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Lake Kivu Advisory Group:

Lak Kivu report
Purpose of the Group

Main purpose:

to enhance communication and collaboration of entities across borders and sectors that work to research and solve issues that impact the health of the lake and surrounding communities.
Specific objectives

- **Standardization of research protocols** on the lake (sample the same on both countries) in order to make the results comparable for the concerning lake.

- To **identify lacking information and (knowledge) gaps** in the scientific research on LK

- **Build technical capacity** and acquire research equipment

- **Training** of the people / human resources

- Act as a frame to **promote research and education** (project proposals, fundraising …)

- **Sharing data** on a common platform and dissemination
Specific purposes (contin’d)

- Make *recommendations for policy making*
  - To ensure a *new generation is trained* properly and promote the inclusiveness (*gender balance*, *...*).
  - *Enhancing* research *mobility* and to *share experience* between other lakes (and advisory groups) and within LK.
  - To *facilitate knowledge* and transfer new technology to the riparian communities/Research oriented towards the needs of the community
  - To *understand* and get inspiration from the traditional knowledge of the local communities
Group structure

Group composition (27 institutions identified):

• Research centers and institutions of higher Education dealing with Fisheries related sciences (priority 1)

• Governmental agencies dealing with environmental questions, water and sanitation, fisheries, methane, lacustrine transport) (priority 2 and 3)

• Fishermen cooperatives (priority 2), Non-profit local organizations (priority 3)

• Methane extraction companies (priority 2) and marine forces (priority 3)

...both in DRC and Rwanda
Group structure

Coordinator

- Deputy Coord. of research
- Deputy coord. of administration and finance

Communication and external relations Officer

Secretary

Deputy secretary
Resources needed

- Each group committee member use his/her office provided by his/her institution as a working space.
- Need for **computers**, at least for the head roles (6), external disk drives for making backups the information. Invest in a decent **cloud** (dropbox, googleDrive, etc.), so all the data can be kept somewhere safe in case a pc would crash,… should be large enough.
- A decent **internet connection** that is reliable and available all the time.
- **Travel expenses** for meetings and **Operating costs**.
- **Allowances** for all head members (no figures decided).
- Available budget for awarding small grants.
- Venue and catering costs for annual meeting.
Next steps and annual meeting

1) Proposed tasks - Timestamp:
- Nomination of the committee members → now
- Assign roles of (deputy)secretary → within one month
  - LKMP or UOB
- Write a paper explaining what the LKAG will actually do (Kind of vision and mission text?) → Within one month
- Define tasks of the committee in an early stage → within two months
- Inform potential institutions → within two months
– Institution appoint a focal point \( \rightarrow \) within **three months**
– Identify the individual tasks of each member of the committee \( \rightarrow \) within **three months**
– Invite individuals where the approval of the institutions is not necessary

– Annual meeting with the whole group \( \rightarrow \) within **one year**
Proposed Lake Kivu Advisory Committee

**Coordinator:** Prof Fabrice Muvundja (ISP Bukavu-DRC)

**Deputy Research coordinator:** Prof Pascal Isumbisho (ISP Bukavu-DRC)

**Deputy Coordinator of Administration and Finances:** Edouard Rugema (Private sector-Rwanda)

**Communication and external relations:** Ir. Deo Nahayo (INES-Rwanda)

**Secretary:** Suggested to Lake Monitoring Program (Rwanda)

**Deputy Secretary:** Suggested to the Université Officielle de Bukavu (DRC)
Priorities

• The nominated persons of the Lake Advisory Group Committee should immediately inform and convince their respective institutions to welcome the initiative in their working space.

• They should quickly start making contacts with all potential institution members to nominate their focal points.