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ACARE ADVISORY GROUPS JULY 2021 SUMMARY PROGRESS REPORT

This document provides the progress of activities which undertaken within the month of July 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 July 8, 2021</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"> • Improved networking with the AWIS participants joining the LMNN experts • All members acquainted with all activities across the basin i.e. monthly updates, progress feedbacks etc. • Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings • Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans. • Annual meeting survey completed • Status of Research stations around the basin presented • Special sections submission secured in the JGLR • Manuscript at the finalization stage in readiness for external informal review processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize the manuscript to meet the JGLR structure and guidelines • Circulate the manuscript for external informal reviewing and proofreading by ACARE/IISD experts • Process the identification of specific country leads based on the ToRs • Develop the annual meeting plan for AG 2021 • 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
Lake Turkana Advisory Group		
<p>The monthly virtual meeting held on July 8, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings • Enhanced lakewide information sharing amongst experts on current activities and updates. • Improved transboundary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate reviews and comments for improvement of the manuscript. • Begin exploring interested funders, collaborators and philanthropists of Lake Turkana • Develop the annual meeting plan for

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<p>Scientific paper Lake Turkana Overview of Research needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing</p> <p>Advisory Group Specific in-person meeting and Omo-Turkana Research Station Visit</p>	<p>cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved functioning of the AG through the ToRs Annual meeting survey completed Lake letter for Lake Turkana submitted for publication in the IAGLR Turkana manuscript completed review process by IISD-ACARE experts with a new version Improved understanding of the lake through review paper writing process. Special sections submission secured in the JGLR. Draft program, plan and requirements for the Omo-Turkana visit, Jinka University, Ethiopia visit reviewed A proposal submitted to the JRS Biodiversity Foundation 	<p>AG 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete profile for use in website, WebPages and for wider disseminations Continue exploring future resource mobilization strategies for the lake and advisory group In consultations with LTuAG experts and members, identify (via email) AG co-lead. Identify collaborators and funder for the Omo-Turkana basin visit and research station project. Review the JRS Biodiversity proposal for a re-submission.
Lake Tanganyika-Science Advisory Group		
<p>The monthly virtual meeting held on July 11, 2021</p> <p>New development</p> <p>Scientific paper Lake Tanganyika Overview of Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved networking with the AWIS participants joining the LT-SAG experts All members acquainted with all activities across the basin i.e. monthly updates, progress feedbacks etc. Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans. Improved functioning of the AG through the ToRs adoption Processing of country-specific leads prioritized Annual meeting survey completed Special sections submission secured 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the annual meeting plan for AG 2021 Finalize the manuscript to conform to JGLR structure and guidelines Circulate the manuscript for external informal reviewing and proofreading by ACARE/IISD experts Process the identification of specific country leads based on the ToRs 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 dissemination

needs and specific way forward scientific paper writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albert manuscript drafting and restructuring completed in readiness for external informal review by IISD-ACARE experts. Special sections submission secured in the JGLR. 	
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Lake Albert and Edward Advisory Group		
<p>Monthly virtual meeting held on 24th 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"> Enhanced lakewide information sharing amongst experts on current activities and updates. Improved general attendance to the monthly meetings Improved transboundary cooperation, regular, consistent information exchange and lakewide harmonization of data and plans. Improved functioning of the AG through the ToRs 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. AWIS participants takes part in the meeting to for enhanced networking, information exchange and processes LEAF Project reports secured for use in the review and writing of the scientific papers. Albert manuscript at the finalization stage in readiness for external informal review processes Drafting in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize the Albert manuscript to conform to JGLR structure and guidelines Circulate the manuscript for external informal reviewing and proofreading by ACARE/IISD experts Share with authors the LEAF project materials 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 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 disseminations In consultations with LEAAG experts, identify (via email) AG co-lead Prepare JGLR requirements for special section submissions

b). Meeting Schedule for August, 2021

Advisory Group	Meeting date	Meeting time (s)
Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Monthly Virtual Meeting	Monday 02, August, 2021	08am CT/9am ET/ 3pm Mozambique & Zambia /4pm East Africa Time
Lake Tanganyika Science Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting	Thursday 05 August, 2021	08am CT/ 09am ET/ 2pm DR Congo/ 3pm Burundi-Zambia/ 4pm East Africa
Lake Turkana Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting	Thursday 12, August, 2021	10am CT/ 11am ET/ 5pm Europe-Malawi/ 6pm Ethiopia-E. Africa
Lake Victoria Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting.	Thursday 19, August, 2021	09am CT/ 10am ET/ 5pm Ethiopia-E. Africa

Lake Edward and Albert Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting	Thursday 26 August , 2021	9am Central/10am Eastern / 3pm Kinshasa / 4pm Bukavu / 5pm East Africa
Lake Kivu Advisory Group Monthly Virtual Meeting	Monday 30 August, 2021	8am CT/ 9am ET/ 2pm Western DR Congo (Kinshasa)/ 3pm Eastern DR Congo (Bukavu&Goma)-Rwanda/ 4pm East Africa
c) Grants and Outreach Initiatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JRS Biodiversity funding proposal submitted to the foundation for consideration to support Lake Turkana. ASLO proposal submitted in support of AG Annual meeting communication facilitation A lakes letter on Lake Turkana submitted to the IAGLR for publication in the summer letter 		
d) . Annual Meeting of Advisory Group Plan		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting expectations survey completed, report produced. Meeting structure, format and program development in-progress Meeting status to be determined by July 31, 2021 		
f). Advisory Group Scientific papers and JGLR processes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All review papers timelines drawn, approved and circulated The special sections secured for all manuscripts in the JGLR Internal informal review of the Victoria, Kivu and Turkana manuscripts in progress 		
g) . African Great Lakes Conference 2022		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		