, IT AIMS TO DIVERSIFY SOURCES OF INCOME AND CREATE JOBS.

THE PROJECT REFLECTS THE PRIORITIES OF NEPAD, NOTABLY BY HIGHLIGHTING ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION.

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT IS FINALLY FULLY IMPLEMENTED. ALL NATIONAL COORDINATING UNITS ARE NOW IN PLACE, AS WELL AS THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY SECRETARIAT AND VERY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN SOME OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SLOW PACE OF IMPLEMENTATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL IS STILL A SOURCE OF CONCERN AS VERY LIMITED RESULTS CAN BE OBSERVED TO DATE.

THE DELAY IN THE PAYMENT OR LACK OF PAYMENT, OF NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY STILL CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT CONSTRAINT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT. IT IS ALSO A SOURCE OF CONCERN IN RELATION TO THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE LTA.

ALSO, ALLOW ME TO REMIND YOU THAT THESE NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PAID AS COUNTERPART FUNDS FOR EACH OF THE FOUR PRODAP LOANS TO ALLOW FOR THE PAYMENT OF NCU STAFF SALARIES AND SOME OPERATING COSTS.

TWO YEARS AFTER THE CREATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO REEVALUATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RIVERINE COUNTRIES TO THE LTA, TO ENSURE THAT THEY CAN BE COMPLIED WITH ON A SUSTAINABLE BASIS.

ALLOW ME TO REMIND YOU, THAT THE CURRENT DATE OF LAST DISBURSEMENT FOR PRODAP IS SET AT 31 JANUARY 2012. THEREFORE, IN PRINCIPLE WE HAVE HARDLY MORE THAN ONE YEAR LEFT TO CONCLUDE THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES.

HONOURABLE MINISTERS, MORE THAN EVER WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT TO SUPPORT THE LAKE TANGANYIKA INTEGRATED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE RIVERINE POPULATIONS.

THANK YOU.

**Annex 7: Statement by Mrs. Viola MORGAN, the Country Director for UNDP Zambia Office
26th November 2010**

**HONORABLE MADAME CHAIR, MINISTER OF TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
HONORABLE MINISTERS,
COLLEAGUES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS
REPRESENTATIVE OF OTHER SUPPORTING PARTNERS
INVITED GUESTS
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

AS A COUNTRY DIRECTOR OF THE UNDP ZAMBIA, I WISH TO JOIN THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES IN WELCOMING THE DELEGATES TO THIS 4TH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS. IN THE SAME VEIN, LET ME THANK THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO UNDP AND FOR HOSTING THIS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE. THIS GESTURE REAFFIRMS THE COMMITMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA IN FURTHERING THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE ROLE OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS, WHICH HAS COME HERE TODAY TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA.

I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY IN COORDINATING EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE REGIONAL INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. THAT PROGRAMME INCLUDES BOTH NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMPONENT AND JOINTLY IMPLEMENTED BY UNDP AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY PROJECT. BOTH AS WELL AS PARTNERS THEY HAVE BEEN NAMED HERE ADB, FAO, UNEP AMONG OTHERS, REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE LAKE TANGANYIKA BASIN

IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOODS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE LAKE BASIN THROUGH THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IS A GOAL THAT THE UNDP STRONGLY ADVOCATES AND ADVOCATES IN ALL THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE. OUR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARADIGM PLACES PEOPLE AT THE CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT ENDEAVORS AND WHICH BIODIVERSITY OF LAKE TANGANYIKA WHICH HARVESTS THE SECOND LARGEST IN LAND FISHES IN AFRICA AND IT'S A HOME TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WE KNOW IS UNDER THREAT.

