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ACARE ADVISORY GROUPS APRIL 2021 SUMMARY PROGRESS REPORT

This document provides the progress of activities which undertaken within the month of April 2021. It indicates 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 Albert and Edward Advisory Group		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting (third) held successfully on 29/04/2021.</p> <p>AG Terms of Reference (ToRs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding of the lakes through development of review papers • Official approval and acceptance of new advisor- Prof. Christian Albrecht • Increased interest and participation by members and adjacent scientists in the process. • Completed identification of JGLR Guest editors • Enhanced information exchange and timely updates amongst experts on the current activities/status of the Lakes. • Improved lakewide harmonization of data and plans. • Terms of References adopted effectively • Improved cooperation and collaboration amongst members and other interested actors through the ToRs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete drafting of the Lakes Edward and Albert scientific papers in readiness for internal reviews. • Begin making contacts with internal reviewers for the papers. • With the lead, coordinate presentation development for the IAGLR21 Virtual conference • Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations • Conduct weekly email check-in with lead authors to fast-track the process • In consultation with ACARE, continue explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference) • Determine reasons for low-participation of Prof. Chantal Shalukoma from ICCN-Virunga National Park in the LEAAG
Lake Kivu Advisory Group		
<p>Monthly meeting held on 26/04/2021</p> <p>Two Scientific papers writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for long term monitoring on L. Kivu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly increased interest from various non-member experts in joining the advisory group. • Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings • Improved understanding of the lake through review paper writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin making contacts with internal reviewers for the papers. • With the lead, coordinate presentation development for the IAGLR21 Virtual conference • Reorganize and synthesize the draft review paper in readiness for external

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Kivu Overview of Research needs and specific way forward <p>AG Terms of References (ToRs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific papers Future strategies for the lake and advisory group begin taking clear shape i.e. fundraising and other resources required ACARE's role begins to gain recognition by experts Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper Completed identification of JGLR Guest editors Enhanced information exchange and timely updates amongst experts on the current activities/status of the Lakes. Improved lakewide harmonization of data and plans. Terms of References adopted effectively Improved cooperation and collaboration amongst members and other interested actors through the ToRs 	<p>reviewing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin exploring interested funders, collaborators and philanthropists of L. Kivu Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations In consultation with ACARE, continue explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference) Identify collaborators and funder for the LKMP
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Lake Tanganyika-Science Advisory Group

<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on 01/04/2021</p> <p>Scientific paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Tanganyika Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly increased interest from various non-member experts in joining the advisory group. Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings Improved understanding of the lake through review paper writing. Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific papers Future strategies for the lake and advisory group begin taking clear shape i.e. fundraising and other resources required ACARE's role begins to gain recognition by experts Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete drafting of the Lake Tanganyika scientific paper in readiness for internal reviews. Begin making contacts with internal reviewers for the papers. With the lead, coordinate presentation development for the IAGLR21 Virtual conference Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations Conduct weekly email check-in with lead authors to fast-track the process In consultation with ACARE, continue explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference) Reorganize and synthesize the draft review paper in readiness for external reviewing
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<p>AG Terms of References (ToRs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed identification of JGLR Guest editors • Enhanced information exchange and timely updates amongst experts on the current activities/status of the Lakes. • Improved lakewide harmonization of data and plans. • Improved cooperation and collaboration amongst members and other interested actors through the ToRs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of References to be adopted effectively
<p>Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Network</p>		
<p>Monthly meeting held on 05/04/2021 with the experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing <p>Membership and Management meetings with Dr. Geoffrey Chavula, Jose Halafo and Peter Limbu held on 22nd/May, 26th May and 29th May consecutively.</p> <p>AG Terms of References (ToRs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding of the lakes through development of review papers • Better understanding of the strategies and management to increase members participation and interest amongst LMNN members • Increased interest and participation by members and adjacent scientists in the process. • Completed identification of JGLR Guest editors • Enhanced information exchange and timely updates amongst experts on the current activities/status of the Lakes. • Improved lakewide harmonization of data and plans. • Terms of References adopted effectively • Improved cooperation and collaboration amongst members and other interested actors through the ToRs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct strategy meetings with selected members at individual levels • Conduct weekly communication reminders to increase pace for the scientific papers writing. • Reorganize and synthesize the draft review paper in readiness for external reviewing • Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations • Conduct weekly email check-in with lead authors to fast-track the process • In consultation with ACARE, continue explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference) • Terms of References to be adopted effectively
<p>Lake Turkana Advisory Group</p>		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on 08/04/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Turkana Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly increased interest from various non-member experts in joining the advisory group. • Expanded membership to Africa Center of Excellence for Water Management (ACEWM), Ethiopia • Improved general attendance to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin making contacts with internal reviewers for the papers. • With the lead, coordinate presentation development for the IAGLR21 Virtual conference • Reorganize and synthesize the draft review paper in readiness for external

