

THE CONSTITUTION
OF
LAKE GEORGE BASIN
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
(LAGBIMO)

Be it adopted by the Parties on
this 24th day of January 2003

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PREAMBLE

The **Local Government of the District of Bushenyi**, the **Local Government of the District of Kamwenge** and **Local Government of the District of Kasese**:

CONSCIOUS of the benefits to be derived from multi-sectoral and close co-operation and the maintenance of mutually beneficial working relationship with each other;

ACKNOWLEDGING our responsibility to contribute to poverty eradication among, and to improve the livelihoods of the lake dependent communities through the sustainable management of the Lake George Basin resources **AND AWARE** of the need to conserve these resources on a sustainable basis for the benefit of the lake basin communities, the people of Uganda, the East African region and the international community; and

DESIRING to promote ecosystem integrity, biodiversity conservation as well as socio-economic development in the basin area and across Uganda;

APPRECIATING the importance of co-management of natural resources in the Lake George Basin as well as the importance of effective involvement and participation of the local fisher folk and **HAVING** undertaken a comprehensive bottom-up consultative process that has involved a broad range of stakeholders including diverse groups of local community interests; and

HAVING DECIDED to associate through a Lake-wide institutional framework to promote poverty eradication and the social and economic development of the Lake George Basin communities through coordinated and integrated management and development of the Lake George Basin natural resources;

RECOGNIZING the effective participation and contribution of the Directorate of Water Development (DWD); Wetlands Inspection Division (WID); Department of Fisheries Resources (DFR); the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA); the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and the Ministry of Local Government in the formulation and adoption of this Constitution; and

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 9 of the Local Government Act, 1997 as amended.

AND THROUGH WE the authorized representative members here present and whose signatures are appended hereinafter on this **24th** day of **January, 2003**;

NOW THEREFORE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE I:

CITATION

- (1) This Constitution may be cited as “the Constitution of the Lake George Basin Integrated Management Organization”.

ARTICLE II

INTERPRETATION

- (1) For the purposes of this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them under this article:

“Cooperating local governments” means the Local Government of Bushenyi, the Local Government of Kamwenge and the Local Government of Kasese and shall include lower levels of local governments in these districts as the case may be; provided that where another local government or lower local government accedes to this Constitution, the term ‘Cooperating local governments’ shall be construed accordingly to include such acceding local governments.

“Relevant lead agency” refers to any lead agency that may have legal or administrative mandate to do any act under an existing law with respect to Lake George Basin

‘Lead agency’ means any Ministry, department, parastatal agency, Local Government system or public officer in which or whom any law vests functions of control or management of any segment of the environment.

“The Organization” unless the context otherwise requires means Lake George Basin Integrated Management Organization (LAGBIMO).

“The Executive Committee or the Committee” refers to the Executive Committee of the Lake George Basin Integrated Management Organization established under Article VIII of this Constitution.

“Member” unless expressly stated does not include ex official members.

“Baria” means a member of the crew of a boat or canoe.

ARTICLE III:

NAME

- (1) The name of the Organization shall be Lake George Basin Integrated Management Organization hereinafter referred to as the Organization or LAGBIMO.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, the Executive Committee shall at its first meeting immediately after the coming into force of this Constitution determine by resolution the physical location of the offices of the Organization.
- (3) LAGBIMO shall be a Lake-wide management institution and shall have legal personality with the power to hold property, sue and be sued in its own name.

ARTICLE IV:

CO-OPERATION

- (1) The parties undertake, respectively, to promote the socio-economic development of the Lake Basin communities by ensuring that Lake George Basin is managed with the broad management objectives contained in this Constitution, and in particular with the respective Management Plans that will be developed and jointly agreed upon between the local communities, Local Governments and the relevant lead agencies.
- (2) The Cooperating Local Governments undertake equally and jointly to work together with the Lake Basin communities and other stakeholders to contribute to poverty eradication and improve livelihoods of the lake dependent communities by:
 - (i) Achieving co-ordination of the sustainable management and development of the Lake George Basin natural resources;

- (ii) Consulting, assisting and supporting each other in the implementation of the management objectives set out in this Constitution and national policies, plans and laws regarding the sustainable management of Lake George Basin natural resources;
 - (iii) Using their best endeavours to harmonize legislation, policies, local ordinances and bye-laws, and management interventions to facilitate integrated and complementary conservation and sustainable development activities in the Lake Basin.
- (3) In exercising their administrative or legal mandates as the case may be, with respect to activities or interventions in the Lake George Basin, the parties shall, where necessary, consult and seek the joint agreement on such activities or interventions through the Executive Committee or other structures of LAGBIMO.

ARTICLE V:

PURPOSE

- (1) The purpose for which LAGBIMO is formed is to provide a framework for coordination and coherence in the planning and implementation of any form of interventions for the socio-economic development of the communities within the basin through the sustainable management of Lake George Basin natural resources.

ARTICLE VI:

OBJECTIVES

- (1) The objectives for which LAGBIMO is formed are to:
- (i) Promote poverty eradication and the social and economic development of the Lake Basin communities through the integrated and sustainable management of the Lake George Basin natural resources;
 - (ii) Ensure collection, exchange and use of information in order to improve the management and sustainable use of the Lake George Basin natural resources.
 - (iii) Increase social and economic benefits to all the parties, especially to the poor sections of the local communities within the lake basin;

- (iv) Promote alliances in the management of the lake basin natural resources by encouraging operational, economic and other partnerships among the respective central government agencies, the co-operating local governments, private sector, local communities and civil society organizations;
 - (v) In accordance with article XII of this Constitution, develop a framework whereby local communities can effectively participate in, and tangibly benefit from, the management and sustainable use of the lake basin natural resources;
 - (vi) Subject to Article 178(b) of the Constitution of Uganda, 1995 establish and manage funding mechanisms and financial resources for the sustainable management of Lake George Basin natural resources including the establishment of trust funds, endowments or any other funding mechanism as may from time to time, by resolution, be determined by the Lake Wide Assembly.
- (2) Promote compliance with the requirements of relevant national policies, plans and legislation and promote the implementation of international obligations imposed by international conventions or treaties to which Uganda is a party.

