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ACARE ADVISORY GROUPS SEPTEMBER 2020 SUMMARY REPORT

This document provides the overall summary of activities which undertaken within the month of September 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 two virtual and one representatives meeting since July 2020 ● Completed harmonization of Terms of Reference, objectives and goals. ● Completed identification of stakeholders ● Prioritized need for baseline study on the lake to help inform gaps and management strategies ● Identified the need to include university and college freshwater students in the Lake Kivu work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regular meeting plan established ● Increased members participation in the virtual meetings ● Begin transferring the harmonized information into building a profile ● Stakeholder’s verification in-progress ● Complete developing survey tool for identify research gaps and priorities on the lake ● Begins collating literature materials for analysis and writing the review paper. ● Identified Lead to spearhead the review paper design and writing process ● Draft Terms of References in-process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue with regular virtual meetings ● Enhance members participation in the meetings through early and time invitations ● Develop advisory group profile ● Complete the stakeholders verification ● Conduct survey to complete identification of key gaps and priorities on the lake ● Complete collating literature materials for writing the Lake Kivu scientific review paper ● Validate and approve the draft review paper outline/design in the next meeting ● Develop work-plan to guide advisory group activities and objectives. ● ACARE and team lead begins to develop the process of engaging non-member experts and advisors in their virtual meetings.
Lake Kivu Advisory Group		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Held three virtual meetings since July 2020 ● Completed harmonization of Terms of Reference, objectives and goals. ● Identified the need to conduct reconnaissance study on Lake Kivu ● Identified focal point person at the University of Rwanda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased members participation in the virtual meetings to 90% ● Stakeholder’s identification completed awaiting verification. ● Begins collating literature materials for analysis and writing the review paper. ● Identified Lead to spearhead the review paper design and writing process ● Nominated the lead to begin looking into the government process of engaging in the Lake Kivu Monitoring program ● ACARE and team lead begins to develop the process of engaging non-member experts and advisors in their virtual meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue with regular monthly virtual meetings with the next one in mid-October ● Verify identified stakeholders in next meeting ● Complete collating literature materials for writing the Lake Kivu scientific review paper ● Conduct survey to identifying priority research needs, gaps, urgent interventions and resources required to facilitate for improved health of Lake Kivu. ● Validate and approve the draft review paper outline/design in the next meeting ● Make official communication to the University of Rwanda ● Identify processes to enable larger Lake Kivu Monitoring Program take part in advisory group activities

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify the process of engaging non-member experts and advisors in their virtual meetings. ● Develop work-plan to guide advisory group activities and objectives.
Lake Tanganyika-Science Advisory Group		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have held two meetings since July 2020 with the latest one on 27th September, 2020 ● Prioritized need for baseline study to help inform gaps and management strategies ● Initiated a collaboration discussion with the Lake Tanganyika Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stakeholder identification and verification exercise in progress ● Continued with harmonization of objectives and goals ● Began the consultations for identification of possible partners to develop a laboratory on the Lake Tanganyika ● Together with ACARE, began developing the Terms of Reference for collaboration with LTA and other entities. ● Identified need to replace the members from Tanzanian side since they have retired and inactive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meeting be held on 01st October, 2020 ● Complete stakeholders identification exercise ● Continue the harmonization objectives and goals ● Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functioning ● Conduct survey to complete identification of key gaps and priorities on the lake. ● Complete identification of possible partners for establishing the laboratory ● Continue LTA consultations and processes ● Continue developing the Terms of References for collaborations. ● Develop work-plan to guide the set activities and priorities. ● Identify suitable experts for replacements with retired members from Tanzania
Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Network		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have held two meetings since July 2020 with the last one on September 9. ● Prioritized baseline study/reconnaissance to gather data and inform gaps and strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stakeholder verification close to completion. ● On the Mozambique side, official letters have been issued to the identified stakeholders ● Continue harmonization of objectives and goals ● Begin collating literature materials for study and analysis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete stakeholder review process ● Develop regular meeting plan ● Make follow up communications on the next steps/plans ● Complete Terms of References harmonization, objectives and purpose for profile. ● Develop work plan for group objectives ● Conduct survey to identify and set priorities for the lake
Lake Turkana Advisory Group		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have held three meetings since July 2020 with the last one on 29th September. ● Completed the stakeholders identification process ● Completed harmonization of set objectives and goals ● Prioritized establishment of a research station in the Omo-delta, Omorate Town, Ethiopia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Established regular meeting plan and process. ● Full members participation in the meetings ● Stakeholders verification on-going ● Started the development of advisory group profile ● Field visit to the proposed site conducted by two members ● Draft 1 proposal developed ● Began the consultations for identification of possible partners to establish the research station on at Omorate. ● Together with ACARE, began developing the Terms of Reference for collaboration with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue with regular monthly meetings ● Complete stakeholders verification ● Complete the profile development ● Continue with consultations with relevant partners and donors led by ACARE ● Improve on the draft proposal in readiness for funding application and sharing with potential partners ● Continue making follow ups with Jinka University. ● Complete the Terms of References drafting for collaborations ● Conduct survey to complete identification of key gaps and priorities on the lake ● Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prioritized need for baseline study to help inform gaps and management strategies 	<p>other entities and non-member experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lead to spearheading the review paper design and writing process 	
Lake Victoria Advisory Group		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have held two meetings since July 2020 with the latest one on 08th September, 2020 ● Prioritized need to review Terms of Reference for collaboration with the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (fish stock assessment working group) ● Prioritized need for baseline study to help inform gaps and management strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stakeholder identification and verification exercise in progress ● Continued with harmonization of objectives and goals ● Admitted new LVBC representative in the group ● LVFO begins working on the Terms of References led by Group lead ● Discussed with recommendations provided by members on the last virtual meeting ● Together with ACARE, began developing the Terms of Reference for collaboration with other entities and non-member experts ● Dr. Nyamweya to spearheading review paper design ● Begin collating literature materials for study and analysis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue with virtual meetings and develop a regular plan. ● Complete stakeholder review process ● Continue the harmonization objectives and goals ● Conclude the stakeholders identification process ● Review the Terms of References from LVFO on the next call/virtual meeting ● Conduct survey to complete identification of key gaps and priorities on the lake ● Complete collating literature materials for writing the Lake Victoria scientific review paper ● Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functions
B). Upcoming activities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lake Tanganyika Science Advisory Group meeting 3: October 01st, 2020 ● Lake Victoria Advisory Group meeting 3: October 07th, 2020 ● Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Network meeting 3: October 08th, 2020 ● Scientific paper design meeting with lead authors: October 06th, 2020 		
c). Pending activities (poll for determining October meeting dates)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LKAG fourth meeting ● LEEA third 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"> ● This is in progress and will be completed within the next month. 		
e). Preparation of July/August Bi-monthly reports		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● July/August bimonthly report completed and circulated to subscribers. 		
f). ACARE/IISD Launch		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Launch successfully held on 15th September, 2020 ● Press release:- Sent to 14 media houses within the African Great Lakes region ● Articles: Featured in 5 magazines and online journals. 		