HONORABLE MINISTER, THE RICH BIODIVERSITY AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS IN THE LAKE TANGANYIKA BASIN ARE AMONG MANY REASONS WHY UNDP AND THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY HAS BEEN PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF ALMOST TWO DECADES, WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN AMONG THE COOPERATIVE PARTNERS THAT SUPPORTED A NUMBER OF KEY INITIATIVES WHICH HAVE PAVED A WAY TO CURRENT FRUITFUL COOPERATION AND TO NAME A FEW, THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR LAKE TANGANYIKA, THE FORMULATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA CONVENTION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY, AND MOST RECENTLY, THE FORMULATION OF THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THESE INTERVENTIONS A STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN BUILT FOR FURTHER ACTIVE COOPERATION AMONG THE RIPARIAN COUNTRIES, STAKEHOLDERS AND COOPERATING PARTNERS. IT IS ONLY THROUGH SUCH EFFORTS THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH A TRULY INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND AT THE SAME TIME IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE LAKE TANGANYIKA BASIN.

HONORABLE MINISTER, WITH THESE REMARKS, LET ME THANK THE SECRETARIAT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY FOR THEIR ROLE IN ORGANIZING THIS CONFERENCE. LASTLY, I WISH THE CONFERENCE FRUITFUL DELIBERATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

Annex 8: Statement by Mr. John JORGENSEN, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 26th November 2010

**HONORABLE GUEST OF HONOR
HONORABLE CHAIR
HONORABLE MINISTERS
DISTINGUISHED PERMANENT SECRETARY
MEMBERS OF THE LTA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
INVITED GUESTS
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

IT IS FOR ME A GREAT PLEASURE AND A PRIVILEGE TO ADDRESS THIS MEETING ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO), MR. JACQUES AND MR. ANIMATISME, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT. LAKE TANGANYIKA HOSTS ONE OF THE LARGEST INLAND FISHERIES IN AFRICA. THE ANNUAL LANDINGS UP TO 200,000 TONS VALUED AT 100 MILLION USD AND FISH IS TRADED FAR BEYOND BORDERS OF THE FOUR RIPARIAN COUNTRIES. THE LAKE IS THEREFORE AN ENORMOUSLY IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOOD, INCOME AND LIVELIHOODS FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE NOT ONLY IN THE FOUR COUNTRIES THAT SHARE THE LAKE BUT IN THE ENTIRE EAST AFRICAN REGION.

LET US RECALL FOR THE MOMENT THE HISTORY OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE FOUR COUNTRIES BORDERING LAKE TANGANYIKA AND FAO. IT GOES BACK AT LEAST 40 YEARS TO THE EARLY 1970'S WHEN SEVERAL FISHERIES PROJECTS WERE IMPLEMENTED. THEN IN 1977, THE FOUR COUNTRIES REQUESTED FAO'S COMMITTEE FOR INLAND FISHERIES OF AFRICA (CIFA) TO CREATE A SUB-COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERIES OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. LATER THIS BODY WAS REQUESTED TO FORMULATE AND PREFUNDING 4 REGIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS ON THE LAKE.

THE FINNISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (FINNIDA) EVENTUALLY HONORED THE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF THE 4 COUNTRIES AND THEN FAO EXECUTED REGIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT OF 5 YEARS DURATION ENTITLED RESEARCH FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERIES ON LAKE TANGANYIKA, BECAME OPERATIONAL IN 1992 AND CONTINUED UNTIL 2001. THE PROJECT RESULTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA FRAMEWORK FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN (FFMP) WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY THE FOUR COUNTRIES AND THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR LAKE TANGANYIKA. SUBSEQUENTLY THE CONVENTION ON SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA WAS SIGNED IN 2003 AND ENTERED INTO FORCE IN 2008, PROVIDING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA INTEGRATED REGIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

IT IS UNDER THIS PROGRAMME THAT FAO WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT. FAO IS READY AND LOOKS FORWARD TO START WORKING WITH THE LTA ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME. AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE OBJECTIVES WILL BE REACHED IN A TIMELY MANNER. MUCH HAS THEREFORE BEEN ACHIEVED SINCE THE COLLABORATION STARTED WITH THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERIES OF LAKE TANGANYIKA.

HOWEVER, THE ISSUES ARE STILL RELEVANT. PART WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY, YOU THE 4 COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN THE MATTER INTO YOUR OWN HANDS. THIS IS A SUCCESS STORY WHICH WILL STAND AS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES MUST STILL BE FACED. INITIALLY, IT WAS MOSTLY A QUESTION OF DEVELOPING THE FISHERIES OF THE LAKE IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE BENEFIT AND FEED THE POPULATIONS AROUND IT. THE FOCUS IS NOW ON SUSTAINING THE FISHERIES AND WITH THE NEW PRESSURES PUT ON FISHERIES DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND EXCESSIVE FISHING EFFORTS, MANAGEMENT APPROACHES WILL NEED TO FOLLOW AN EVEN MORE PRECAUTIONALLY PATH.