ARTICLE VII:

STRUCTURES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- (1) The following shall be the structures of LAGBIMO:
- (i) Lake Wide Assembly
 - (ii) The Executive Committee;
 - (iii) The Secretariat;
- (2) The Organization shall promote and support the establishment of Fish Landing Site Institutions in accordance with the principles set out in article XIII of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII:

LAKE WIDE ASSEMBLY

A: Composition

- (1) There shall be a Lake Wide Assembly (hereinafter “the Assembly”) whose composition shall be as set out in this article and which shall be the highest policy and decision-making organ of the organization;

- (2) The Lake Wide Assembly shall be comprised of the following official members:
- (i) Three persons, at least one of whom shall be female, one of whom shall be a baria and one of whom shall be a boat owner, representing each of the fish landing site institutions whose establishment complies with the principles for the establishment of fish landing site institutions set out in this Constitution;
 - (ii) Parish Chiefs representing the Parishes from the Sub-Counties bordering Lake George in the Cooperating Local Governments;
 - (iii) Chairpersons LCIII representing the sub-counties bordering Lake George in the cooperating local governments;
 - (iv) Sub-County Chiefs representing the Sub-Counties bordering Lake George in the Cooperating Local Governments;
 - (v) Sub-County Fisheries Officers representing the Sub-Counties bordering Lake George in the Cooperating Local Governments;
 - (vi) The Chief Park Warden for the Queen Elizabeth Protected Area;
 - (vii) District Chairpersons representing the cooperating Local Governments;
 - (viii) Chief Administrative Officers representing the cooperating Local Governments;
 - (ix) Secretaries responsible for Production representing the cooperating Local Governments;
 - (x) District Fisheries Officers representing the cooperating Local Governments;
 - (xi) District Environment Officers representing the cooperating Local Governments;
 - (xii) One councillor representing each of the sub-counties bordering Lake George selected at a meeting of the District Council in a democratic manner;
- (3) The following shall be ex-officio members of the Lake Wide Assembly;

- (i) Three representatives of registered NGOs or CBOs undertaking programmes in the area of natural resources, representing one NGO or CBO from each of the cooperating Local Governments;
- (ii) Three persons representing the private sector, one from each of the cooperating Local Governments;
- (iii) District Water Officers representing the cooperating Local Governments;
- (iv) The Regional Fisheries Officer of the DFR responsible for Western Region

B: Functions of the Organisation

- (1) The Lake Wide Assembly shall be responsible for the implementation of the objectives and principles of the Organization set out in this Constitution;
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the Lake Wide Assembly shall have the following functions:
 - (i) Consider, adopt and ensure harmony of the management plans and projects to be implemented by or through the relevant lead agencies and other parties to this Constitution;
 - (ii) Ensure review, harmonization and monitoring of policies, ordinances and bye-laws in all the cooperating Local Governments;
 - (iii) Consider and approve the plans, annual budgets, audit reports and other financial transactions of the Organization as well as other joint projects proposed for implementation by the Organization;
 - (iv) Undertake advocacy to ensure that any legal, policy and administrative reforms at all levels are pro-poor and create an enabling environment for the participatory integrated management of Lake George Basin natural resources;
 - (v) Raise and make provisions for the management of the funds and assets of the Organization;
 - (vi) Establish mechanisms to ensure sustainable funding for the integrated management and development of Lake George Basin as well as modalities for the management of such funds;
 - (vii) Ensure that the activities of the Organization are integrated in the work plans and budgets of cooperating Local Governments and the respective lead agencies;

- (viii) Approve auditors and cause the annual audits of the Organization to be undertaken;
- (ix) Annually review, update, and approve the Lake Wide Management Plan.
- (x) Develop lake wide plans and advocate for the integration of those plans into the local government development plans and budget cycle;
- (xi) Advocate for the integration of Lake Wide Plans into the parish development plans and budget cycle;
- (xii) Undertake lobbying and advocacy to ensure that the sub-county budgets take into account the priorities of poor people and support the sustainable use and management of the Lake George Basin natural resources; and
- (xiii) Upon the advice of the Executive Committee, appoint Standing Committees to perform such functions as may be deemed necessary.

C: Officials of the Organization

- (1) The Lake Wide Assembly shall have a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and a Treasurer:
 - (i) The Chairpersons representing the cooperating Local Governments shall hold the Chairmanship of the Lake Wide Assembly on a two years rotational basis following in an alphabetical order of the cooperating Local Governments;
 - (ii) The Vice Chairperson and the Treasurer shall be elected by the Lake Wide Assembly after every two years;
 - (iii) The Vice Chairperson and the Treasurer shall not at any one time come from the same Local Government or the Local Government holding the Chairmanship of the Organization;
 - (iv) The Lake Wide Assembly shall develop and adopt rules and procedures for the election of the Vice Chairperson and Treasurer and the removal of the officials of the Organization from office.

D: Term of Office and Meetings of the Lake Wide Assembly

- (1) A member of the Lake Wide Assembly shall hold office for a period of two years provided that any such a member may be eligible for re-election;
- (2) The Lake Wide Assembly shall meet as regularly as possible but in any case not less than two times a year;
- (3) The Secretariat shall in consultation with the Lake Wide Assembly develop guidelines, rules and procedures for the conduct of the Assembly business provided that such guidelines shall not become effective unless the Assembly by Resolution has adopted them;
- (4) The guidelines developed and adopted pursuant to this article shall include the following:
 - (i) The procedure for decision making at the meetings of the Lake Wide Assembly; and
 - (ii) The eligibility, manner and election of the Lake Wide Assembly Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer

ARTICLE IX:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A: Composition

- (1) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Organization which shall be comprised of the following:
 - (i) District Chairpersons representing the cooperating Local Governments;
 - (ii) Four representatives of the Sub-Counties bordering Lake George in the Cooperating Local Governments who are part of the Lake Wide Assembly and elected at a general meeting of the Lake Wide Assembly. At least one of the four representatives should be a woman.
 - (iii) Four representatives from the fish landing site institutions established in accordance with the principles set out in this Constitution, who are part of the Lake Wide Assembly and elected at a general meeting of the Lake Wide Assembly, the four should include at least one baria, one boat owner and one woman.
 - (iv) The Chief Administrative Officers representing the Cooperating Local Governments.

- (2) The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and the Treasurer of the Lake Wide Assembly shall be members of the Executive Committee.

B: Functions of the Executive Committee

- (1) Without prejudice to the functions of the Lake Wide Assembly set out herein, the Executive Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities;
 - (i) Implement the decisions of the Lake Wide assembly;
 - (ii) Coordinate policy formulation at all levels of LAGBIMO;
 - (iii) Monitor policy implementation at all levels;
 - (iv) Commission the preparation of a Lake Wide Management Plan (LWMP) for its consideration and approval;
 - (v) Support and monitor progress in the implementation of community projects;
 - (vi) Mobilize and sensitize communities about government policies, plans and programmes and ensure that these policies, plans and programmes remain focused on the poor people;
 - (vii) Ensure integrated planning of Lake George Basin by supporting interaction of officials from the Cooperating Local Governments and their counterparts from Central Government Agencies;
 - (viii) Identify and mobilize financial resources and advocate for adequate budgetary allocations to ensure sustainability of the Organization;
 - (ix) Review the agreed contributions of the cooperating Local Governments after every two years and make appropriate recommendations to the Lake Wide Assembly;
 - (x) Mobilize and advocate for the equitable allocation of sufficient funds for fish landing site institutions;
 - (xi) Monitor, evaluate and review the operations of the various structures of the Organization and make appropriate recommendations to the Lake Wide Assembly and the parties to this Constitution;
 - (xii) Advocate for the incorporation of LAGBIMO Plans into the District and Sub-county Development processes and plans;

