



## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF THE AFRICAN GREAT LAKES FRESHWATER STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

***Members of this African Great Lakes Stakeholder Workshop, held in Entebbe, Uganda, November 5-7, 2019, recognize***

- 1. These African Great Lakes (AGL) known as Lake Albert, Lake Edward, Lake Kivu, Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa, Lake Tanganyika, Lake Turkana, and Lake Victoria are critical freshwater resources that millions of people depend on to realize their own vision of livelihoods, justice, equity, democracy, and peace;*
- 2. These AGL are adversely affected by the well-recognized environmental issues which negatively affect the biological, ecological, economic, and socio-political aspects of these vastly important resources;*
- 3. That past efforts to address these environmentally degrading issues, and the resources themselves, are often done in a manner not adequate to positively change policy and management of these resources; and, thus,*
- 4. Enhanced processes of collaboration between freshwater experts from the riparian countries (Burundi, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia) are required to strengthen scientific and other informational approaches so that positive policy and management of these large freshwater resources can be enacted.*

*Through a process facilitated by the organization African Center for Aquatic Research and Education, we the members agree to support ACARE in its efforts to facilitate the collaborative processes of freshwater experts on the AGL and globally.*

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