WE ALL KNOW THAT THE LTA IS VERY MUCH AWARE OR IS CONCERNED ABOUT CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE TO THE FISHERIES SECTOR. IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR IN BUJUMBURA, LTA AND FAO WITH SUPPORT FROM JAPAN JOINTLY ORGANIZED A WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND FISHERIES IN THE GREAT AFRICAN LAKES WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM 8 AFRICAN COUNTRIES. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FROM THE LTA AND IN PARTICULAR DR. MWIMA, MR. HAKIZIMANA AND MR. KATONDA FOR ENSURING A WELL ORGANIZED AND SUCCESSFUL MEETING. THE MEETING CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE IS A STRONG INTEREST AND SIGNIFICANT ANXIETY IN EAST AFRICAN REGION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE. HOWEVER, YOU CAN BE ENSURED THAT FAO IS PREPARED TO ASSIST THE REGION IN GATHERING AND ANALYZING THE NECESSARY INFORMATION IMPENDING RESILIENCE IN YOUR FISHING COMMUNITIES.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY THANKING YOU FOR INVITING FAO TO ATTEND THE MEETING WHICH I AM CERTAIN WILL BE PRODUCTIVE. AND ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUE COLLABORATION BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRIES AND THE LTA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

Annex 9: Statement by Ms. Esther ABONYO, the World Conservation Union, 26th November 2010

FIRST AND FOREMOST IUCN WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS MEETING FOR THEIR EXPERTISE AND FOR THEIR FACILITATION OF OUR ATTENDANCE - ESPECIALLY THE LTA TEAM. WE APPRECIATE A FORUM SUCH AS THIS AS IT ENABLES THE SHARING AND DISCUSSIONS OF IDEAS WITH THOSE WITH WHOM WE SHARE OUR INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE AND ALSO PRESENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO PICK UP NEW IDEAS GEARED TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA CONVENTION WHICH IS TO ENSURE "THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF LAKE TANGANYIKA AND ITS BASIN BY THE CONTRACTING STATES ON THE BASIS OF INTEGRATED AND CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT.

IUCN ASSURES THE ASSEMBLED COMPANY OF ITS DEDICATION TO LESSENING THE THREAT OF BIOLOGICAL INVASIONS TO THE BIODIVERSITY OF LAKE TANGANYIKA AND ITS CATCHMENT. AS TIME GOES BY WE SEE MORE AND MORE ALIEN SPECIES SPREADING ACROSS CONTINENTAL AFRICA AND AFFECTING MANY ECOSYSTEMS AND SO AFFECTING MANY LIVELIHOODS AND PRODUCTION SYSTEMS.

IN THE COMING YEAR AND A HALF, IUCN WITH ITS MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE OF BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT, WILL BE FOCUSING ON THE MOST IMPORTANT INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES IN THE PRECIOUS LAKE TANGANYIKA ECOSYSTEM, THEIR IMPACT, THEIR DISTRIBUTION AND POSSIBILITIES FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING AND RAISING OF AWARENESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL FOR INTERACTION AND COOPERATION AMONG THE COMPONENTS OF THE BIGGER PROJECT AS WE AIM TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE RIPARIAN POPULATIONS THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME TOWARDS BRINGING ABOUT INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA ECOSYSTEM. IUCN BELIEVES THAT THE FIVE COMPONENTS (LAND USE AND EROSION, FISHERIES, WATER QUALITY, AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY AND INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING) WILL HAVE MUCH INFORMATION TO SHARE AS WE FOCUS ON THE BIGGER PICTURE OF INTERVENTIONS TO PROTECT THIS GREAT LAKE. WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER THAN SEPARATELY AND SO IUCN INTENDS TO WORK WITH THE FOUR NATIONAL PROGRAMMES AS WELL.

WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF THE LAKE AND CATCHMENT - (WHO ARE THE COAL-FACE STAKEHOLDERS HERE) - TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT SO THAT THERE IS SOME FORM OF SUSTAINABILITY AT THE END OF THIS PHASE OF IMPLEMENTING THE UPDATED SAP. WE ALSO HOPE TO BRING SOME LESSONS LEARNED FROM BOTH THE OTHER GREAT LAKES OF AFRICA - VICTORIA AND MALAWI, WHERE WE HAVE BEEN WORKING - TO ADD TO THE CONSERVATION-THROUGH-ACTION FOR TANGANYIKA'S ALL-IMPORTANT BIODIVERSITY.

THANK YOU.

Annex 10: Statement by the out-going Chairperson of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers, Honourable Norbert Basengezi KATINTIMA, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock of the Democratic Republic of Congo, 26th November 2010

EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR LE VICE-PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE ZAMBIE,
EXCELLENCES MESSIEURS LES MINISTRES ET MEMBRES DE LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU BURUNDI, LA REPUBLIQUE UNIE DE LA TANZANIE ET DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE LA ZAMBIE; ET CHERS COLLEGUES,
MONSIEUR LE DIRECTEUR EXECUTIF DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA; MESSIEURS/MESDAMES LES REPRESENTANTS DE NOS PARTENAIRES D'APPUI;
DISTINGUES INVITES;
MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS.

II Y A DE CELA QUATORZE MOIS QUE J'AI EU LE PRIVILEGE D'ASSURER LA PRESIDENCE DE LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA A L'OCCASION DE NOTRE TROISIEME REUNION ORDINAIRE QUI A EU LIEU EN REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO. CETTE TROISIEME REUNION ORDINAIRE DE LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES S'EST TENUE EN DATE DU 21 AOUT 2009 A UVIRA ET LA POPULATION DE CETTE VILLE - COMME LA PLUPART DES POPULATIONS RIVERAINES - COMPTAIENT BEAUCOUP SUR LES REALISATIONS A TRAVERS DES PROJETS POUR LA CONFIRMATION DE NOS EFFORTS COLLECTIFS DANS L'AMELIORATION DE LEURS CONDITIONS DE LEURS VIES PAR LA GESTION DURABLE DES RESSOURCES NATURELLES DU LAC TANGANYIKA ET DE SON BASSIN. NOUS AVONS DELIBERE PENDANT PRESQUE TOUTE LA JOURNEE ET NOUS AVONS PRIS UN CERTAIN NOMBRE DE DECISIONS IMPORTANTES CONCERNANT L'EXECUTION EFFICACE DU PROGRAMME REGIONAL D'AMENAGEMENT ET DE DEVELOPPEMENT INTEGRE DU LAC TANGANYIKA. NOUS AVONS EGALEMENT RECONNU QUE PAS MAL DE TRAVAIL RESTE A FAIRE AVANT D'ASSURER NOS ENGAGEMENTS AUX POPULATIONS RIVERAINES, LA PROTECTION DE LA BIODIVERSITE ET LA GESTION DURABLE DES RESSOURCES NATURELLES DU LAC TANGANYIKA ET DE SON BASSIN.

**EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR LE VICE-PRESIDENT DE LA ZAMBIE ;
DISTINGUES INVITES
MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS;**

JE SUIS RAVI, DE MA PRESENCE DANS CETTE BELLE VILLE DE LUSAKA, DE PARTICIPER A LA QUATRIEME REUNION DE LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA, ET COMME MES COLLEGUES QUI ONT PARLE PRECEDEMMENT, JE VOUDRAIS FELICITER LE GOUVERNEMENT ET LA POPULATION DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE LA ZAMBIE POUR L'IMMENSE HOSPITALITE ET LA GENTILLESSE QU'ILS NOUS ONT RESERVEES. JE VOUDRAIS EGALEMENT EXPRIMER MES PROFONDS REMERCIEMENTS ENVERS L'INVITE D'HONNEUR, MONSIEUR LE VICE-PRESIDENT POUR AVOIR AIMABLEMENT ACCEPTE D'OUVRIR OFFICIELLEMENT CETTE QUATRIEME REUNION ORDINAIRE DE LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA. VOTRE PRESENCE PARMY NOUS EST UN TEMOIGNAGE VIVANT DE L'ENGAGEMENT DU GOUVERNEMENT ZAMBIEN AU DEVELOPPEMENT DURABLE DU BASSIN DU LAC TANGANYIKA. JE SUIS EGALEMENT TRES RECONNAISSANT ENVERS NOS PARTENAIRES D'APPUI POUR AVOIR CONSACRE LEUR TEMPS A PARTICIPER A CETTE REUNION ET REAFFIRMER LEUR APPUI AU PROGRAMME REGIONAL D'AMENAGEMENT ET DE DEVELOPPEMENT INTEGRE DU LAC TANGANYIKA.

**EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR LE VICE-PRESIDENT DE LA ZAMBIE ;
DISTINGUES INVITES
MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS;**

JE VOUDRAIS PRENDRE QUELQUES MINUTES POUR PARLER BRIEVEMENT DE L'ETAT D'AVANCEMENT DE QUELQUES ACTIVITES ENTREPRISES PENDANT LA PERIODE DE MA PRESIDENCE. JE SUIS HEUREUX DE VOUS DIRE QUE NOUS AVONS DISCUTE SUR UN CERTAIN NOMBRE DE QUESTIONS ET NOUS AVONS ENSUITE DONNE NOTRE APPROBATION SUR QUELQUES QUESTIONS IMPORTANTES PORTEES A NOTRE CONNAISSANCE PAR LE COMITE DE GESTION. BRIEVEMENT, LES QUESTIONS LES PLUS SIGNIFICATIVES DISCUTEES ET APPROUVEES SONT LES SUIVANTES :

1. LE REGLEMENT DU PERSONNEL ET LES CONDITIONS DE SERVICE DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA;
2. L'ACCORD DE SIEGE DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA QUI, COMME J'AI ETE INFORME, A ETE SIGNE PAR LE DIRECTEUR EXECUTIF ET LE MINISTRE DU GOUVERNEMENT HOTE (BURUNDI) DES RELATIONS EXTERIEURES ET DE LA COOPERATION INTERNATIONALE EN DATE DU 4 NOVEMBRE 2009;
3. LE REGLEMENT D'ORDRE INTERIEUR DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA, ET CETTE REUNION TENUE APRES L'APPROBATION DU REGLEMENT D'ORDRE INTERIEUR;
4. LE REGLEMENT FINANCIER POUR GUIDER L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA DANS LA GESTION EFFICACE DES RESSOURCES FINANCIERES ; ET
5. LE LOGO DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA. APRES L'APPROBATION DU LOGO, LE DRAPEAU DE L'AUTORITE A ETE CONÇU EN TENANT COMPTE DES ELEMENTS FIGURANT DANS LE LOGO APPROUVE.

EN PLUS DE CES DECISIONS SUSMENTIONNEES, LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES A APPROUVE LES CANDIDATS POUR LES DEUX POSTES VACANTS DES DIRECTEURS AU SECRETARIAT DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA: LE DIRECTEUR DU SUIVI ET EVALUATION DE LA NATIONALITE ZAMBIEENNE ET LE DIRECTEUR DES PECHEES DE NATIONALITE TANZANIENNE.

**MONSIEUR L'INVITE D'HONNEUR,
MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS.**

UNE AUTRE QUESTION DE NOTRE DISCUSSION ETAIT LES CONTRIBUTIONS NATIONALES POUR APPUYER LE PERSONNEL TANT AU NIVEAU REGIONAL QUE NATIONAL. JE ME RENDS COMPTE QU'IL Y A EU BEAUCOUP D'IMPERFECTIONS SUR CETTE QUESTION. SEULE LA REPUBLIQUE UNIE DE TANZANIE EST EN ORDRE DE PAIEMENT. LES AUTRES L'ONT FAIT PARTIELLEMENT. CEPENDANT, JE SAIS QUE CETTE QUESTION EST A L'ORDRE DU JOUR DE CETTE REUNION ET JE CROIS QUE SOUS LA CONDUITE DU PRESIDENT ENTRANT, NOUS SERONS EN MESURE D'EVALUER LES IMPERFECTIONS ET DE DETERMINER UNE SOLUTION DURABLE.