- (xiii) Ensure that plans and interventions are pro-poor and address the needs and aspirations of community stakeholders.;
 - (xiv) Commission and approve where necessary technical assistance to guide and support activities of LAGBIMO;
 - (xv) Prepare and submit annual reports to the Lake Wide Assembly;
 - (xvi) Approve work plans, technical reports and budgets for all levels of LAGBIMO;
 - (xvii) Ensure relevant training and capacity support is identified and secured for all levels of LAGBIMO;
 - (xviii) Establish Standing and ad hoc Committees as approved by the Lake Wide Assembly;
 - (xix) Identify and recruit the staff of the Secretariat and such other staff or personnel of the Organization;
 - (xx) Oversee the operations of the Secretariat;
- (2) The Executive Committee shall ensure the effective participation of representatives of fish landing site institutions and in that regard shall:
- (i) Initiate programmes aimed at enhancing the capacity of these institutions and their individual representatives to effectively participate in the structures of the Organization;
 - (ii) Initiate and implement proposals for affirmative action or other forms of intervention to achieve this objective; and
 - (iii) Upon request by the representatives of fish landing site institutions, the Executive Committee shall consider and create a forum through which these representatives can interact for purposes of ensuring effective representation.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt and unless otherwise decided by resolution of the Executive Committee, the ex-officio members of the Executive Committee and the Central Government Agencies shall cover the costs of their participation in the meetings and other activities of the Executive Committee, and other organs of the Organisation;
- (4) Individual persons shall be members of the Executive Committee in a representative capacity representing the agencies or offices referred to in clause (1) above.

ARTICLE X:

STANDING COMMITTEES AND AD HOC TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

- (1) The Lake Wide Assembly may, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, establish Standing Committees and ad hoc Technical Committees.
- (2) The Assembly shall, at its first meeting, consider the establishment of the following Committees:
 - (a) Planning Committee; and
 - (b) Finance, Budget and Fundraising Committee.
- (3) The membership of any Standing Committee or ad hoc Technical Committee shall not exceed thirteen;
- (4) A recommendation of the Executive Committee or a resolution of the Assembly establishing a Standing Committee or ad hoc Technical Committee shall set out in detail the mandate, responsibilities and, if applicable, the duration of the Committee, as well as the financial resources to support its operations;
- (5) Any ad hoc technical committee established pursuant to this article shall be rendered the full support of the Secretariat of the Organization.

ARTICLE XI:

THE SECRETARIAT

- (1) LAGBIMO shall have a Secretariat, which shall be headed by an Executive Secretary supported by such other staff as from time to time be determined by the Executive Committee.
- (2) The Secretariat shall have the following functions and responsibilities:
 - (i) Ensure and coordinate the implementation of the decisions and/or resolutions of the Executive Committee and the Lake Wide Assembly;
 - (ii) Act as Secretariat to the Executive Committee, the Lake Wide Assembly and any Standing Committees and ad hoc Technical Committees;

- (iii) As an information centre for LAGBIMO, be responsible for the proper recording, documentation, dissemination and custody of all information relating to the operations of the organization;
 - (iv) Provide support to the other organs of the Organization including provision of technical guidance in inter-sectoral planning and coordination as well as implementation of work plans;
 - (v) Ensure proper and timely exchange of information between and among the organs of the Organization on the one hand and between the Organization and other local, national, regional and international institutions on the other.
 - (vi) Receive and put on record ratifications by the parties of any policies, resolutions, decisions and other instruments adopted by the organs of the Organization;
 - (vii) Prepare annual reports of the Organization for presentation to the Executive Committee and the Lake Wide Assembly;
 - (viii) Prepare quarterly financial reports;
 - (ix) Prepare annual work plans and budgets of the Organization.
 - (x) Do any as such things as may from time to time be assigned to the Secretariat by the Executive Committee and the Lake Wide Assembly;
- (3) The Executive Committee shall develop and adopt guidelines and procedures for the recruitment, employment, performance, terms of service and any other matters pertaining to the staff of the Secretariat;
- (4) In the performance of its functions under this article, the Secretariat shall operate under the direction and guidance of the Executive Committee and the Lake Wide Assembly.

ARTICLE XII:

GENERAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE STRUCTURES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- (1) The official languages of the organization shall be English and any local language within the Lake George Basin;

- (2) All the proceedings of any of the structures of the Organizations shall be recorded in English and a certified copy thereof deposited with the Secretariat;
- (3) Without prejudice to the provisions of clause 1 and 2 of this Article, the proceedings of any fish landing site institution formed pursuant to article XII of this Constitution may be recorded in a local language;
- (4) Any fish landing site institution that is a member of the Lake Wide Assembly shall transmit certified copies of the proceedings of their meetings to the Secretariat immediately they are certified by signature of an authorized officer of that institution;
- (5) All the records, documents and audited books of accounts of any of the structures of the organization or such documents as are deposited with the Secretariat shall be part of the public record and shall be available for public inspection.
- (6) Records of any of the structures of the Organizations shall be considered authentic if they are signed by the Chairperson and any other person officially designated for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIII:

FISH LANDING SITE INSTITUTIONS

- (1) In accordance with the objectives set out in Article VI of this Constitution, and subject to any law for the time being in force, LAGBIMO shall encourage the formation of representative and democratic institutions at every fish landing site;
- (2) The fish landing site institutions referred to in Clause 1 of this Article shall conform to the following principles:
 - (i) Representation with a clear poverty focus including provision for inclusion of marginalized stakeholders in its constitution;
 - (ii) Objectives that promote the sustainable use and management of the Lake George Basin natural resources;
 - (iii) A constitution that provides for tenure of office and change of leadership through regular, fair and free elections;
 - (iv) Autonomy and independence in the conduct of the affairs of the institution.

- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, an institution formed pursuant to this article shall be solely guided by its Constitution in as far as the conduct or management of its affairs is concerned.
- (4) Any fish landing site institution formed pursuant to this Constitution may decide to register under any law for the time being in force or take any other steps necessary for it to acquire legal status;
- (5) The LAGBIMO shall provide guidance and mentoring to the fish landing site institutions formed pursuant to this Constitution;
- (6) A fish landing site institution formed pursuant to this Constitution shall be entitled to any or all of the following privileges:
 - (i) Representation in the organs of the Organization including the Lake Wide Assembly and the Executive Committee;
 - (ii) Access to financial contributions from the Organization, local government budgets or the respective lead agencies as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Committee in conformity with government or local government financial regulations;
 - (iii) Priority in the implementation of projects, plans and other management arrangements being pursued by the parties to this Constitution at the respective landing sites; and
 - (iv) Access to financial resources provided under any special funding mechanisms for the sustainable management of Lake George Basin such as trust funds, endowments, as the case may be.

ARTICLE XIV:

OBLIGATIONS OF FISH LANDING SITE INSTITUTIONS

- (1) Without prejudice to their individual constitutions, any fish landing site institution formed pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, and entitled to the rights and privileges provided for under this Constitution shall undertake all or any of the following obligations:
 - (i) Carry out community mobilization and awareness programmes that promote the sustainable use and management of the Lake George Basin natural resources;

- (ii) Undertake monitoring and surveillance of illegal activities pertaining to the utilization and management of the Lake George Basin natural resources and the implementation of government policies and laws on natural resources;
- (iii) Develop internal mechanisms for the management and resolution of conflicts over natural resources use and other related matters;
- (iv) Prepare and implement development plans for the landing sites where they operate;
- (v) Collaborate with government and local governments in the collection, use and dissemination of information for the proper management of Lake George Basin natural resources.;
- (vi) Identify and submit proposals to be included in bye-laws and ordinances;
- (vii) Promote and support the implementation of bye-laws and ordinances.
- (viii) Advocate for the integration of lake wide plans and local plans into parish development plans.
- (ix) Initiate, encourage, support and participate in self-help projects and mobilize people, materials and technical assistance in relation thereto.

