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ACARE ADVISORY GROUPS AUGUST 2021 SUMMARY PROGRESS REPORT

This document provides the progress of activities which undertaken within the month of August 2021. It highlights specifics which are otherwise detailed in each of the listed activity reports (sent separately all across the month after each activity/session)

a). What has been accomplished?	Outcomes	Next Steps
Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa Basin Fisheries & Aquaculture Network		
<p>The monthly virtual meeting held on August 02, 2021</p> <p>New development on membership</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular monthly information exchange and basin-wide updates provided. • Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings • Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans. • Annual meeting plan improved with member’s inputs • Improved understanding of the status and needs of the Research stations around the basin. • Membership increased by 2 AWIS cohort participants: Edith Gondwe & Dorothy Banda, joining the network • Manuscript at the restructuring near finalization stage in readiness for external informal review processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process the identification of specific country leads based on the ToRs • Develop LMNN specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs • Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group • Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider communications • Finalize the manuscript to meet the JGLR structure and guidelines • Circulate the manuscript for external informal reviewing and proofreading by ACARE/IISD experts
Lake Tanganyika Science Advisory Group		
<p>The monthly virtual meeting held on August 05, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved regular (monthly) information exchange and updates on lake wide projects i.e. UNEP-GEF, FAO-CRH/UVIRA, LATAWAMA and LATAFIMA projects. • Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings • Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the 2021 annual meeting plan of advisory groups • Develop LT-SAG specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs • Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group • Complete profile for use in website, Webpages and for wider

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<p>New development on leadership and membership</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Tanganyika Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p>	<p>exchange and lake wide harmonization of data and plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual meeting plan of 2021 improved with member’s inputs • Strengthened leadership through new nomination of Country specific leads for Burundi and DR Congo • Membership increased by 1 AWIS member, Aline Munundu Mangaza joining the advisory group. • Special sections submission secured in the JGLR • Manuscript review, reorganization and editing in progress, in readiness for external informal review processes 	<p>dissemination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process new membership joining requests from two AWIS cohort participants • Finalize the manuscript to meet the JGLR structure and guidelines • Circulate the manuscript for external informal reviewing and proofreading by ACARE/IISD experts
<p>Lake Turkana Advisory Group</p>		
<p>The monthly virtual meeting held on August 12, 2021</p> <p>New development on membership and information exchange</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Turkana Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lake wide harmonization of data and plans. • Strengthened collaboration through development and submission of a funding proposal to JRS Biodiversity Foundation • Annual meeting plan of 2021 improved with member’s inputs • Enhanced lake wide information sharing amongst experts on current activities and updates lake wide. • Increased membership through incorporation of Drs. Natasha Gownaris from Gettysburg College and Elias Alemu from Jinka University, Ethiopia. • Lake Turkana article published in the IALR Lakes letter: Summer 2021 issue of Lakes Letter • Improved understanding of the lake through review paper writing process. • Lake Turkana manuscript at the final 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise the JRS Biodiversity Foundation proposal in readiness for re-submission. • Complete the advisory groups annual meeting plan of 2021 • Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations • Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group • Identify collaborators and funder for the Omo-Turkana basin visit and research station project. • Review the JRS Biodiversity proposal for a re-submission. • Circulate final version of the manuscript to all authors for any final stage editing.

	<p>review stage in readiness for journal submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special sections submission secured in the JGLR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize manuscript preparation for submission to the Journal of Great Lakes Research for the publishing process.
Lake Victoria Advisory Group		
<p>The monthly meeting held on August 19, 2021</p> <p>New development on membership and information exchange</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Victoria Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved member's attendance to the monthly meetings • Enhanced regular information exchange and plans amongst members across the basin i.e. support towards ideas on data sharing policy tasks currently undertaken by LVFO consultants. • Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lake wide harmonization of data and plans. • Annual meeting plan of 2021 improved with member's inputs • Membership increased through incorporation of Mr. Bernard Opa, NLC Kenya, joining. • Two members: Drs. Andrew Gemmel and Winnie Nkalubo takes part at the Stockholm World Water Week, presenting water quality and related issues in the basin. • Lake Turkana manuscript at the final review stage in readiness for journal submission. • Special sections submission secured in the JGLR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process new members joining request from AWIS cohort. • Complete the advisory groups annual meeting plan of 2021 • Continue exploring interested funders, collaborators and philanthropists of Lake Victoria • Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations • Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group • Develop LVAG specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs • Circulate final version of the manuscript to all authors for any final stage editing. • Finalize manuscript preparation for submission to the Journal of Great Lakes Research for the publishing process.
Lake Edward and Albert Advisory Group		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on August 26, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved transboundary collaboration and regular information exchange on projects and activities i.e. joint operations on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU) exercises, frame surveys etc. • Improved member's attendance to the monthly meetings • Strengthened development of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the 2021 annual meeting plan of advisory groups • Develop LEAAG specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs • Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group • Complete profile for use in website, Webpages and for wider

