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ACARE ADVISORY GROUPS AUGUST 2020 SUMMARY REPORT

This document provides the overall summary of all activities which have been undertaken within the month of August 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 Kivu Advisory Group		
Held second planning virtual meeting on 3 rd August.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connectivity platform established amongst all members: zoom preferred ● Stakeholders verification in progress ● Terms of references review completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete stakeholders review ● Assist create formal contacts with focal point persons ● Set research priorities ● Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functioning ● Develop work-plan
Lake Tanganyika-Science Advisory Group		
Held the first planning meeting on 6 th August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connectivity platform established ● Cooperation communication initiated with Lake Tanganyika Authority ● Stakeholders verification in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue LTA consultations and processes ● Complete stakeholders review ● Complete Terms of References harmonization and objectives ● Set priorities ● Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functioning ● Develop work-plan
Lake Malawi/Nyasa/Niassa Basin Fisheries and Aquaculture Network		
Held the first planning meeting on 13 th August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connectivity platform established for all (completed) ● Stakeholder verification in-progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete stakeholder review process ● Develop regular meeting plan ● Complete Terms of References harmonization, objectives and purpose ● Work with the advisory group to set priorities ● Develop work plan ● Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functioning
Lake Victoria Advisory Group		
Held the first planning meeting on 18 th August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connectivity platform established for all (completed) ● Stakeholders under review ● LVBC incorporated as a member with active representation by Eng. Simon Otoung 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop a regular meeting schedule ● Complete stakeholder identification ● Appoint focal point persons and assist the group create formal contacts ● Assist the group set research priorities ● Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functioning ● Develop work plan
Lake Turkana Advisory Group		
Held the second planning meeting on 18 th August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connectivity platform established for all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete stakeholders review process, honing up group goals and objectives

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications initiated with Jinka University on cooperation and research on the Omo-Ratte delta through Prof. Abebe and Dr. Mulugeta • Plans for constructing the research station gains momentum and with positive progress including planned site visits • Communication with other potential funders, donors and scientists on-going 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the group create contacts with focal point persons • Follow up with on Jinka University communication and progress. • Schedule the next meeting • Get appropriate contacts for external non-member meeting participants • Collate all research needs and set priorities • Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functioning • Develop work-plan
Lake Tanganyika-Science Advisory Group		
Held the second planning meeting on 27 th August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity platform established for all with zoom most preferred • Stakeholders review in-progress • Collaboration process with LTA initiated • Review paper writing prioritized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete stakeholder review and harmonization of group goals • Follow up on LTA collaboration and communication • Work with the group to set priorities • Identify resource needs and support to facilitate group functioning • Develop regular meeting plan • Coordinate the review paper writing process and literature materials collection
b). Upcoming activities		
Lake Edward and Albert Advisory Group on 3 rd September, 2020		
c). Pending activities (poll for determining September meeting dates)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. MNBAN second meeting • LVAG second meeting • LKAG third meeting • LTAG hird meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting poll dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
d). Preparation of July/August Bi-monthly reports		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All drafts prepared and submitted to Advisory Group Leads for inputs before finalization and online uploads 		
e). Other tasks		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research concluded on printing in Kenya and related costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue determining viable shipping method to other African countries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDRC GrOW Proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination and inputs provided into the drafting process of the proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be submitted on or before the deadline 31st August 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACAR/IISD Launch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient input provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be launched on 1Sept 2020