ARTICLE XV

ROLE OF LEAD AGENCIES

- (1) Subject to the Local Government Act, 1997, the relevant lead agencies shall have the following responsibilities with respect to the parties to this Constitution and the Organization;
 - (i) Monitor and co-ordinate Government initiatives and policies as the relate to the work and mandate of LAGBIMO;
 - (ii) Co-ordinate and advise the Organization in relation to its projects and programmes;
 - (iii) Assist in the provision of technical assistance to the parties to this Constitution and LAGBIMO;

ARTICLE XVI:

SPECIAL PROVISIONS REGARDING FINANCING

- (1) LAGBIMO shall raise its funds from any or all of the following sources:
 - (i) Agreed contributions from the Local Governments that are members of the Lake Wide Assembly;
 - (ii) Other contributions from district resources;
 - (iii) Central Government grants;
 - (iv) Contributions and donations from NGOs, donors and individuals.
 - (vii) Contributions from fish landing site institutions.
 - (viii) Trust funds, endowments or any other funding mechanism established by the organization.
- (2) Signatories to LAGBIMO Bank account:
 - (i) The Chairperson and the Treasurer of the Lake Wide Assembly and the Executive Secretary of LAGBIMO shall be the signatories to all the bank accounts of the Organization;
 - (ii) The Executive Secretary shall be the principle signatory to all the bank accounts of the Organization;
 - (iii) The Executive Secretary and any of the other signatories shall sign cheques of the Organization.
- (3) In order to discharge their obligations under this constitution, the parties shall annually make available sufficient funds to cover any expenses that may arise from the implementation of this Constitution;
- (4) The Parties undertake to use their best endeavors to obtain financial and other means of support from their own as well as from other sources for the promotion of the objectives set out in this Constitution and the implementation of the relevant Management Plans and programmes endorsed by the relevant structures of the Organization.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, each of the Cooperating Local Governments and the Sub-counties bordering Lake George shall make annual financial contributions to the Organization;
 - (i) The annual financial contributions shall be agreed upon at the Assembly and reviewed every after two years at the meetings of the Assembly.

- (ii) A Resolution of the Assembly setting the annual financial contributions shall, inter alia, provide for the mode of payment of such contributions;
- (6) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (3) and (4) of this Article, the respective central Government Agencies undertake to use their best endeavours to allocate special funds to support the operations of LAGBIMO in their annual budgets and plans.

ARTICLE XVII:

FUNDS, ASSETS, AND BORROWING POWERS

- (1) The Organization shall have borrowing powers and shall have powers to raise its own funds through donations, grants and any other source of funds whose effects will not constitute an increase in the Organization's financial liabilities;
- (2) The Executive Committee shall develop financial policies and procedures of the organization for approval by the Lake Wide Assembly;
- (3) The financial year of the Organization shall start from the 1st day of July of each calendar year and end on the 30th day of June of the following calendar year and the books of accounts of the Organization shall be closed on the last day of each of its financial years;
- (4) Unless otherwise provided, all the assets acquired with the funds of the Organization shall constitute assets of the Organization and shall be vested as such.
- (5) Subject to existing procurement guidelines the Lake Wide Assembly shall develop and adopt rules and guidelines for procurement and disposition of the assets of the organization.

ARTICLE XVIII:

COMMON SEAL

- (1) The Organization shall have a common seal and the Executive Committee shall provide for its safe custody and use;
- (2) The Seal shall only be used by the Authority of the Executive Committee and every instrument to which the Seal shall be affixed shall be signed by the Chairperson and shall be countersigned by the Executive Secretary or

by another member of the Executive Committee appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIX:

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- (1) Any dispute arising in the course of working towards the objectives set out in this Constitution shall as far as possible, be settled in an amicable manner and by consensus;
- (2) If an amicable settlement is not reached after mediation has been attempted, it shall be settled through arbitration by an Arbitration Tribunal appointed on the basis that each Affected Party shall appoint up to two arbitrators and the arbitrators so appointed by the Parties shall appoint amongst themselves a chairperson of the Tribunal who shall have a casting vote;
- (3) The Arbitration Tribunal shall decide upon its own procedures;
- (4) The decision of the Tribunal shall be in writing supported by a simple majority of its members;
- (6) Such a decision shall be binding on the parties.

ARTICLE XX:

ACCESSION AND OBSERVER STATUS

- (1) Any Local Government may apply to the Executive Committee for accession to the Constitution and membership of LAGBIMO;
- (2) On application for accession by any Local Government that is not an original party to this Constitution, the Executive Committee shall with appropriate recommendations lay such application to the Lake Wide Assembly, which may admit such Local Government upon such terms, and conditions as may be approved by the Assembly.
- (3) An international organization, local non-governmental organization or Government funded project or programme may apply for an observer status with the Organization;

- (4) An application for observer status shall be addressed to the Chairperson of the Organization and shall specify the reasons for the application, the structure of the organization in which observer status is sought and a declaration that the applicant will abide by the provisions of this Constitution and any such other subsequent amendments.
- (5) The Lake Wide Assembly shall determine any application made under this article expeditiously.
- (6) Upon the granting of observer status, an observer organization shall have the right to participate and contribute to the deliberations of the structures of LAGBIMO **provided that** such an observer organization shall not have the right to vote.
- (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this article regarding observer status, the Executive Committee shall at its first meeting, on behalf of the Lake Wide Assembly and by resolution grant observer status to organizations or projects that have supported the formation of the LAGBIMO.

ARTICLE XXI:

RESERVATION AND WITHDRAWAL

- (1) This Constitution shall be accepted as a single undertaking and no reservation shall be made with respect to any of its provisions;
- (2) All the original parties to this Constitution undertake to use their best endeavors to continue being members of LAGBIMO provided that if any of these parties wish to withdraw from the Organizations, the following procedure shall be complied with:
 - (i) A notice of intention to withdraw from the membership of LAGBIMO shall be addressed to the Chairperson of the Organization and copied to all the signatories to this Constitution and shall be effective two months upon its receipt by the LAGBIMO Secretariat;
 - (ii) Upon withdrawal from the Organization by any party, no claims shall be made on the assets or other property of the Organization but such party shall discharge all its outstanding liabilities.
- (3) Any party that has been granted observer status may withdraw from the Organization by notifying the Executive Committee and such withdrawal shall take effect two months from the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretariat.

- (4) The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall inform all the members of the Lake Wide Assembly of any such withdrawals as soon as possible but in any case not later than the meeting of the Assembly preceding such withdrawal.

