

# FORUM

## Wetlands: Wise Use, Smart Plans

Meeting the challenges for sustainable wetlands use



# 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
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## 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](mailto:a_azab@nbcbn.net)**
- Partners: UNESCO-IHE, Cap-Net
  
- Time Frame:
  - Announce Call for case studies: **19 July**
  - Start of implementation: **15<sup>th</sup> 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. HOUNTONDI (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)
- 3. Time:** 2013-2016
- 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)
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- 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

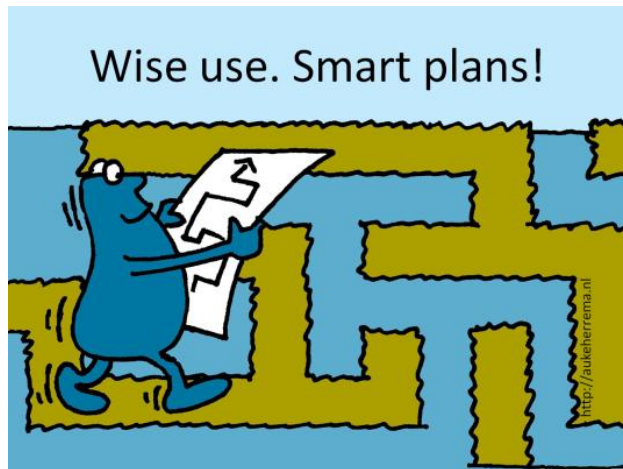


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