LE REGLEMENT DU PERSONNEL ET LES CONDITIONS DE SERVICE QUE NOUS AVONS APPROUVEES EN AOUT 2009 ONT PERMIS AU PERSONNEL PROFESSIONNEL ET TECHNIQUE DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA DE FAIRE UN SERMENT D'ALLEGEANCE. PENDANT SA MISSION DE CONSULTATION A KINSHASA, LE DIRECTEUR EXECUTIF DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA A FAIT DEVANT MOI LE SERMENT D'ALLEGEANCE EN DATE DU 27 FEVRIER 2010 ET LA CEREMONIE ETAIT REHAUSSEE PAR LE CONSEILLER PRINCIPAL DU PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO EN CHARGE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DES PECHEES ET DE L'ELEVAGE. ENSUITE, LES QUATRE DIRECTEURS DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA ONT PASSE LEUR SERMENT D'ALLEGEANCE DEVANT LE DIRECTEUR EXECUTIF. AUJOURD'HUI, SERA DETERMINE ET COMBLE LE POSTE VACANT DU SECRETAIRE EXECUTIF ADJOINT.

AVANT DE CLOTURER MON ALLOCUTION, JE VOUDRAIS RECONNAITRE L'APPUI PARTICULIER DE LA BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT, LE PROGRAMME DES NATIONS-UNIES POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT/FOND POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT MONDIAL ET LE FOND NORDIQUE DE DEVELOPPEMENT POUR LEUR APPUI AU PROGRAMME REGIONAL D'AMENAGEMENT ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT INTEGRE DU LAC TANGANYIKA. EN TERMES DE DON, JE VOUDRAIS ICI SALUER LE DON EN LABORATOIRE POUR LUTTER CONTRE LA POLLUTION DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE CHINE A CELLE DU BURUNDI ET DE LA TANZANIE. CES EFFORTS DOIVENT CONTINUER EN ZAMBIE ET EN RDC.

C'EST AVEC CES PROPOS QUE J'AI L'HONNEUR ET LE PRIVILEGE D'APPELER MAINTENANT L'INVITE D'HONNEUR A OUVRIR OFFICIELLEMENT LA QUATRIEME REUNION ORDINAIRE DE LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA.

**Annex 11: Official Opening Speech by the Guest of Honour, Honourable Dr. Kalombo
MWANSA, Minister of Defence, Republic of Zambia, 26 November 2010**

THE CHAIRPERSON,
HONOURABLE MINISTERS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, THE
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA,
EXCELLENCIES FOR MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO ZAMBIA,
PERMANENT SECRETARIES PRESENT,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS FOR MPULUNGU AND KAPUTA,
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COOPERATING PARTNERS,
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY,
SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,
INVITED GUESTS,
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

IT IS A GREAT HONOUR FOR ME TO OFFICIATE AT THIS HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT TO MARK THE FOURTH SESSION OF
THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY. MY GOVERNMENT ALSO FEELS
HONOURED THAT PARTIES TO THE LAKE TANGANYIKA CONVENTION CHOSE ZAMBIA TO HOST THIS CONFERENCE.

ALLOW ME, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT, TO WELCOME YOU AND HOPE THAT YOU
ENJOY THE WARM ZAMBIAN HOSPITALITY. I MUST STATE THAT HAVING TRAVELLED THIS FAR TO ATTEND AND
CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CONFERENCE, DEMONSTRATES THE COMMITMENT THAT YOU ATTACH TO THE PROTECTION
OF THE LAKE BASIN AS WELL AS IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE THAT LIVE AND DEPEND
ON THE LAKE.

CHAIRPERSON

MY GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE EFFORTS MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE MAKING TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL,
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AND ITS BASIN. IN THIS REGARD, I AM
PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT, ZAMBIA LIKE OTHER RIPARIAN STATES CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROCESS OF
UPDATING THE LAKE TANGANYIKA STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME THAT WAS DEVELOPED IN 2000. AS YOU ARE
ALL AWARE, SINCE 2000, EMERGING ISSUES OF CLIMATE CHANGE, INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES AND LOSS OF
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY HAVE TAKEN PROMINENCE IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT. ECONOMIC
ACTIVITIES ON THE LAKE SUCH AS FISHING AND TRANSPORTATION HAVE ALSO INCREASED. IT IS, THEREFORE,
GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT AS A GROUP OF COUNTRIES, WE HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS THESE
ISSUES THROUGH THE AMENDED STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME.

