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**ACARE ADVISORY GROUPS JUNE 2021 SUMMARY PROGRESS REPORT**

This document provides the progress of activities which undertaken within the month of June 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
<b>Lake Albert and Edward Advisory Group</b>		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2021</p> <p>New development</p> <p>Scientific papers</p> <p>Lake Albert Overview of Research needs and specific way forward</p> <p>Lake Edward Overview of Research needs and specific way forward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced lakewide information sharing amongst experts on current activities and updates.</li> <li>• Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings</li> <li>• Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans.</li> <li>• Improved functioning of the AG through the ToRs</li> <li>• To strengthen LEAAG leadership as per the Terms of References, the experts initiated a process to find a co-lead, from Uganda to fill the position.</li> <li>• AWIS participants takes part in the meeting to for enhanced networking, information exchange and processes</li> <li>• LEAF Project reports secured for use in the review and writing of the scientific papers.</li> <li>• Albert manuscript at the finalization stage in readiness for external informal review processes</li> <li>• Drafting in progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize the Albert manuscript to conform to JGLR structure and guidelines</li> <li>• Circulate the manuscript for external informal reviewing and proofreading by ACARE/IISD experts</li> <li>• Share with authors the LEAF project materials</li> <li>• Analyze the annual meeting (of advisory groups, 2021) survey responses to make a final decision on the possibility and interest of members for an in-person meeting in late 2021</li> <li>• Develop LEAAG specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs</li> <li>• Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group</li> <li>• Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations</li> <li>• In consultations with LEAAG experts, identify (via email) AG co-lead</li> <li>• Prepare JGLR requirements for special section submissions</li> </ul>
<b>Lake Kivu Advisory Group</b>		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved general attendance to the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop LKAG specific in-person</li> </ul>

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<p>New developments</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Kivu Overview of Research needs and specific way forward</p>	<p>monthly meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced lakewide information sharing amongst experts on current activities and updates.</li> <li>Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans.</li> <li>Improved functioning of the AG through the ToRs</li> <li>Increased membership as 3 new experts officially joining the LKAG</li> <li>AWIS participants takes part in the meeting to for enhanced networking, information exchange and processes</li> <li>To strengthen LKAG leadership as per the Terms of References, the experts initiated a process to find a co-lead, from Rwanda to fill the position.</li> <li>Kivu manuscript undergoing review process by IISD-ACARE experts</li> <li>Improved understanding of the lake through review paper writing process</li> </ul>	<p>meeting budget and estimate costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin exploring interested funders, collaborators and philanthropists of L. Kivu</li> <li>Analyze the annual meeting (of advisory groups, 2021) survey responses to make a final decision on the possibility and interest of members for an in-person meeting in late 2021</li> <li>Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations</li> <li>Prepare JGLR requirements for special section submissions</li> <li>Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group</li> <li>In consultations with LKAG experts and members , identify (via email) AG co-lead</li> </ul>
<b>Lake Tanganyika-Science Advisory Group</b>		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on 03<sup>rd</sup> June, 2021</p> <p>New development</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Tanganyika Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced lakewide information sharing amongst experts on current activities and updates.</li> <li>Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings</li> <li>Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans.</li> <li>Improved functioning of the AG through the ToRs adoption</li> <li>Manuscript at the finalization stage in readiness for external informal review processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize the manuscript to conform to JGLR structure and guidelines</li> <li>Circulate the manuscript for external informal reviewing and proofreading by ACARE/IISD experts</li> <li>Process the identification of specific country leads based on the ToRs</li> <li>Analyze the annual meeting (of advisory groups, 2021) survey responses to make a final decision on the possibility and interest of members for an in-person meeting in late 2021</li> <li>Develop LT-SAG specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs</li> <li>Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group</li> <li>Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider dissemination</li> </ul>

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<b>Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Network</b>		
<p>Monthly meeting held on 07<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 with the experts</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"> <li>• Enhanced lakewide information sharing amongst experts on current activities and updates.</li> <li>• Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings</li> <li>• Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans.</li> <li>• Improved functioning of the AG through the ToRs adoption</li> <li>• Manuscript at the finalization stage in readiness for external informal review processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize the manuscript to conform to JGLR structure and guidelines</li> <li>• Circulate the manuscript for external informal reviewing and proofreading by ACARE/IISD experts</li> <li>• Process the identification of specific country leads based on the ToRs</li> <li>• Analyze the annual meeting (of advisory groups, 2021) survey responses to make a final decision on the possibility and interest of members for an in-person meeting in late 2021</li> <li>• Develop LMNN specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs</li> <li>• Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group</li> <li>• Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider</li> <li>• Prepare JGLR requirements for special section submissions</li> </ul>
<b>Lake Turkana Advisory Group</b>		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2021</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Turkana Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings</li> <li>• Enhanced lakewide information sharing amongst experts on current activities and updates.</li> <li>• Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans.</li> <li>• Improved functioning of the AG through the ToRs</li> <li>• To strengthen LTuAG leadership as per the Terms of References, the experts initiated a process to find a co-lead, from Ethiopia to fill the position.</li> <li>• Turkana manuscript undergoing review process by IISD-ACARE experts</li> <li>• Improved understanding of the lake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collate review materials from reviews for harmonization of the manuscript.</li> <li>• Review LTuAG specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs</li> <li>• Begin exploring interested funders, collaborators and philanthropists of Lake Turkana</li> <li>• Analyze the annual meeting (of advisory groups, 2021) survey responses to make a final decision on the possibility and interest of members for an in-person meeting in late 2021</li> <li>• Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations</li> <li>• Prepare JGLR requirements for special section submissions</li> </ul>

