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REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF STAKEHOLDERS ON BUGESERA TRANSBOUNDARY PROJECT

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Background

Within the framework of implementing the Sharm el-Sheikh Declaration on Water and Sanitation by supporting a number of African countries to develop Country Water Security and Climate Resilience Investment Strategies, Plans and projects, and promote the integration of water security and climate resilience into national development plans.

In this perspective, Rwanda and Burundi through the **Country Water Partnership Fora** have been identified to benefit from the WACDEP support for the implementation of transboundary project in Bugesera in consideration of the following:

- Geomorphological nature: Bugesera is part of Kagera, Lake Victoria AND whole Nile River Basin, comprising a number of shared aquatic ecosystems for Rwanda and Burundi;
- Bugesera has been the most vulnerable area to Climate Change effects due to its historical background;
- The Bugesera Project comes to support the two countries' initiatives relating to CC resilience programmes (CC adaptation initiatives in Rwanda) and, availability of IWRM Plan in Burundi, among other things,
- Bugesera sub basin has been subjected to many Studies conducted by various organizations (Kagera TIWRMP, Kagera Basin Organisation and NAPA reports, etc) These studies have shown some investment opportunities but also the challenges in Bugesera sub region being the biggest part of Kagera River Basin,

It is against this background that the GWPEA secretariat has supported Rwanda and Burundi Water Partnership to organize national consultative meetings of stakeholders to discuss:

- the adaptation measures to improve the resilience of the local communities in Bugesera Sub Basin to the increasing threat of climate change and variability to water resources and their capacity to meet the these challenges;

- The equitable and sustainable use, as well as promote integrated management and development, of national and shared water resources in the Region ;
- the modalities of implementing the proposed Bugesera project as well as strategic plan and roadmap for its implementation;
- How the project can be integrated with other existing projects in the local area to ensure its ownership and sustainability.

PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING IN RWANDA

The consultation meeting was held on **30th January 2012** in Kigali at LA PALISSE CLUB NYANDUNGU. The meeting was attended by 45 participants (**see the List of Participants as Annex 1**) from public, private and civil society organisations and specifically Bugesera District Officials have attended in a big number . The meeting was organised and conducted in conjunction with the Country Water Partnership, Bugesera District and the Ministry responsible for Water Resources, represented by **Mss UMUPFASONI Lyliose**, Director in charge of Environment, Forestry and Water Resources. The meeting has started at 9hoo, and the following were the items on Agenda:

1. Opening remarks by **Mr SAFARI Patrick**, Chair of Rwanda Water Partnership,
2. Background and introduction of Bugesera Project: by Chair
3. Understanding the challenges and effects of climate change: by **UMUPFASONI Lyliose** , Director in change of Environment and Water Resources;
4. Dealing with Climate Change in Rwanda: by Mr Faustin NTAZINDA, Climate Change Project Manager in REMA
5. Thematic group discussions

I. Opening remarks:

In his opening remarks, the Rwanda Water Partnership Chair has thanked the participants for their attendance and indicated that the participants have been invited to discuss and deliberate of the following points:

- *Type of project and activities to be implemented on ground,*
- *Selection of the project site in Bugesera sub basin bordering with Burundi,*
- *Identification of key stakeholders/beneficiaries: their roles, responsibilities and contribution in the course of the project implementation*
- *Implementation modalities: management, implementation approach, involvement of stakeholders (youth and women) , timeframe, etc... at local level. Who will be responsible of the day-to-day management, monitoring and evaluation of the project activities, and duration of the project);*
- *Sustainability and Ownership of Project Activities by the local administration and communities (during and after the project);*
- *Strategy for the mobilization of additional funds: funding mechanism*

In the conclusion of his remarks, the Chair clarified that the proposed project should have a transboundary impact to both Rwanda and Burundi (benefit sharing by the local communities of the two countries)

II. Background and introduction of Bugesera Project

The introductory remarks on Bugesera Project were given by the chair of Rwanda Water Partnership in order to brief the participants on the genesis of the project within the framework of WACDEP. He made a presentation (see Annex 2) that was articulated on the following points:

- Historical background on GWP in general and Rwanda Water Partnership in particular
- Rationale for Bugesera CC resilience project;
- Objectives of Bugesera CC resilience project
- Expected outcomes
- Funding of the project
- Evidence based cases of CC in Rwanda,

III. Understanding the challenges and effects of climate change

This topic was presented by **UMUPFASONI Lyliose** , Director in charge of Environment and Water Resources with the aim of equipping the participants with some basic knowledge on climate change concepts for better understanding (see Annex 3) .

IV. Dealing with Climate Change in Rwanda

This presentation was supposed to be given by **Mr Faustin NTAZINDA**, Climate Change Project Manager in REMA, who did not make it because of other urgent commitments. However, participants have discussed and appreciated the way Rwanda committed itself to deal with effects of CC through the following:

- Availability of NAPA 1 and 2;
- National CC and low Carbon Strategy;
- Availability and strong enforcement of Environment Protection Policy, Law and relevant regulations;
- Existence of many activities on ground related to Soil Conservation, Environment and Water Resources Protection and Rehabilitations

V. Thematic group discussions

As highlighted by the Chair in his opening remarks, participants were requested to break out into thematic group sessions to deliberate on the above described issues. After deliberations on each thematic issue, deliberations and resolutions were made as follows:

S/N	Issues deliberated on	Resolutions
1	Type of project and activities to be implemented on ground	Trees planting (bamboo or any other indigenous species)
2	Selection of the project site in Bugesera sub-basin bordering with Burundi	Participants have decided to protect the shores of LAKE CYOHHA South bordering with Burundi on an area of 5 Ha. Cyohoha Lake is located in Bugesera District, Kamabuye Sector, Biharagu Cell, on Rwandan Side, and in Commune Busoni, Zone Marembo on the side of Burundi Trees will be planted along the belt of 50 m from the Lake in compliance with the Environment, Water and Forestry Law and regulations in Rwanda.
3	Key Stakeholders / beneficiaries: their roles, responsibilities and contribution in the course of the project implementation	Key stakeholders and beneficiaries include Local Leaders and staff in Bugesera District, Country Water Partnership (to ensure monitoring and evaluation as well strategic guidance) , Local communities (youth and women mostly) through employment creation, food security (fishery), small scale irrigation
4	Implementation modalities (management, implementation approach, involvement of Stakeholders, timeframe, etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The day-to -day management of the project: this will be performed by a Permanent Field Officer who will be recruited and shall be based in Bugesera District, and shall report and account to the PSC; • The project will be governed by a Steering Committee as a higher decision making body that will provide strategic guidance on the project smooth running. Members will be selected accordingly from key partners institutions, and the issue will be discussed again during the Joint meeting with Burundi; • The project funds will be transferred to the Country Water Partnership’s Account to make easier the operations and avoid delay in the disbursement. An MoU will be signed between the CWP / GWPEA and District to ensure a conducive environment of the project, ownership and sustainability, • Financial reports will be submitted to the GWPEA Secretariat on quarterly basis to account for the used money, • Timeframe: The project will be implemented in a one year period, on the basis of a well tailored roadmap,
5	Sustainability and ownership of project activities by the local administration and communities (during and after the project)	Since the local community and local leaders will be the project implementers, the communities (youth and women) will be also involved in the course of project implementation in tree planting and maintenance through the contractual approach to ensure ownership and

S/N	Issues deliberated on	Resolutions
		<p>sustainability</p> <p>The project will be a role model in the area for the surrounding communities for environment and water resources protection</p>
6	<p>Strategy for the mobilization of additional funds: funding mechanism</p>	<p>The Ministry in charge of Environment and Water Resources, GWPEA, CWP and Bugesera District will be responsible for mobilizing additional funds from various donors and funding Agencies including (UNDP, EU, UNEP, SIDA, etc) to supplement and sustain the project activities</p> <p>Bugesera District shall mainstream and cater for additional funds into its Annual Action Plan and Budget 2012-2013 to sustain the project activities,</p>

The meeting was adjourned at 14h 30 in the evening, and participants have expressed their commitment to support the implementation of the project and make it successful.

After the closing of the meeting, some participants have departed to Bugesera District to visit the proposed project site by stakeholders along Cyohoha South Lake on the side of Rwanda and Burundi.

View of South Cyohoha Lake whose shores need to be protected on both Rwanda and Burundi Sides



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Way forward

- Urgent need for a joint meeting of the two riparian countries and GWPEA Secretariat to agree on the implementation modalities and kick off the project;
- Harmonization and enforcement of policy and legal instruments at local level;
- Addressing the causes of vulnerability in the region: floods, droughts, chronic hunger and famine, social migrations and cross-border movements of the population seeking their survival
- Develop and promote alternative sources of energy(biogas, biomass, improved stoves , solar)
- Development of adjacent projects and mobilization of additional funds to support and sustain the activities on ground,
- Sustain the ongoing activities initiated of the riparian communities involved in WR and Env't protection in the area: case of Women Cooperative in Rwanda

EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR CONDUCTING THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING

The total amount received from the GWPEA Secretariat to facilitate the national consultative meeting on Bugesera Project was USD 4.725. This amount has been fully used to cover the expenses of the workshop from the preparation, proceeding and completion. There has been some adjustment of the cost of some items but the adjustments did not have impact on the total budget allocated. We have done our best to comply with the budget ceiling. The change has been caused mainly by the number of participants that increased from 40 to 45 participants and their transport and communication fees were paid by using some little funds remaining on other items. In general, the adjustment were done as follows:

Items	Planned and approved cost	Adjusted cost
Transport and communication allowance for participants (kigali residents)	700 USD for 35 participants	800 USD were paid to 40 participants
Facilitator's allowance	150 USD	200 USD, his allowance was increased due to the big and good work done from the beginning up to the end of the workshop
Photocopying/ Printing	200 USD	We have negotiated with the service provider for 100

		USD, and the remaining amount was used to pay the communication and transport fees for 5 participants who joined the meeting unexpectedly.
Stationary for the meeting	100 USD	We have managed to use only 50 USD , and the remaining amount 50 USD was used to pay additional fee to the facilitator for the big and good work done

NB: The actual receipts for all expenses incurred based on the approved budget are herewith attached **as annexes**

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Chairman of Rwanda Water Partnership