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ACARE ADVISORY GROUPS OCTOBER 2020 SUMMARY REPORT

This document provides the overall summary of activities which undertaken within the month of October 2020. It indicates specifics which are otherwise detailed in each of the listed activity reports (sent separately all across the month after each activity)

a). What has been accomplished?	Outcomes	Next Steps
Lake Albert and Edward Advisory Group		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have held three virtual meetings since July 2020 • Increased the membership by incorporating LEAF II (Uganda) expert on the AG • Collation of literature materials for scientific paper on-going. • Approved the scientific paper outline/structure • Development of Issue survey tool completed and sent out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened experts cross-border interactions and communications through regular monthly virtual meetings • Increased members participation and contributions in the virtual meetings • New LEAF II experts on-board • Identified potential stakeholders for future collaborations and issue specific discussions • Scientific paper writing on-course • Need to identify an expert representative from Virunga National Park(DR Congo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue hold monthly regular virtual meetings • Enhance members participation in the meetings through early invitations • Complete the stakeholders verification • Complete filling the issue survey for identification of key gaps and priorities on the lakes • Complete collating literature materials for writing the Lake Edward and Albert scientific review paper • Delegate scientific paper sections for writing • Review ToRs and develop AG profile • Develop work-plan to guide advisory group activities and objectives. • Identify expert member from Virunga National Park
Lake Kivu Advisory Group		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four virtual meetings have been held since July • Completed harmonization of objectives and goals. • Identification process for extending membership to University of Rwanda • Stakeholders identification completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased members participation in the virtual meetings to 95% • All relevant stakeholders identified • University of Rwanda expert member on-board • Increased availability of literature materials for analysis and writing the review paper. • Identified on-going Lake Kivu Monitoring Program as a key priority for funding needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with regular monthly virtual meetings. • Verify identified stakeholders via google-drive • Identify processes to enable larger Lake Kivu Monitoring Program take part in advisory group activities • Validate draft ToRs (Identify the process of engaging non-member experts and advisors in their virtual meetings). • Develop work-plan to guide advisory group activities and objectives. • Develop an abstract on the Lake Kivu Monitoring Program to help find funding

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the scientific paper outline/structure • Development of Issue survey tool completed and sent out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft ToRs available for verification and improvements by the AG • Scientific paper writing on-course • Issue survey data feedback begins being received 	<p>resources to support long-term monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete collating literature materials for writing the Lake Kivu scientific review paper • Complete the issue survey filling
Lake Tanganyika-Science Advisory Group		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three virtual meetings have been held since July. • Completed stakeholders identification • Continued with harmonization of objectives and goals • Progressed communication on collaboration with the Lake Tanganyika Authority • Approved the scientific paper outline/structure • Development of Issue survey tool completed and sent out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased members participation and information exchange through virtual meetings • Consultations for identification of possible partners to develop a laboratory on the Lake Tanganyika in progress • Development of Terms of Reference for collaboration with LTA in-progress • Draft ToRs available for verification and improvements by the AG • Scientific paper writing on-course • Issue survey data feedback begins being received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase communication reminders to have all members in the meetings • Continue with regular monthly virtual meetings. • Commence the stakeholders verification exercise • Continue identifying possible partners , collaborators and funders for establishing the laboratory on L.Tanganyika • Follow up communication for collaboration with LTA • Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functioning • Validate the draft ToRs for the advisory group and build profile • Identify suitable experts for replacements with retired members from Tanzania • Complete filling in the issue surveys • Complete collating literature materials for writing the Lake Tanganyika basin review paper • Delegate scientific paper sections to experts for writing • Develop work-plan to guide the set activities and priorities.
Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Network		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have held three meetings since July 2020 with the last one on October 7. • Replacement of retired Tanzanian expert members with new active experts • Completed consultation with country team in Tanzania(led by Dr.Benard Ngatunga) • Approved the scientific paper outline/structure • Completed harmonization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased members participation and information exchange through virtual meetings • Two new expert members from Kyela Center, TAFIRI on-board • Enhanced data sharing from Tanzania to other lakewide experts • Draft ToRs available for verification and improvements by the AG • Scientific paper writing on-course • Issue survey data feedback begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly regular virtual meetings schedules continues • Acquaint new expert members with advisory expectations, roles, process and progress • Complete stakeholder verification • Validate draft ToRs (Identify the process of engaging non-member experts and advisors in their virtual meetings) • Complete issue survey for analysis and writing of the scientific paper • Complete collating literature materials for