ARTICLE XXII:

PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE

- (1) Upon the endorsement of this Constitution by the parties, the Ministry of Local Government shall transmit to the Attorney General of the Republic of Uganda a copy thereof, accompanied by endorsements by the authorized representatives of the Parties to this Constitution, for certification of compliance with the national Constitution and other national laws;
- (2) Upon certification of this Constitution by the Attorney General of Uganda, this Constitution shall be signed at an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of, and upon signature by the authorized representatives of all the parties mentioned in the Preamble;
- (3) This Constitution shall come into force after the Chairperson of the Executive Committee has deposited copies with original signatures with the Attorney General.
- (4) At the time of transmission of the copies of the Constitution to the Attorney General, the Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall transmit equally authentic copies to all the parties to this Constitution.

ARTICLE XXIII:

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- (1) Any member of the Lake Wide Assembly may propose a motion for a resolution to amend this Constitution.
- (2) A motion for a resolution to amend any of the provisions of this Constitution shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Organization and shall be submitted in writing to the Secretariat.
- (3) Where it is intended to debate a motion to amend the Constitution, the notice convening the Lake Wide Assembly where the motion is to be debated or adopted shall state the facts and the general nature of the proposed amendment.

- (4) A motion for a resolution to amend this Constitution shall be considered adopted if it is debated, and adopted through a secret ballot, by two thirds of the members of the Lake Wide Assembly registered and in attendance at the meeting where such motion is debated and passed.

Signed for and on behalf of
Bushenyi Local Government

In the presence of
Chief Administrative Officer
Bushenyi Local Government

Signed for and on behalf of
Kamwenge Local Government

In the presence of
Chief Administrative Officer
Kamwenge Local Government

Signed for and on behalf of

Kasese Local Government

In the presence of
Chief Administrative Officer
Kasese Local Government

Annex 1

Ratification of the Constitution of LAGBIMO by Bushenyi Local Government

Minutes of Bushenyi District Local Council meeting held on 20th August, 2002 at Kashaka Landing Site in Katunguru Sub-County

Members present

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| 1. Mr. Odo Tayebwa | Speaker |
| 2. Mrs. J. Buhanda | Deputy Speaker |
| 3. Mr. B. Karyeija | Vice Chairperson |
| 4. Mr. F. Muhoozi | Bihanga |
| 5. Mrs. M. Tusiime | Katerera/Katunguru |
| 6. Haji J. Ziyimba | Kakanju |
| 7. Mrs. N. Otafiire | Kanyabwanga/Kashenshero |
| 8. Mr. L. Kasapuri | Kyabugimbi |
| 9. Mrs. P. Tibakuna | Kakanju/Nyabubare |
| 10. Mrs. Anne Kisembo | Bumbaire/Bushenyi-Ishaka Town Council |
| 11. Mr. A.R. Bamuyaaga | Rwengwe |
| 12. Mr. P.K. Katureebe | Kabira |
| 13. Mr. E. Ndyakira | Kyamuhunga |
| 14. Mr. P. Basiyora | Bitereko |
| 15. Mr. G. Bamu Banturaki | Mitooma |
| 16. Mr. C. Bangirana | Kagango |
| 17. Mr. Tumusiime N. Karyongo | Kabwohe-Itendero T.C. |
| 18. Mr. M. Barigye | Kangyenye |
| 19. Mrs. M. Bashongoka | Karungu/Rwengwe |
| 20. Mr. Guma Nuwagaba | Kigarama |
| 21. Mr. S. Tumukurate | Kiyanga |
| 22. Mr. J. Twebaze | Nyabubare |
| 23. Mrs. J. Burisadi | Female - Disabled |
| 24. Mrs. J. Muhumuza | Bitereko/Kiyanga |
| 25. Mr. A. B. Muhimbura | Mutara |
| 26. Mrs. N. Kampororo | Kabira |
| 27. Mrs. J. Boroba | Kitagata |
| 28. Mr. S. Banyanga | Male - Youth |
| 29. Mrs. V. Muzoora | Kyabugimbi/Kyeizooba |
| 30. Mr. E. Rubegyemera | Mitooma/Mutara |
| 31. Miss G. Rwakishaya | Shuuku/Bugongi |
| 32. Mr. P. Tumuhairwe | Katerera |
| 33. Mr. G. E. Biraro | Burere |
| 34. Mrs. I Kamuntu | Shuuku |
| 35. Mr. J.R. Tibasiimwa | Kyeizooba |

36.Mr. D. Kisembo	Kichwamba
37.Mr. S. Katesigwa	Katunguru
38.Mr. N. Akambikira	Ryeru
39.Mrs. J. Ntwirenabo	Kyamuhunga
40.Mr. P.Rwakifaari	Bumbaire
41.Mr. E. Rurangaranga	Kitagata
42.Mr. P. Mugisha	Bugongi
43.Mr. E. Kyarisiima	Kashenshero
44.Mrs. C. Kikomeko	Ryeru/Kichwamba
45.Mr. Amwine Mpakaryari	Karungu
46.Miss Jeninah Kagwa	Female - Youth
47.Mrs. F. Kasande	Burere/Bihanga
48.Mrs. M. Sanyu	Kigarambe/Kyangyenyi
49.Mr. F. Baingana	Male - Disabled

In Attendance

1. Mr. C. Kiberu	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
2. Dr. A.N. Rwabwiso	Production Coordinator
3. Mr. Monday Lwanga	District Fisheries Officer
4. Dr. C. Katureebe	District Director of Health Services
5. Mr. J. Asiimwe	Assist. Chief Administrative Officer I/C Bunyaruguru County
6. Mr. Mbonimpa Kiiza	District Engineer
7. Mr. Matsiko Semu David	Fisheries Officer
8. Mr. M.W. Kamukama	Ag. District Agriculture Officer
9. Mr. Bashunikana Benon	OC. LAP Administration Police
10.Mr. V. Byabashaija	Senior Education Officer
11.Mr. Dan Mugenyi	DSO
12.Mr. Kamwezi Patrick	Ag. D.N.C.
13.Mr. N. Katemba	Personal Assistant to Chairman
14.Mr. Bainomugisha David	Fisheries Officer
15.Mrs. Ssewankambo	Fortunate Communication Policy and Advocacy Specialist - ILM
16.Mr. John Rusoke	Project Officer - ILM
17.Mr. Edson Kagubare	Monitoring and Evaluation officer - ILM
18.Mr. Arinda Gordon	Ag. Clerk to Council

Absent with Apology

Mr. L. Ndyanabo District Chairman

Min. 42/2002 Prayer

The prayer was led by the Clerk to Council.

Min. 43/2002 Speaker addresses the Council

The Speaker welcomed members to the meeting and informed them that the major item on the order paper was to ratify the constitution of the Lake George Basin Integrated Management Organisation (LAGBIMO). He informed members that the LAGBIMO Constitution had earlier been discussed by all District Councillors in a Workshop and therefore expected Hon. Councillors to spend less time on passing the Policy statement. Finally, the Speaker wished members fruitful deliberations.

Min. 44/2002 Presentation of Policy Statement by the Secretary Production, Environment and Marketing

The Secretary for Production, Environment and Marketing presented a Policy statement to Council on ratification of the Lake George Basin Integrated Management Organisation (LAGBIMO).

He told members that the purpose for which LAGBIMO is formed is to provide a Framework for coordination and coherence in the planning and implementation of any form of interventions for the social economic development of the communities within the basin through the sustainable management of Lake George Basin natural resources.