<p>New development on leadership</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Albert Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Edward Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p>	<p>collaborative projects for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lake wide harmonization of data and plans i.e. access to LEAF project documents, understanding of the Lake Albert research station progress etc. Leadership strengthened through nomination of Mr. Herbert Nakiyende as a Co-Lead Lake Albert manuscript at the final review stage in readiness for journal submission. Special sections submission secured in the JGLR. Manuscript drafting in progress 	<p>dissemination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process new membership joining request from one AWIS cohort participant Finalize the manuscript to meet the JGLR structure and guidelines Circulate the manuscript for external informal reviewing and proofreading by ACARE/IISD experts Complete drafting of the Edward manuscript in readiness for external informal review processes.
<p>Lake Kivu Advisory Group</p>		
<p>The monthly virtual meeting held on August 30, 2021</p> <p>New development on leadership and membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved regular (monthly) information exchange and updates on lake wide projects i.e. Land use planning and littoral zones protection projects. Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lake wide harmonization of data and plans. Annual meeting plan of 2021 improved with member's inputs Strengthened leadership through new nomination of Ms. Janviere Tuyisenge as the Vice-Lead Two new guests join the meeting as observers, Prof. Johnny Wüest and Dr. Martin Schmid, all from EPFL, Switzerland. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process new members joining request from AWIS cohort. Complete the advisory groups annual meeting plan of 2021 Continue exploring interested funders, collaborators and philanthropists of Lake Kivu Complete profile for use in website, Webpages and for wider disseminations Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group Develop LKAG specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs Circulate final version of the

<p>Scientific paper Lake Kivu Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Kivu manuscript at the final review stage in readiness for journal submission. • Special sections submission secured in the JGLR. 	<p>manuscript to all authors for any final stage editing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize manuscript preparation for submission to the Journal of Great Lakes Research for the publishing process.
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b). Meeting Virtual Schedule for September, 2021

Advisory Group	Meeting date	Meeting time (s)
Lake Tanganyika Science Advisory Group	Thursday, September 02, 2021	08am CT/ 09am ET/ 2pm DR Congo/ 3pm Burundi-Zambia/ 4pm East Africa
Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Network	Monday, September 06, 2021	08am CT/9am ET/ 3pm Mozambique & Zambia /4pm East Africa Time
Lake Turkana Advisory Group	Thursday, September 09, 2021	10am CT/ 11am ET/ 5pm Europe-Malawi/ 6pm Ethiopia-E. Africa
Lake Victoria Advisory Group	Thursday, September 16, 2021	09am CT/ 10am ET/ 5pm Ethiopia-E. Africa
Lake Kivu Advisory Group	Monday, September 27, 2021	8am CT/ 9am ET/ 2pm Western DR Congo (Kinshasa)/ 3pm Eastern DR Congo (Bukavu & Goma)-Rwanda/ 4pm East Africa
Lake Edward and Albert Advisory Group	Thursday, September 30, 2021	9am Central/10am Eastern / 3pm Kinshasa / 4pm Bukavu / 5pm East Africa

c) Grants and Outreach Initiatives

- Funding proposal for AG, AWIS and Annual meeting of advisory groups 2021 submitted to the OMC-DOS.
- JRS Biodiversity funding proposal submitted to the foundation for consideration to support Lake Turkana sent for improvement
- Feedback on ASLO proposal submitted in support of AG Annual meeting communication facilitation received as unsuccessful
- A lakes letter on Lake Turkana published in the IALR Lakes letter: [Summer 2021 issue of Lakes Letter](#)

d) . Annual Meeting of Advisory Group Plan

- Meeting structure, format and program development nears completion.
- Meeting mode determined to be virtual, expecting over 100 participants from advisory groups, and other large lakes globally

f). Advisory Group Scientific papers and JGLR processes

- Education & training, and long term monitoring on the African Great Lakes manuscripts at the final draft stages in readiness for external informal reviews.
- The special sections secured for all manuscripts in the JGLR
- Internal informal review of the Victoria, Kivu and Turkana manuscripts completed

g) . African Great Lakes Conference 2022

- Planning in progress with organizing committee of African Great Lakes Experts established
- First meeting held on July 16, 2021. Some of the themes proposed are provided in separate document.

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