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of objectives and goals Development of Issue survey tool completed and sent out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> being received Increased availability of literature materials for writing the scientific paper of the lake basin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> writing the Lake Kivu scientific review paper Develop work-plan to guide advisory group activities and objectives.
Lake Turkana Advisory Group		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since July, the advisory group has held four virtual meetings with the recent one on 28th October. Extended membership to Jinka University, Turkana University College and United States Embassy in Ethiopia Completed the stakeholders identification and process Developed draft 2 proposal for establishment of Research Station at Omo-Delta in Ethiopia Development of Issue survey tool completed and sent out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meeting plan on course Increased information exchange and members meeting attendance on the virtual meetings Stakeholders verification on-going Started the development of advisory group profile Second field visit to the proposed Research station site (Omorate) conducted Began the consultations for identification of possible partners to establish the research station on at Omorate. Draft ToRs available for verification and improvements by the AG Scientific paper writing on-course Issue survey data feedback begins being received Increased availability of literature materials for writing the scientific paper of the lake basin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquaint new expert members with advisory expectations, roles, process and progress Continue with regular monthly virtual meetings. Validate draft ToRs (Identify the process of engaging non-member experts and advisors in their virtual meetings) and build profile In consultation with ACARE, continue with the Identification of potential partners, funders and collaborators initiated. Structural design and Bill of Quantities development for the Research station on-course Continue making follow ups with Jinka University. Complete collating literature materials for writing the Lake Turkana scientific review paper Complete the issue survey filling
Lake Victoria Advisory Group		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have held three meetings since July 2020 with the last one on October 6 Completed the stakeholders identification and process Prioritized need to review Terms of Reference for collaboration with the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (fish stock assessment working group) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder identification and verification exercise in progress Continued with harmonization of objectives and goals Together with ACARE, began developing the Terms of Reference for collaboration with other entities and non-member experts Draft ToRs available for verification and improvements by the AG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase communication reminders to have all members in the meetings Continue with regular monthly virtual meetings. Complete stakeholder review process Continue the harmonization objectives and goals Conclude the stakeholders identification process Validate draft ToRs (Identify the process of engaging non-member experts and advisors in their virtual meetings) and build profile Review the Terms of References from LVFO on

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the scientific paper outline/structure • Development of Issue survey tool completed and sent out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific paper writing on-course • Issue survey data feedback begins being received • Increased availability of literature materials for writing the scientific paper of the lake basin. 	<p>the next call/virtual meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete collating literature materials for writing the Lake Victoria scientific review paper • Complete the issue survey filling • Complete collating literature materials for writing the Lake Victoria scientific review paper • Develop work-plan to guide the set activities and priorities.
b). Pending activities (poll for determining mid-November meeting dates)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Tanganyika Science Advisory Group meeting 4 • Lake Victoria Advisory Group meeting 4 • Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Network meeting 4 		
c). Pending meetings for late November		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LKAG fifth meeting • LEEA fourth meeting • LTuAG fifth meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting poll dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
d) Development of Survey to identify research , science and education gaps on African Great Lakes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue survey out to all advisory group experts, due on 6th November 2020 		
e). Preparation of September/October Bi-monthly reports		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September/October bimonthly drafts circulated to advisory members for reviews (due 4th November) 		
f). All Advisory Groups December Virtual Conference		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey to determine appropriate meeting dates and time sent out, due 2nd November. 		
g) Collaborations and Meetings		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One in-person meeting held with the Lake Victoria Basin Commission on 9th October 2020 in Kisumu • Issue prioritizations for MoU (between LVBC and ACARE) on course. 		