He further informed Hon. Councillors that the best way to manage Lake George natural resources was to form an alliance under LAGBIMO which requires support from landing site communities, Local Governments, Central Agencies, Private Sector and Civil Society to co-manage the resource where all will benefit.

Finally, the Secretary for Production, Environment and Marketing moved that the Bushenyi District Council ratify the Lake George Basin Integrated Management Organisation (LAGBIMO) Constitution. He was seconded by Hon. Kikomoko Christine and Hon. Amwine Mpakaryari.

The District Council overwhelmingly approved the ratification of the LAGBIMO Constitution and asked the District Local Executive Committee to read through the final document before it is submitted to the office of the Attorney General.

Min. 45/2002 Closure

The Speaker thanked Hon. Councillors for ratifying the LAGBIMO Constitution and wished them a safe journey home.

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Confirmed by

Annex 2

Ratification of the Constitution of LAGBIMO by Kamwenge Local Government

**District Council Sitting held on
22nd - 23rd August, 2002**

Members Present

1. Hon. Musekura J. Bujoka Chairperson
2. Hon. Bomera Fabian Speaker
3. Hon. Florence Beyunga Vice Chairperson
4. Hon. Mwebembezi Benon Sec. for Works/Infrastructure
5. Hon. Constance Bangirana Deputy Speaker
6. Hon. Kashaija Silver Sec. for Social Services
7. Hon. Aulia Rugumayo Sec. for Finance
8. Hon. Tabaro Zubaire Councillor, Ntara S/C
9. Hon. Nuwagaba Elias Councillor, Nyabbani S/C
10. Hon. Tumwesigye Jennifer Councillor, Kahunge S/C
11. Hon. Musana Nathan Councillor, Youth Male
12. Hon. Tukamubona Emily Councillor, Youth Female
13. Hon. Begarukamu Paskazia Councillor, Mahyoro - Kicheche
14. Hon. Kahonda Dovina Councillor, PWD Female
15. Hon. Busingye Gaston Kaliisa Councillor, Kicheche S/C
16. Hon. Karaaki George Councillor, Bwizi S/C
17. Hon. Agaba Rwabihigi T. Councillor, Kamwenge S/C
18. Hon. Mwesige Godfrey Councillor, Nkoma S/C
19. Hon. Ngazoire David Councillor, PWD Male
20. Mr. Musingye Edward Clerk to Council

Ex-Efficios

1. Mr. Nkata B. James Chief Administrative Officer
2. Mr. Nyakahuma John D/Chief Administrative Officer
3. Mr. Kabogorwa S. Resident District Commissioner
4. Mr. Alupot Michael District Forestry Officer
5. Mr. Mukama Naamara Community based Services Coordinator
6. Mr. Musinguzi Stephen District Internal Auditor
7. Mr. Binyiina Kiiza District Education Officer
8. Mr. Akorinako Julius District Inspector of Schools
9. Mr. Katuramu Boaz Principal Personnel Officer
10. Mr. Balam Mwijukye District Planner

11. Mr. Kasinga Lawrence	District Statistician
12. Ms. Kamara Leticia	Information Officer
13. Ms. Gertrude T.	Gender Officer
14. Mr. Magara Nicholas	District Environment Officer
15. Mr. Kahangire Deo	District Production Coordinator
16. Mr. Muhumuza Clever	District Agriculture Officer
17. Dr. Kasewa Sarah	District Director of Health Services.
18. Dr. Kamanyire A.	District Veterinary Officer
19. Mr. Bakesigaki Stephen	District Fisheries Officer
20. Mr. Pius Mulekyezi	District Probation Officer
21. Banyangi Amos	Community Development Officer
22. Nuwe'Abigaba John	Asst. CAO
23. PC Byamukama	Sgt. At Arms
24. Mr. Israel Rusoke	OC Prison
25. Mr. Bwabaire Waibi	Asst. RDC
26. Mr. Ruhweza Santos	DCO/ Trade
27. Mr. Tumwesigye Godfrey	D. Entomologist
28. Head Constable Birungi Jane	DPC (Adm.)

Agenda

1. National and Tooro Anthem
2. Prayer
3. Communication from:
 - (a) Speaker
 - (b) Chairperson
 - (c) Resident District Commissioner
4. Reaction from the above communications
5. Communication from the Chairman Land Tribunal
6. Approving previous minutes
7. Action Report
8. Presentation of LAGBIMO policy
9. Presentation of Members of Land Board and members of Public Accounts Committee.

Min. COU 012 / 2002

National and Tooro Anthem were led by the Clerk to District Council.

Prayer:

The prayer was led by the Clerk to Council.

Min. 013 / 2002

(a) Communication from the Speaker

The District Speaker, Hon. Fabian Bomera welcomed all members and informed the House the activities which took place during the recess which included the following:

- The District Tender Board had started its work and public service commission was about to commence.
- The Speaker and Deputy Speaker attended a UDICOSA meeting (Speakers' Association) where they were advised to be familiar with relevant law as they act as the judges in their respective councils.

They were also cautioned by the Minister of Local Government, Hon. Jabel Bidandi Ssali to be impartial during council business and advised all Councillors not to expect a lot from the council in terms of resources.

During the meeting of UDICOSA, it was emphasized that every District should contribute Sh.200,000/- annually to facilitate UDICOSA activities.

Uganda Returnees

Concerning the plight of the Uganda Returnees in Kamwenge District during the meeting with the Permanent Secretary and Prime Minister, food and other relief were promised to be given to the returnees.

Speaker's Office

The District Speaker noted with concern that his office space and facilities in the office were not portraying the good image of the District and requested the Clerk to Council in collaboration with the Chief Administration Officer to handle this aspect with immediate effect.

The rules of Procedure:

The Speaker requested members of the august house to study the rules of procedure which were being used in Kabarole and the general guidelines to create the new rules of procedure for Kamwenge District Council to follow.

He ended by calling upon all members to unite and wished them good deliberation.

(b) Communication from the District Chairperson

The District Chairperson Hon. Musekura J. Bujoka welcomed all members of the District Council and thanked the officials from Integrated Lake Management (ILM) for the effort put in to make the council sitting a success and to sensitise the masses and the council on co-management of Lake George. He expressed

sympathy upon the death of the wife of the Chief Administrative Officer, Mrs. Damali Nkata and prayed for her soul to rest in Eternal Peace.

Health

The Chairman reported that Rukunyu HSD ward, which was started by LC IV, was completed by the District and the mortuary was constructed and had been completed. The theatre was also towards completion.

The Doctors' house at Ntara and the theatre were being worked on and were towards completion.

Education:

The District Chairperson informed the house that having failed to provide enough evidence against Headteachers / teachers whose schools were involved in Examination malpractice it was necessary that their suspension be waved off. They resumed their duty and were optimistic that such eventuality should not take place this year.

The Chairperson thanked all stakeholders who volunteered to contain the situation of teachers who had organised to lay down their tools because of small increment on the salaries.

Production:

The Chairperson urged the production department to be vigilant and take the arms against poverty. Byabasambu farm results were promising and encouraged the production staff to make sure people populise the production of sunflower, which is more productive and well priced, compared to maize.