<p>Advisory Group Specific in-person meeting and Omo-Turkana Research Station Visit</p>	<p>through review paper writing process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft program, plan and requirements for the Omo-Turkana visit, Jinka University, Ethiopia visit reviewed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group</li> <li>• In consultations with LTuAG experts and members, identify (via email) AG co-lead.</li> <li>• Identify collaborators and funder for the Omo-Turkana basin visit and research station project.</li> <li>• Develop the IAGLR lakes letter for Turkana on climate change and water levels</li> </ul>
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**Lake Victoria Advisory Group**

<p>Regular monthly meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021</p> <p>New development</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Victoria Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highly increased interest from various non-member experts in joining the advisory group.</li> <li>• Increased membership as 2 new experts officially joining the LTuAG</li> <li>• Enhanced lakewide information sharing amongst experts on current activities and updates.</li> <li>• Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans.</li> <li>• Improved functioning of the AG through the ToRs</li> <li>• Victoria manuscript undergoing review process by IISD-ACARE experts</li> <li>• Improved understanding of the lake through review paper writing process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop LVAG specific in-person meeting budget and estimate costs</li> <li>• Begin exploring interested funders, collaborators and philanthropists of Lake Victoria</li> <li>• Analyze the annual meeting (of advisory groups, 2021) survey responses to make a final decision on the possibility and interest of members for an in-person meeting in late 2021</li> <li>• Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations</li> <li>• Prepare JGLR requirements for special section submissions</li> <li>• Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group</li> </ul>
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**b). Meeting Schedule for July, 2021**

Advisory Group	Meeting date	Meeting time (s)
Lake Tanganyika Science Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting	Thursday 01 July, 2021	08am CT/ 09am ET/ 2pm DR Congo/ 3pm Burundi-Zambia/ 4pm East Africa
Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Monthly Virtual Meeting	Thursday 08 July, 2021	08am CT/9am ET/ 3pm Mozambique & Zambia /4pm East Africa Time
Lake Turkana Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting	Thursday 08 July, 2021	10am CT/ 11am ET/ 5pm Europe-Malawi/ 6pm Ethiopia-E. Africa
Lake Victoria Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting.	Thursday 15 July, 2021	09am CT/ 10am ET/ 5pm Ethiopia-E. Africa

Lake Edward and Albert Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting	Thursday 29 July , 2021	9am Central/10am Eastern / 3pm Kinshasa / 4pm Bukavu / 5pm East Africa
Lake Kivu Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting	Monday 26 July, 2021	8am CT/ 9am ET/ 2pm Western DR Congo (Kinshasa)/ 3pm Eastern DR Congo (Bukavu&Goma)-Rwanda/ 4pm East Africa
<b>c) Collaboration Meetings</b>		
ACARE-Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science & Technology (JOOUST)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First meeting held on May 28, 2021</li> <li>• Consultations in progress on fostering collaboration under strengthening education and training on the Lake Victoria basin.</li> <li>• Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in review by ACARE</li> </ul>		
<b>d) . Annual Meeting of Advisory Group Plan</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting expectations survey completed, report produced.</li> <li>• Meeting structure, format and program development in-progress</li> <li>• Meeting status to be determined by July 31, 2021</li> </ul>		
<b>e). JRS Biodiversity Call for Funding</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft funding proposal completed, undergoing review by ACARE secretariat and advisors.</li> </ul>		
<b>f). Advisory Group Scientific papers and JGLR processes</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All review papers timelines drawn, approved and circulated</li> <li>• Internal informal review of the Victoria, Kivu and Turkana manuscripts in progress</li> </ul>		
<b>g) . African Great Lakes Conference 2022</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning in progress with organizing committee of African Great Lakes Experts established</li> <li>• First meeting with to be held on July 16, 2021 (Date to be confirmed)</li> </ul>		