



# BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE LAKE VICTORIA BASIN COMMISSION



## PRESENTATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

### GLOWING: DEVELOPING A GLOBAL INDEX OF WELLBEING

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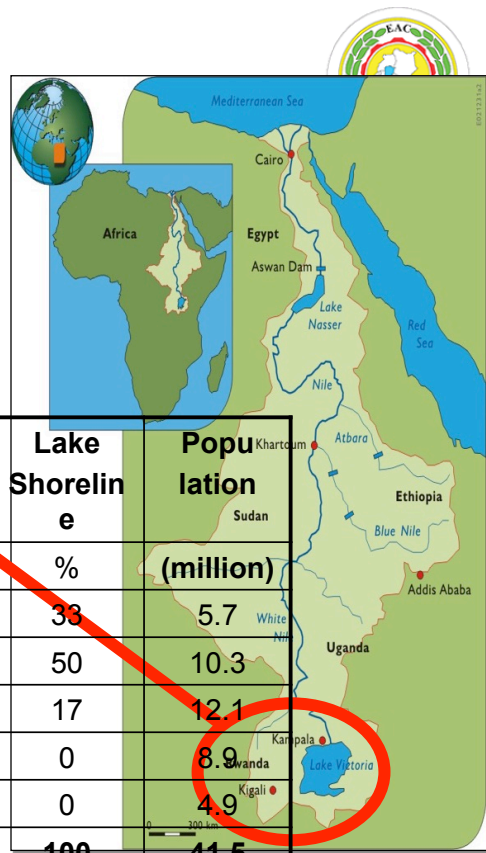
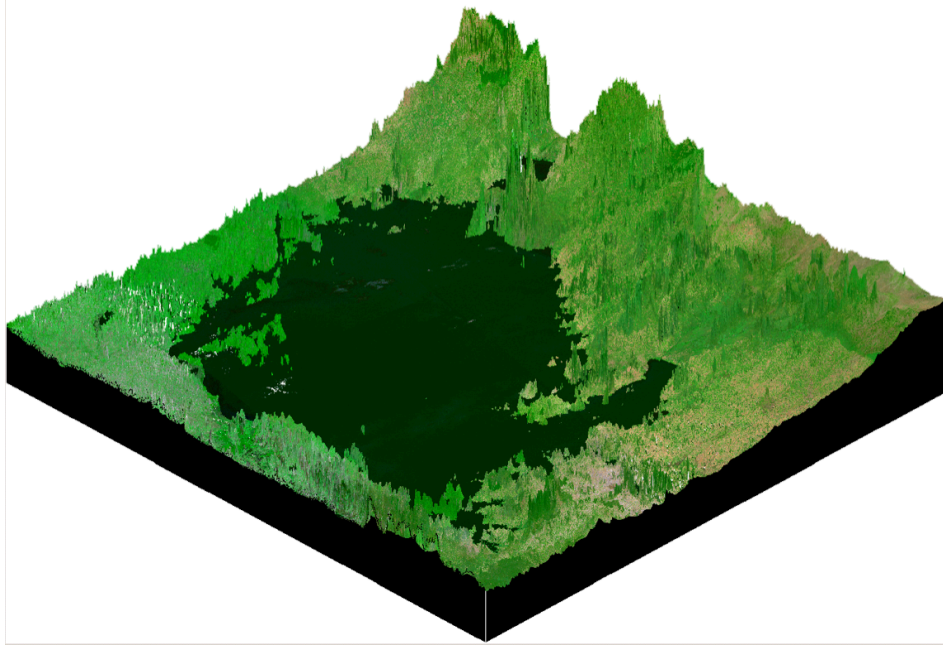
## BRIEF OUTLINE



- Lake and the Basin
- Challenges and opportunities
- Mandate, Vision, Mission & Objectives
- Legal & Institutional framework
- Scope of Cooperation
- Highlights of Projects and Programmes
- Future outlook/Strategic Plan (2011 – 2016)
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# LVB



Country	Flag	Lake Surface Area		Catchment Area		Lake Shoreline	Population (million)
		Sq Km	%	Sq Km	%		
Tanzania		35,124	51	79,570	44	33	5.7
Uganda		29,613	43	28,857	15.9	50	10.3
Kenya		4,113	6	38,913	21.5	17	12.1
Rwanda		-	-	20,550	11.4	0	8.9
Burundi		-	-	13,060	7.2	0	4.9
<b>Total</b>		<b>68,870</b>		<b>180,950</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>41.5</b>





# OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LVB



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- Biodiversity
- Water
- Fisheries
- Soils/minerals
- Moderated climate
- Population



