Smart plans of Action
Kigali Wetlands Forum
Developing collaborations and information sharing between Policy makers and Research Institutions/Universities

- **Target Group**: Policy makers, research institutions/universities, planners, resource users
- **Location**: National (all Ramsar countries) and Regional levels
- **Time**: 2020
- **Enabling Environment**: Several Initiatives e.g. Nile initiative and WACOWET initiative,
- **Funding**: National budgets, Donors, IGFs
- **Contact**: Jean-Marie Ouadba, Nyandwi Anastase (Presenter), Andrews Agyekumhene
NBCBN Research Project on: Ecosystems Management in the Nile basin

- *Case studies and success stories on wetlands management and wise use.*
- Responsible for implementation: NBCBN
- **Contact:** Dr. Amel Azab, NBCBN Manager, a_azab@nbcbn.net
- Partners: UNESCO-IHE, Cap-Net

- **Time Frame:**
  - Announce Call for case studies: 19 July
  - Start of implementation: 15th August
  - Implementation period: 9 months (April 2014)
  - Call will be posted on NBCBN website and sent by email to All NBCBN members, and kigali forum participants)

- **Location:** Nile Basin Countries, Local Case studies and/or joint cases between two countries (transboundary Cases)
- **Target Group:** Researchers and wetlands practitioners from the Nile Basin Countries.
- **Potential funding:** seed funds from NBCBN/Cap-Net (up to 20000 US per case)
Enhancing Effective Inter-sectoral Coordination and Governance at National and East Africa Sub-Regions

**Target Groups:** Policy Makers, Wetland Managers and Natural Resource Planners and managers

**Where:** National (Kenya, Ug, TA, Rwanda, Burundi) and Sub-Regional scale

**Time:** Immediately and within 12 months (August 2013-August 2014)

**Enabling Environment:** RAMCEA, development partners, Networks, (NGOs and Wetland Conservation Agencies), EAC protocol on NRM, LVBC, Water and Environment Management Training Institutes, existing initiatives and best practices eg LVEMP II, NELSAP, NBCBN

**Funding sources:** Internal Resources mobilization (10%) from National govts and development partners (90%) eg IUCN, WWF, AWF, RAMCEA

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CAPACITY BUILDING & NETWORKING FOR WETLANDS RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

- **Target group**: policy makers, practitioners, and fringe communities
- **Location**: East and West Africa
- **Period**: July 2014 – June 2018
- **Enabling environment**: Existing networks (NBCBN, RAMCEA, NigerWet, VoltaWet, Etc.); Partners (University of Wageningen-CDI, UNESCO-IHE, Wetland International, RAMSAR, IUCN, Volta River Basin Authority, etc.); Funding sources (National Governments, Dutch Government, Swiss cooperation, Sweden, Denmark, JICA, BCBN etc.)

- **Leader**: Ken KINNEY (The Development Institute, Ghana)
- **Country focal points**:
  - Fabien C.C. HOUNTONDJI (GWP-Benin),
  - Souhayata HAIDARA MAIGA (Direction Nationale des Eaux et Forêts, Mali),
  - Thomas BWANA (Ramsar Focal Point, Tanzania)
MAINSTREAMING LAND USE AND WETLANDS IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

- **Target Group**: Academic & Research Institutions

- **Location**: Ghana & Rwanda

- **Time**: January 2014

- **Partners**: Universities, Research Institution, NGOs, Government Agencies, Private Sector, Lake Victoria Research Commission, Lake Victoria Research Initiative, NBCBN, Volta Basin Authority, UNEP, Ramsar Secretariat,. Development Partners

- **Funding Sources**: UNDP, UNEP, World Bank, AfDB, Research Grant organisations (VICRES, IDRC), Wetland International, WWF, Biodiversity International

- David YAWSON, Olivier KANANGIRE, Sylvere HATEGEKIMANA; Abias UWIMANA
Analysis of Wetlands Ecosystem Services and Economic Valuation in the Nile Basin Region.

**Target Group:** Wetland practitioners/stakeholders, decision makers, High learning and research institutions

**Location:** Nile Basin Region; 4 sites: Naivasha (Kenya), Dinnder NP (Sudan), Rugezi (Rwanda) and Abdjeta Shella NP (Ethiopia)

**Time:** Proposal preparation done by September 2013; Project duration: 2014 – 2020

**Enabling Environment – Regulatory institutions, High learning and research institutions, Decision making levels i.e:** National University of Rwanda, FAO, University of Nairobi, ARCOS,REMA, Kenya Wildlife Services Training Institute, Ethio Wetlands and Natural Resources Association

**Funding partners and Institutions of interest:** RAMSAR, RAMCEA, NBI, UNESCO-IHE, NBCBN: Nile Basin Capacity Building Network, UNEP/TEEB, Wetland International
CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING FOR AFRICA RAMSAR REGIONAL INITIATIVES TO FORMULATE AND STRENGTHEN NATIONAL WETLAND PROGRAMMES