THIS EXERCISE, AS I AM AWARE, COMFORMS TO OUR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION GOALS ENVISAGED
UNDER THE CONVENTION AS WELL AS THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE WHOSE LIVELIHOODS DEPEND ON THE
RESOURCES OF THE LAKE.

CHAIRPERSON

EXCELLENCIES

MY GOVERNMENT ALSO WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMMENSE SUPPORT MEMBER STATES ARE RECEIVING
FROM COOPERATING PARTNERS TOWARDS THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA AND
POVERTY ALLEVIATION IN THE LAKE BASIN. I AM AWARE THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE BEING SUPPORTED IN
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PROJECTS TO ADDRESS
CONCERNS OF SEDIMENTATION, DEFORESTATION, OVER FISHING AND WATER POLLUTION TO MENTION BUT A
FEW. I, THEREFORE, WISH TO RECOGNISE THE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT BANK (AfDB), THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF), THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME (UNDP), THE UN FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION (FAO), THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR
THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE (IUCN), THE WORLD AGROFORESTRY CENTRE (ICRAF) AND THE WORLDWIDE

FUND FOR NATURE (WWF). ON BEHALF OF THE RIPARIAN STATES, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT BEING PROVIDED TO ENABLE US REALIZE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA CONVENTION.

ADDRESSING SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ON THE LAKE AND IN THE LAKE BASIN HAS NOT BEEN WITHOUT CHALLENGES. WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH ISSUES OF HIGH POVERTY LEVELS, DIVERSE CULTURES, A VAST LAKE CATCHMENT, POOR COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE LAKE AND ITS PEOPLE.

MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO CALL UPON MEMBER STATES AND COOPERATING PARTNERS TO PRIORITIZE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES THAT WILL ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES.

MY GOVERNMENT IS MINDFUL THAT COOPERATING PARTNERS HAVE COME FORWARD TO SUPPORT LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, THROUGH THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, MONITORING OF FISHERIES ACTIVITIES, MONITORING OF SHARED WATER RESOURCES, DROUGHT EARLY WARNING AND PROMOTION OF ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS.

CHAIRPERSON

I AM AWARE THAT THIS CONFERENCE COMMENCED ON TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 2010 AND YOU HAVE ALL WORKED AND CONTRIBUTED TIRELESSLY TO MAKE THIS GATHERING A SUCCESS. I WISH TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE WITH THE SAME SPIRIT OF REGIONAL COOPERATION EXHIBITED THUS FAR, TO ENSURE THAT THE CONFERENCE REALISES THE INTENDED OUTCOMES.

AS I CONCLUDE MY REMARKS, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, OF ZAMBIA'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING REGIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH JOINT PROGRAMMES UNDER THE LAKE TANGANYIKA CONVENTION.

CHAIRPERSON

ALLOW ME AGAIN TO THANK YOU, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, COOPERATING PARTNERS, GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND INVITED GUESTS FOR MAKING TIME TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT AND IN ANTICIPATION, THANK YOU FOR THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ITS SUCCESS. I WISH YOU FRUITFUL DELIBERATIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING CONCRETE OUTCOMES THAT WILL DEVELOP THE LAKE, IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND OUR NATIONS.

IT IS NOW MY PRIVILEGE AND HONOUR TO DECLARE THE FOURTH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY OFFICIALLY OPEN.

I THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Annex 12: Copies of Notifications sent by the LTA Secretariat to all Contracting Parties of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika

LTA/TI.5.4 (A)/2010/04

NOTIFICATION 01/2010

Date: 29th April, 2010

Subject: INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING PARTIES ACTIVITIES IN THE IMPLIMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA

The Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) Secretariat presents its compliments to the Government of((Contracting State))..... and requests the Government, as Contracting State of the **Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika** to consider Notification 01/2010 Reference No. **LTA/TI.5.4 (A)/2010/04** dated 29th April, 2010. The LTA Secretariat would be most grateful to receive information on activities within the area of the((Contracting State))..... jurisdiction or control aimed at implementation of the Convention and enhancing sustainable management of the Lake Tanganyika and its Basin.