# THE BASIN'S CHALLENGES

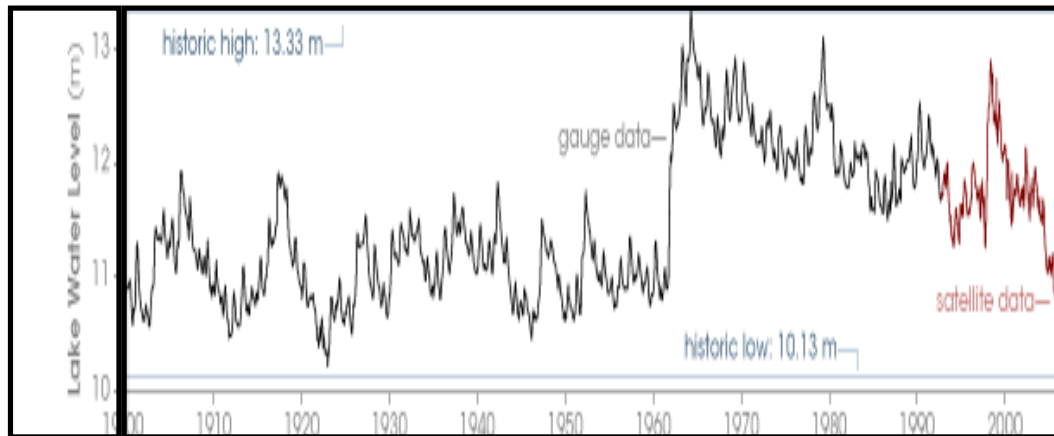




# THE CHALLENGES



# DECLINING WATER LEVELS





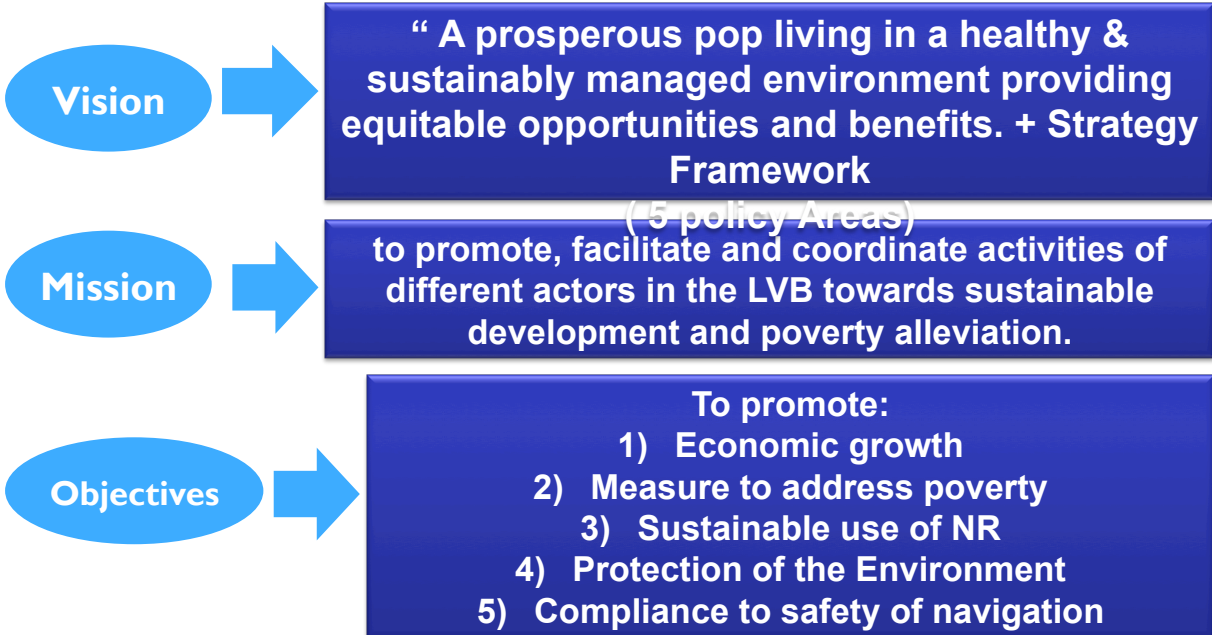
# LVBC: LEGAL AND INSTITUTION FRAMEWORK



- ❑ The Treaty for the establishment of the EAC of 1999, Chapter 19, Article 114, 2(b), iv provided for the LVBC set up
- ❑ Governed by the Protocol for Sustainable development (2003)
- ❑ Specifically Article 33 & 34 of the Protocol provides for the establishment of Lake Victoria Basin Commission as an institution of the East African Community
- ❑ Mandate is derived from Article 33 (3)



# THE VISION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION





## LVBC's SCOPE OF COOPERATION



- 1. Promote sustainable management and equitable utilization of water resources;**
- 2. Promote sustainable development of fisheries resources**
- 3. Promote sustainable agricultural and land use practices including irrigation**
- 4. Promote sustainable development of forestry resources**
- 5. Promote development and management of wetlands**
- 6. Promote trade, commerce and industrial development**
- 7. Promote infrastructure and energy development;**