The Chairperson informed the house about his tour and after the tour would make a comprehensive paper/report.

He further informed the house about the visit of Hon. Beatrice Wabudeya, Minister of State for Health on 21st August 2002 in follow up tour of C.H.I.L.D project in Ntara.

The Chairperson also informed the House the coming of His Highness the King of Tooro, King Oyo Nyimba Rukidi IV who would visit the District on 5th September, 2002 and urged all to turn up to welcome him.

(c) Communication from the Resident District Commissioner

Thanked all the members of District Council and Heads of Departments for the work done and encouraged to work hard. He urged them to work much better than this.

He called again for unity and proper utilization of resources.

The RDC emphasized the following problems, which have affected our people. These include:

1. Poverty
2. Ignorance
3. Diseases.

He thanked the council for having chased the rebels from the District.

He emphasized the issue of census and urged all the people to be counted for proper planning and service delivery. He called upon people not to get tired of peace, which they have been enjoying.

The RDC called upon all to attend the political education, which he said was good for their development. It was scheduled for 31st August - 14th September, 2002 at Kamwenge Primary School.

Min. COU 014/2002

Reactions from the above communications

(a) Speakers Communication

The Council resolved to have a select committee which would be composed of 5 people to formulate rules of procedure that include:

1. Mr. Musingye Edward
2. Hon. Bomera Fabian
3. Hon. Nuwagaba Elias
4. Hon. Rwabihigi Tom
5. Hon. Tukamubona Emily

It was also resolved that the committee should sit as soon as possible.

Office of the Speaker:

Council directed that speaker's office be furnished with immediate effect.

Members also requested for identity cards, which would be handled soon.

(b) Chairman's Communication

Members wanted to know why the arrest of Engineer Ssentamu was not mentioned at all.

The District chairperson informed the members that a case, which was being handled by court, could not be a matter to be discussed by council before the court disposes off the matter.

On the matter of Headteachers who were on suspension, they would go back to the respective schools where they were before UNEB failed to provide sufficient evidence in time to incriminate the Headteachers and teachers.

Hon. Constance wanted to know whether the output of sunflower from Byabasambu was enough to provide seeds to the population in the District.

It was reported to council that the output was enough and the purpose was seed multiplication. Therefore, members were free to get the seeds.

After thorough deliberation, Hon. Constance Bangirana moved that the communication from Speaker, Chairperson, and RDC be adopted as true records of council and was unanimously seconded.

Min. COU 015/2002
Reading of Previous Minutes

The Minutes were read and approved.

Min. COU 016/2002
Reading of Action Paper

The action paper was read by the Clerk to Council.

It was thoroughly discussed and Hon. Constance moved that the action paper be adopted and was seconded by Hon. Mwesige and motion carried.

Min. COU 017/2002
Presentation by Chairperson Land Tribunal, Kamwenge

Mr. James Bwatota informed the house that Land Tribunals are specified courts to handle land matters in the District, established under article 243 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda 1995 and Sec. 75 of Land Act 1998.

Jurisdiction:

S.77 of Land Act provides for the Jurisdiction and S.85 specifies 50,000,000 for rural areas and 100 Million urban areas.

He informed members that lower tribunal are not in place and would be in future replaced by Local Council Courts.

He informed members of the House that their office was open and ready to handle cases/disputes those that were within their jurisdiction.

He ended by urging members to guard against the land disputes and problems in the neighbouring district.

**Min. COU 018/2002
LAGBIMO**

Policy Paper:

The Hon. Secretary for Production Hon. Florence Beyunga moved a motion to discuss the constitution that introduced creation of Lake George Basi Integrated Lake Management (LAGBIMO). Which was a institution to manage the Lake George resource after the ILM project has pulled out.

The Integrated Lake Management (ILM) aimed at improving the livelihood of people in the respective areas.

ILM operations were approved under Min. 031/2001 (a) (iv) and it was under this mandate that it went ahead to consult the respective District of Kamwenge, Kasese and Bushenyi about the sustainability of Lake George Natural resources.

Institution Development working group (IDWG) was designed and prepared a concept note that outlined the broad terms and institution structure and legal processes to establish the lake wide inter District Forum and proposed the name LAGBIMO.

This was aimed at “providing a framework for coordination and coherence in planning and implementation of any form of intervention for the Social, Economic Development of the Communities within the Basin through the sustainable Management of Lake George Natural Resources”.

Pursuant to Article 178 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda 1995, S. 9 (2) Local Government Act 1997 and having made enough consultation and various meetings held, presented the LAGBIMO constitution for ratification.

After thorough scrutiny of the LAGBIMO constitution page by page, Article by Article, Hon. Florence Beyunga moved the motion to approve the LAGBIMO constitution and was unanimously seconded.

The LAGBIMO constitution was approved and to be submitted to the Attorney General for subsequent action.

Min. COU 019 / 2002

(a) Presentation of Members of Land Board

The District Chairperson pursuant to S. 58 of Land Act 1998, the following members were present to council

1. Yonadab Byekwaso
2. Buhire Isaac
3. Ruhweza Joseph
4. Nfabakuze Gladys
5. Mugisha Patrick Machika
6. Tinka Harriet
7. Amon Nyamwara
8. Consolanta K. Byarugaba

After thorough scrutiny all the members were approved to be members of Kamwenge District Land Board.

Hon. Mwebembezi nominated Mr. Ruhweza Joseph to be the Chairman Land Board and was unanimously approved.

Subject to S.89 (B), the District Chairperson proposed the following to be members of the Public Accounts Committee.

1. Ms. Tedozio Twinomugisha
2. Mr. Evalisto Bachopa Wenka
3. Mr. Mugyenzi Benon Johnson
4. Mr. Nizeyi Hassan
5. Ms. Twikirize Annett

Hon. Rwabihigi moved a motion to approve members of Public Accounts Committee and was seconded and all the above members were approved as members of the Public Accounts Committee, Kamwenge District.

The next council sitting was scheduled for 1st October, 2002.

Distribution:

- P.S. Ministry of Local Government
- P.S. Head of Civil Service
- Resident District Commissioner, Kamwenge
- Chairperson LC V, Kamwenge
- Chief Administrative Officer, Kamwenge
- District Councillors, Kamwenge
- Departmental Heads, Kamwenge.

Annex 3

Ratification of the Constitution of LAGBIMO by Kasese Local Government.