- **Target Group:** Ramsar Centers (RAMCEA, ChadWet/WACOWet, NigerWet, MedWet and others) – National Focal Points, Ramsar Committees/working Group and Ramsar Site Managers
- **Links with the Ramsar Strategic Plan and Communication Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) programme.**
- **Location:** Coordinated by RAMCEA in Eastern Africa but located in individual Initiative host countries
- **Time frame:** October 2013 – October 2016 (over a period of 3 years)
- **Partners:** Training and research institutions, Wageningen UR - Center for Development Innovation, UNESCO/IHE, IUCN – International Union for the Conservation of Nature
- **Potential funding source:** Ramsar Secretariat, UNESCO/IHE, National Universities, National Governments, Civil Society
WETLANDS ROLE IN RESILIENCE, MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION: EMPOWERING WETLAND DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS

- **Target Group**: Communities, Decision makers, Ramsar Site Managers, Policy Makers at local and central governments
- **Location**: The initiative will be coordinated by RAMCEA and will be implemented at selected sites
- **Time frame**: January 2014 for a period of six (6) years
- **Partners**: Training and Research Institutions, NGOs, OXFAM, Horn of Africa
- **Potential funding source**: Ramsar Convention Secretariat, GEF, IUCN, Wetland International, UNEP, UNESCO-IHE
Regional Initiative on “Wetlands & Urbanization”

- **Target group**: Ramsar Focal Points
- **Location**: All Africa, Pilot sites in West Africa*
- **Time frame**: One year (Up to August 2014)
- **Who to contact**: Charles AMANKWAH (*Pilot Ghana Ga Municipality), CISSÉ Guéladio (Switzerland),
- **Others**: Benin (Abomey-Calavi), Rwanda (Kigali), Guinea (Dubreka), Nigeria (Lagos), Senegal (*Somone), Togo (*Aneho)
- **Partners**: Ramsar Secretariat, Swiss-TPH, UNESCO-IHE, UNHABITAT, REMA, MVKigali + List of resource persons
- **Source of Funding**: GEF, EU, CH, AFDB, WB
SADC Regional Wetland Capacity Building Initiative

- **Location**: RSA??
- **Time**: November 2014
- **Enabling environment**:
  - Partners to hold national consultations and confirm their support for the Initiative
  - RSA to continue to explore hosting of the Initiative
  - Develop and send a concept document on the Initiative
  - Senior Advisor for Africa to facilitate access to SGA, possible co-funding from Japan Aid
- **Partners**: SADC Member States, IOPs, NGOs, academia, etc
- **Potential funding sources**: Ramsar SGA, Japan AID, Members States
Research on the restoration and rehabilitation of degraded wetlands

1. **Target groups:** All stakeholders
2. **Location:** DRC, Cote d’Ivoire, Rwanda
3. **Time:** 2013-2016
4. **Enabling environment:** REMA, MINAGRI, IRST, KIST, NUR, IUCN, RAMSAR
5. **Funding sources:** World Bank, AfDB, NBI, FIDA
6. **Contact Person:** Theogen/ RAMSAR focal point in REMA and Cyprien/ IRST
INITIATE WETLAND ECOSYSTEM BASED ADAPTATION PROGRAM TO CLIMATE CHANGE

1. Target group: Local community, Government institution and relevant NGO
2. Location: Akanyaru Wetland (Rwanda) and Nyangara Wetland (RDC)
4. Enabling environment: REMA, MINAGRI, IRST (Rwanda), LWIRO (DRC), Bird life international
5. Funding sources: Worldbank, AfDB, Darwin initiative, MacArthur foundation
6. Contact person: Serge Sengimana/ACNR
RESEARCH, MONITORING AND EVALUATION FOR WETLAND MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

• PURPOSE (Why)?
  • Baseline information in order to establish a definition of ecological integrity with reference to climate change
  • Determine the effect of anthropogenic activities like land use on wetlands
  • Determine effectiveness of restoration on ecological integrity

• What will we do?
  • 1. Gather existing information
    • Current monitoring programs
    • Types of data collected
    • Frequency of collection ie. Continuity
    • Data availability ie. open secure data
    • Data quality( updated data)
  
  • 2. Develop a focused research proposal
    • Covers hydrological, ecological and socio-economic aspects

• TARGET – WHO IS IT FOR?
  • Environmental Management institutions
  • Wetland users

• LOCATION-WHERE WILL IT BE?
  • Region- East & West Africa
  • Note: Inland Wetlands

• TIME-WHEN WILL IT START?: By 2014

• ENABLING ENVIRONMENT – SUPPORTING FACTORS
  • Partners
    • NUR/R. U.(Rwanda)
    • Egerton University( Kenya)
    • University of Liberia
    • Rwanda Natural Resources Authority(RNRA)
    • Rwanda Initiative for Sustainable Development
    • Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia (EPAL)
    • Ruhengeri Institute of Higher Education( INES-Rehengeri)

• FUNDING SOURCES?
  • AU, World Bank, EU ,USAID, UpaRF, SIDA
Integrating wetlands budget at national level

- **Target group**: Policies maker, Wetlands managers, technical and financial directors of sectoral ministries, parliamentary commissions

- **Location**: Mali & others countries

- **Time frame**: Upon returning home in 2013

- **Partners**
  MEA, MA, MEP, MHE (Ministries), Ramsar National Committee, Wetlands International, SIDA, BAM, NGO's, etc

- **Potential funding source**: Government, RAMSAR, GEF, Wetlands International, GWP, others donors
Thank You!

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