<p>AG Terms of References</p> <p>Plans for Omo-Turkana visit, Jinka University, Ethiopia</p>	<p>monthly meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed identification of JGLR Guest editors • Improved understanding of the lake through review paper writing. • Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific papers • Excellent general attendance to the monthly meetings • Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific papers-completed draft 1 • Future strategies for the lake and advisory group begin taking clear shape. • ACARE's role continues to gain recognition by experts • Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper • Profile development in completed • Search for guest editors for the advisory groups scientific papers completed • ToRs validated and approved for use by experts members • Draft program, plan and requirements for the visit improved 	<p>reviewing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin exploring interested funders, collaborators and philanthropists of L. Turkana • Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations • In consultation with ACARE, continue explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference) • Identify collaborators and funder for the Omo-Turkana basin.
Lake Victoria Advisory Group		
<p>Regular monthly meeting held on 15/04/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Victoria Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased membership by one new advisor and one new member. • Highly increased interest from various non-member experts in joining the advisory group. • Increased attendance to the meeting by members • Completed identification of JGLR Guest editors • Information exchange enhanced with updates on the occurrences at lake level shared by the country members • Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper • Enhanced participation/contribution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officially determine members opinions towards confirming two new experts in the advisory group • Begin making contacts with internal reviewers for the papers. • With the lead, coordinate presentation development for the IAGLR21 Virtual conference • Reorganize and synthesize the draft review paper in readiness for external reviewing • Begin exploring interested funders, collaborators and philanthropists of L. Victoria • Complete profile for use in website,

AG Terms of References	<p>by experts on the writing of the scientific paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved understanding of the lake through review paper writing. Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific papers Excellent general attendance to the monthly meetings Enhanced participation/contribution by experts on the writing of the scientific papers-completed draft 1 Future strategies for the lake and advisory group begin taking clear shape. ACARE's role continues to gain recognition by experts Improved understanding on the need and process for the Overview paper ToRs validated by experts members 	<p>WebPages and for wider disseminations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In consultation with ACARE, continue explore possibilities for the request for an in-person meeting in 2021 (Annual conference) Identify collaborators and funder for the L. Victoria Basin. Adoption of the ToRs in the next meeting
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b). Meeting Schedules for May	Date	Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Monthly Virtual Meeting 	Monday 03, May, 2021	08am CT/9am ET/ 3pm Mozambique & Zambia /4pm East Africa Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Tanganyika Science Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting 	Thursday 06 May, 2021	08am CT/ 09am ET/ 2pm DR Congo/ 3pm Burundi-Zambia/ 4pm East Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Turkana Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting 	Thursday 13 May, 2021	10am CT/ 11am ET/ 5pm Europe-Malawi/ 6pm Ethiopia-E. Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Victoria Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting. 	Thursday 20 May, 2021	09am CT/ 10am ET/ 5pm Ethiopia-E. Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Edward and Albert Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting 	Thursday 27 May, 2021	9am Central/10am Eastern / 3pm Kinshasa / 4pm Bukavu / 5pm East Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Kivu Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting 	Monday 31 May, 2021	8am CT/ 9am ET/ 2pm Western DR Congo (Kinshasa)/ 3pm Eastern DR Congo (Bukavu&Goma)-Rwanda/ 4pm East Africa

c) Collaboration Meetings

16 April, 2021: ACARE-Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

- Determining potential collaboration to strengthen women participation in science on the African Great Lakes.
- Preliminary consultations in progress

28 April, 2021 ACARE-Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science & Technology (JOOUST)

- Fostering collaboration under strengthening education and training on the Lake Victoria basin.
- MoU drafting to begin

d) Development of Resource Mobilization information materials

- Advisory group profiles development: drafted for Turkana and Victoria, others in progress

e). IAGLR21 Preparation

- Presentation guidelines circulated to all ACARE Sponsored experts/presenters

f). Journal of Great Lakes (JGLR) Research process

- All review papers timelines drawn, approved and circulated
- Review papers internal edits commences

g) Annual Meeting of Advisory Group Plan & COVID-19 Impacts on work in the AGL

- Identification of Annual Meeting participants expectation exercise in progress
- Completed collation of excerpts on the Impacts of COVID-19 work within the African Great Lakes

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