Minutes of the District Council Meeting held on 27th August, 2002 at Hamukungu Fishing Village

Members present

1. Musema Augstine Speaker - Kasese
2. Bihande Bwambale District Chairman
3. Joseph Kule Vice Chairperson
4. Helena Biira Deputy Speaker
5. Kikusa Mustafa Sec. Technical Services
6. Tinka John Sec. for Production
7. Maate Saulo Sec. for Comm. Based Elderly PWDs
8. Winnie Kiiza Sec. for Education
9. Naome Mbambu Sec. for Finance
10. Mubingwa Zepher Sec. for Health
11. Thaliakabuya William Sec. for Mobilisation
12. Bwambale Matayo Councillor Bugoye
13. Masereka Joshua Councillor Kitholhu
14. Katusabe Apophia Councillor Maliba
15. Kyamukono Mubilo Councillor Kyarumba
16. Mumbere Jesse Jackson Councillor Kisinga
17. Muhindo Olivers Councillor Kilembe
18. Matebere K. Edward Councillor K.T.C.
19. Baguma John Councillor Kitswamba
20. Masereka Magwara Councillor District Youth Male
21. Mary Yalala Councillor Rep. PWDs Female
22. Kasfa Kabughu Muhasa Councillor K.T.C.
23. Mwanamolho Jolly Councillor Rukoki-Karusandara
24. Maate B.I. Eliabu Councillor Ihandiro Sub-County
25. Mbunda Peter Councillor Kilembe Sub-county
26. Biira Margaret Councillor Nyakiyumbu
27. Thembo Robson Councillor Rep. PWDs male
28. Kambere John Councillor Kyondo
29. Kasambagene Jenniffer Councillor Kyarumba - Mahango
30. Tibananuka Wilson Councillor Lake Katwe
31. Ester Demba Councillor Munkunyu
32. Masika Rebecca Councillor Muhokya
33. Asimwe Zainabu Councillor Kitolhu- Ihandiro
34. Baluku Charles Councillor Nyakiyumbu
35. Kabugo Yayeri Councillor Kitswamba.

Heads of Departments

1. Mr. Eseri Ngene Chief Adm. Officer
2. Fortunate Sewankambo Communication Policy and Advocacy Specialist
3. Kaana Mbagu District Fisheries Officer
4. Katungi Robert Fisheries Officer/ILM Partner
5. Salome Katusabe Project Assistant
6. Kagubare Edson M & E Facilitator
7. Tumwine Bright Fisheries Officer Mahyoro
8. Isingoma Joseph Chairman Baliya Community
9. Julius Baluku Fisheries Officer Rukoki/ILM Partner
10. Christopher Bwambale Chairman L.C. III - Lake Katwe
11. Biira Ever Clerk to Council

Agenda

1. Prayer
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Statements
 - Chairperson L.C. III - L. Katwe
 - Representative of ILM
 - District Chairman

Min. 14/2002 Prayers

The Clerk to Council conducted prayer.

Min. 15 / 2002 - Communication from the Chair

After declaration of Hamukungu Fishing village meeting site as Council Chambers, Speaker welcomed all members to the meeting. He noted that the theme of the meeting was to discuss issues affecting the community of Hamukungu and other fishing communities in general.

He thanked the sub-county leadership for having agreed to hold the council meeting in their place.

Ending his communication Speaker asserted that the district is behind the proposed LAGBIMO move and urged councillors to deliberate and ratify LAGBIMO in order to reduce poverty in the fishing areas.

Min. 16 / 2002 Statements

L.C. III Chairman

He welcomed all members present and in a special way welcomed the district leadership. He briefed the meeting on activities in the sub-county, which includes fishing in the low lands, and crop and animal farming in the high lands.

He informed members that the sub-county had undergone production campaigns; constructed sub county Headquarters at Kikorongo and that through ILM the community has been sensitized on conservation of the Lake and on projects that can help the community to improve their livelihood.

He asserted that the ILM project also contributed to the construction of the sub-county headquarters.

On the other hand, the sub-county Chairman reported a number of problems facing the sub-county thus:

- Lack of safe clean water
- Limited land for grazing and cultivation since the sub-county is surrounded by the National Park
- The road to Hamukungu not being motorable during the rainy seasons.

Integrated lake management representative:

Mrs. Fortunate Sewankambo who represented the ILM Coordinator expressed sincere thanks to the district of Kasese for the support to the project both in terms of physical assistance and moral support.

She reiterated that the aim of the project is to encourage sustainable fishing to avoid depletion of the Lake. She reminded members that good fish would attract market both nationally and internationally. She observed that if people export fish, it would be the only way to eradicate poverty in the affected community.

The representative further reminded members that the tangibles in ILM project is big fish catch from Lake George.

Ending her communication, the representative explained that LAGBIMO is an institution, which is hoped to continue the process of sustaining the Lake resources by all stakeholders as integrated Lake Management ILM phases out.

District Chairman

After greeting the people, the District Chairman remarked that TAFMAC collapsed because of poor fish catch and observed that if the catch improved through sustainable fishing, the company would resume.

He reminded members that the Lake does not belong to the people of Hamukungu alone but for the whole district, country and world at large.

Chairman re-affirmed the support for ILM and LAGBIMO and thanked them for what the project has achieved so far.

On another development the District Chairman was upset that in Hamukangu not all children of school going age are at school.

He warned the Local leaders and parents of such children that the district is coming up with a tough bye-law for parents and local leaders sabotaging Government programmes especially in areas of U.P.E. and Immunisation.

He observed that immunisation coverage at the Lake area is below 50% and that this exposes children to a lot of diseases, which kill them out of negligence of their parents.

Ending his submission, the District Chairman thanked L. Katwe sub-county for the achievements they have made and promised district support to their programmes.

Motion 2 / 2002 Ratification of Lake George Basin Integrated Management Organisation LAGBIMO

Motion was presented by the Vice Chairman who is also in charge of natural resources and was unanimously seconded and approved without amendments.

Closure

Speaker thanked everybody for the participation and deliberations and appreciated the mood, in which the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Annex 4

Appreciation of Contributions to the LAGBIMO Constitution Development Process Pursuant to the Decision of the Institutional Development Working Group at its 13th Meeting

Appreciation of Contributions to the LAGBIMO Constitution Development Process Pursuant to the Decision of the Institutional Development Working Group at its 13th Meeting

1. The IDWG at its 13th Meeting considered the contributions made by various organizations and communities to the participatory development of the LAGBIMO Constitution. In addition to the contributions made by national institutions listed in the Preamble of the Constitution and those of partner signatories, it was agreed that special mention should also be made as follows:

1.1 Recognize the special contributions of the local communities at the following fish landing sites for their effective engagement and contributions that facilitated the discussions at all IDWG meetings. Their regular attendance at community consultative meetings and the effective participation of their representatives at IDWG meetings makes the LAGBIMO constitutional development process a truly community led and community driven process;

Hamukungu Fish Landing Site;

Kahendero Fish Landing Site;

Kasenya Fish Landing Site;

Katunguru K Fish Landing Site;

Katunguru B Fish Landing Site;

Kashaka Fish Landing Site;

Mahyoro Fish Landing Site;

Kayinja Fish Landing Site

1.2 Extend appreciation to the Uganda Local Authorities Association (ULAA) for sharing their experiences in constitutional development and practice of cooperation among local governments. The experiences of ULAA has significantly shaped the Constitution of LAGBIMO and their experience will continue to guide the operations of LAGBIMO;

1.3 Extend appreciation to the Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) for unreservedly providing their legal expertise to guide the constitutional drafting process. The background information and legal guidance provided to IDWG provided the basic framework for decision making at IDWG meetings.

1.4 Acknowledge with gratitude the continual support and guidance by the British Department for International Development (DFID) through the

Integrated Lake Management Project to the institutional development process on Lake George.

2. That this decision be included as Annex 4 to the final constitution of LAGBIMO.

Signed,