In this regard, the LTA Secretariat would like to draw your attention to Articles 20 and 22 of the **Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika**. May we humbly request that your response to this Notification be communicated to the LTA Secretariat within **60 days** from the date of this Notification?

The LTA Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to renew to the Government of the((Contracting State))..... our highest consideration.

Dr. Henry MWIMA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NOTIFICATION 02/2010

Date: 29th April, 2010

Subject: PRIOR NOTIFICATION ON ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE PRESUMED TO RESULT IN ADVERSE IMPACTS

The Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) Secretariat presents its compliments to the((Contracting State))..... and requests the Government, as a Contracting State of the **Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika** to consider Notification 02/2011 reference No. **LTA/TI.5.4 (A)/2010/04** dated **29th April, 2010**. The LTA Secretariat would be most grateful to receive information on any activities that may be presumed to result in adverse impacts on the Lake Tanganyika and its Basin.

In this regard, the LTA Secretariat would like to draw the attention of the((Contracting State))..... to Article 14 of the Convention and to request for information on any **proposed or on – going activities** listed in Part A of Annex 1 of the Convention within your State jurisdiction or control. For ease of reference, please find attached photocopy of Annex 1 Part A of the Convention. The LTA Secretariat would be most grateful to receive your response within **60 days** from the date of this Notification.

The LTA Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to renew to the((Contracting State))..... the assurances of our highest consideration.

Dr. Henry MWIMA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Annex 13: The Declaration issued and signed at the end of the fourth ordinary meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers, 26th November, 2010, Lusaka. Zambia



DECLARATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS' FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING

We, the members of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers from the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia,

Having met in Lusaka, Republic of Zambia on 26th November, 2010 at the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers,

Recognizing and appreciating the Conference's role in providing leadership in accordance with the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika signed by the Contracting States of the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia on the 12th June, 2003 in Dar Es Salaam, the United Republic of Tanzania,

Expressing appreciation for the support provided by the African Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and Global Environment Facility, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Conservation Union and other partners, in supporting the Lake Tanganyika Integrated Regional Development and Management Programme with the aim of protecting the biodiversity and achieving sustainable management of the natural resources of Lake Tanganyika and its Basin,

Reaffirming the decisions taken at the previous meetings and this ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers and rededicating ourselves to the provisions of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika which entered into force in 2005,

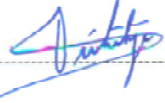
Reaffirming further our commitment to support the operations of the Lake Tanganyika Authority as stated in the Dar Es Salaam Declaration signed on 5th April 2007 by the riparian countries of the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia,

Hereby declare our resolve:

- 1. To commit ourselves to support the implementation of all decisions made by the Conference of Ministers to ensure effective implementation of the Lake Tanganyika Integrated Regional Development and Management Programme at both the regional and national levels;*
- 2. To reaffirm our resolve to meet the national contributions to the Lake Tanganyika Authority in accordance with Resolution No. 1 of the second ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers and provisions of Article 28 of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika;*
- 3. To adopt the protocol for the establishment of the Trust Fund and other financial mechanisms proposed in the Fundraising Strategy for the period 2011 to 2015 in order to support the implementation of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika and to ensure long-term financial sustainability for the Lake Tanganyika Authority;*
- 4. To call upon current and future supporting and development partners to continue supporting the Lake Tanganyika Integrated Regional Development and Management Programme with the aim of protecting the biodiversity and achieving sustainable management of the natural resources of Lake Tanganyika and its Basin*

Signed this 26th November, 2010 at Lusaka, Republic of Zambia.

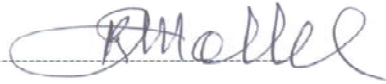
Minister, Ministry of Water, Environment, Land and Urban Planning. REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI



Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



Permanent Secretary, for State Minister (Environment), Vice President's Office. UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources. REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA