

LAKE VICTORIA BASIN

RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY NAME: Lake Victoria Basin Commission

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YEAR (LEGAL FRAMEWORK): established through the Protocol for Sustainable Development of the Lake Victoria Basin (the “LVBC Protocol”), which was signed on 29 November 2003 and ratified in December 2004.

MEMBER STATES: Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania are the original MS. Rwanda and Burundi were integrated after their access to the East African Community (EAC) in 2007.

NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES: 5

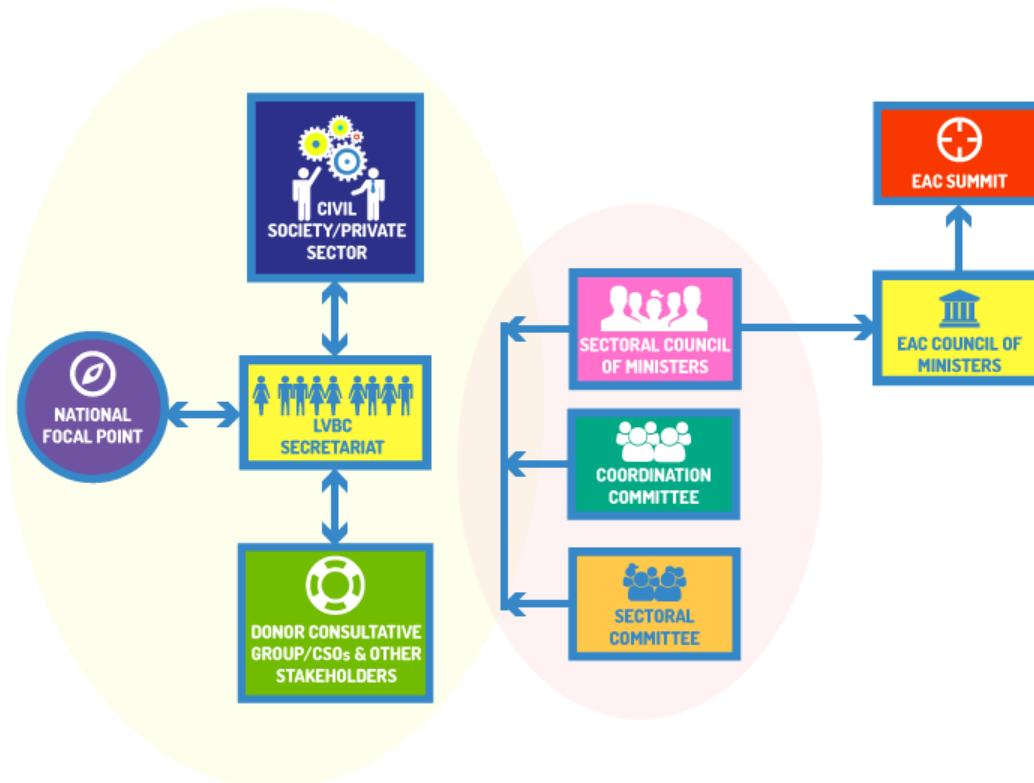
MANDATE: the LVBC is a specialized institution of the EAC, created for the management of Lake Victoria and its basin (due to its nature as areas of common economic interest and regional economic growth to be developed by the MS). Article 4 of the EAC Treaty granted the EAC legal capacity, including the capacity of a body corporate with perpetual succession.

FUNCTIONS: the LVBC is responsible for coordinating the sustainable development agenda of the Lake Victoria Basin. Its broad functions of the LVBC are “to promote, facilitate and coordinate activities of different actors towards sustainable development and poverty eradication of the Lake Victoria Basin” through:

- Harmonization of policies, laws, regulations and standards;
- Promotion of stakeholders’ participation in the sustainable development of natural resources;
- Guidance on implementing sectoral projects and programs;
- Promotion of capacity building and institutional development;
- Promotion of security and safety on Lake Victoria;
- Promotion of research and development;
- Monitoring, evaluation and compliance with policies and agreed upon actions;
- Preparation and harmonization of the Member States’ negotiating positions against any other state on matters concerning the Lake Victoria Basin;
- Receipt and consideration of reports from the Member States’ institutions on their activities relating to the management of the Basin under the LVBC Protocol;
- Initiation and promotion of programs that target poverty eradication; and
- Performance of any other functions that may be conferred upon the LVBC under the LVBC Protocol.

STRUCTURE: established by the LVBC Protocol. As an institution of the EAC, it shall operate within the organizational structure formed by the Sectoral Council, the Coordination Committee, the Sectoral Committees, and the Secretariat of the Commission.

- Sectoral Council: formed by Ministers from the MS, it is the main policy and decision-making organ of the LVBC.
- Coordination Committee: it submits reports and recommendations to the Sectoral Council on the implementation of the LVBC Protocol and implements the decisions of the Sectoral Council as directed.
- Sectoral Committees: composed by senior officials of the MS, heads of public institutions and representatives of regional institutions, sectors listed in the LVBC Protocol and from business, industry and civil society. Their functions include the coordination of regional activities and those of the National Focal Points, identification of priorities and preparation for the implementation programs (as well as their monitoring and reviewing) and the submission of reports and recommendations.
- Secretariat: it is charged with the coordination of all activities within the scope of the LVBC Protocol. It is located in Kisumu (Kenya) and headed by the Executive Secretary, who is appointed by the Council of Ministers of the EAC on a competitive and rotating basis.



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