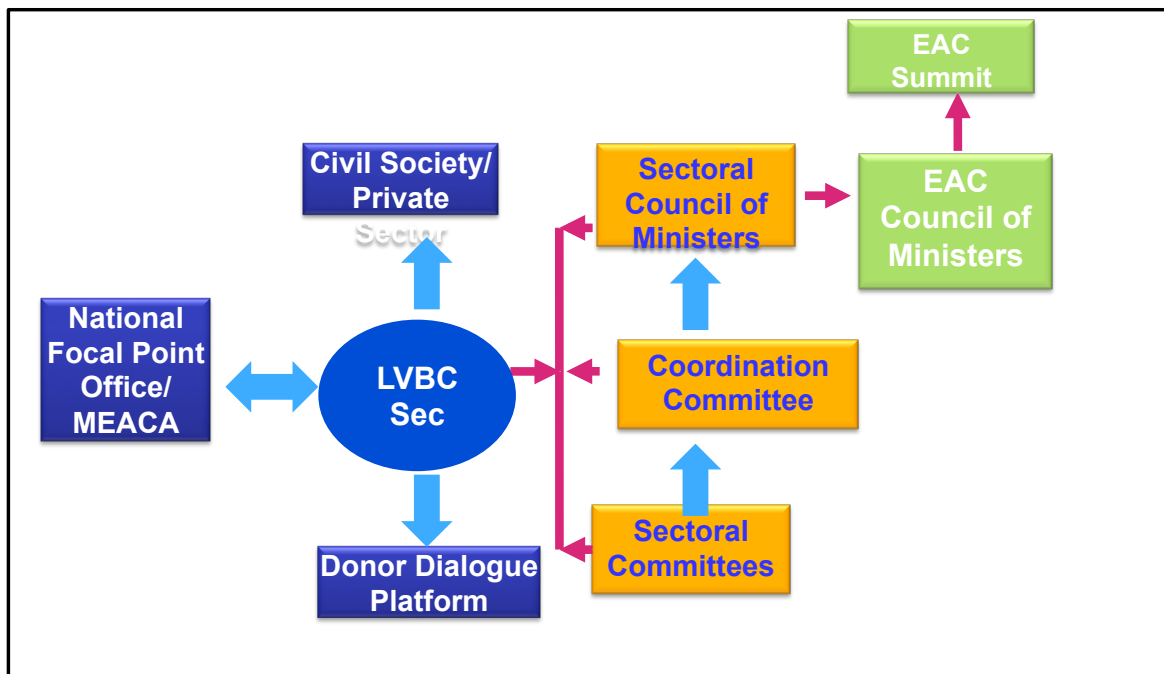
## LVBC's SCOPE OF COOPERATION Cont/..



- 8. Maintain navigational safety and maritime security;**
- 9. Improve public health;**
- 10. Promote research, capacity building and information exchange**
- 11. Promote environmental protection and management**
- 12. Promote wildlife conservation and sustainable tourism development.**
- 13. Promote public participation in planning and decision-making; and**
- 14. Integrate gender concerns in all activities in the Basin;**



# THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



# LVBC'S PROJECTS & PROGRAMS



PROJECTS/PROGRAM	AREAS OF FOCUS
<b>LVEMPII (WB, SIDA, GEF)</b>	Environmental sustainability, Livelihood improvement and Policy harmonization
<b>LVWATSAN II (AFDB)</b>	MDG target on WATSAN and Environmental Hygiene
<b>Integrated PHE Program (USAID)</b>	Promoting reproductive health & environmental conservation
<b>PREPARED (USAID)</b>	Strengthening Resilience to Climate change
<b>MERECAP (NORAD)</b>	Linking biodiversity and Environmental conservation to livelihood – landscape approach





# FUTURE OUTLOOK



## Key Result Areas 4th EAC Development Strategy:

1. Strengthening institutional capacity of LVBC
2. Promotion of public awareness/information sharing
3. Establishing partnerships with stakeholders
4. Harmonization of policies, laws and standards
5. Promoting improved health services (HIV/AIDS, Sanitation and nutrition status)
6. Improving maritime transport security and safety
7. Promotion of environment/NRM strategies
8. Promotion of IWRM
9. Sustainable development & use of fisheries resources

10. Promotion of investment/household incomes



# LINKING EAC DEV STRATEGY & LVBC STRATEGIC PLAN



10 KEY RESULT AREAS IN 4<sup>TH</sup> EAC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY = 7 DEVELOPMENTAL OBJECTIVES IN 2<sup>ND</sup> LVBC STRATEGIC PLAN



<b>D1: Coordination and management capacity</b>	<b>D2: Partnerships and collaboration with key partners</b>	<b>D3: Harmonize policies, laws and regulations</b>	<b>D4: Improve health services and sanitation</b>	<b>D5: Improve safety and security of navigation</b>	<b>D6: Enhance management of ecosystem, NR &amp; CC</b>	<b>D7: Promote investment and livelihoods</b>
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# CONCLUSION



- The Commission has the vintage position of influencing policy in the Lake Victoria Basin Countries
  - a) Opportunities for collaboration through research

