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# Transboundary Water Management for the Lake Victoria Region



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AND IN SWEDEN, FEBRUARY 22 – 26, 2010

## Invitation

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, Advanced International Training Programmes of strategic importance to the social and economic development in the participants' countries. The International Training Programmes are specially designed for persons qualified to participate in reform processes of strategic importance on different levels and holds a position in home organisation with mandate to run processes of change. This methodology is based on the assumption that your country wish to carry out changes and are willing to invest own resources to achieve these changes. In the long-term perspective the programmes shall contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the participants' countries.

Training is focused on support to individual or team plans for change. The plan shall be well established in the participant's organisation and is a basic part of the programme concept.

In this brochure you will find information on the specific objectives for this particular programme, its content and structure, and how and when to apply. You will also find an application form.

## Transboundary Water Management (TWM)

Water is essential for human development and livelihood support systems. Transcending political, administrative and cultural boundaries, the available freshwater and the benefits it generates must be shared among individuals, economic sectors, intrastate jurisdictions and sovereign nations.

A dialogue on water and its associated benefits and its role in development provides a means for building trust among the parties in a region. Ultimately shared water resources implies an opportunity of influencing regional politics in the direction of increased regional co-operation to lay a foundation for social and political stability, economic prosperity and poverty alleviation.

The now announced training programme provides a meeting place for professionals involved in water issues in the Lake Victoria region, with the aim of building both personal and institutional bridges. The training programme further draws on regional and global experience from transboundary water resources management and discusses legal frameworks and novel techniques for enhancing the broad benefits of shared waters.



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## Programme Objectives

The overall objective of the programme is to strengthen institutions for transboundary water management in the Lake Victoria region.

### Specific Objectives

- Improve the participants' ability and skills for collaborative transboundary water resources management,
- Influence the participants' home organisation to effectively fulfil their mandate in terms of transboundary water resources management activities,
- Support emerging and ongoing transboundary water-related management processes in which the participants are involved.

## Contents

The training programme comprises a wide range of management and institutional aspects of Transboundary Water Management, TWM. A summary of the programme content is presented below;

### Individual Project

As a central part of the programme each participant will undertake an individual project (IP) in relation to a transboundary water management issue. The IP shall focus on a TWM process, in which the participant is currently involved. It should have a strong linkage to the participant's work and organisation. The IP forms the backbone of the individual learning process and feeds back to the home organisation and its activities. Support to the IP will be provided by the programme facilitation team and by peer interaction with fellow participants via group discussions, e-mail and internet based fora.

### Presentations on Transboundary Management

- Strategic communication
- Legal aspects of international and national water laws,
- International conventions on shared waters and their implementation,
- Data management and exchange across international boundaries,

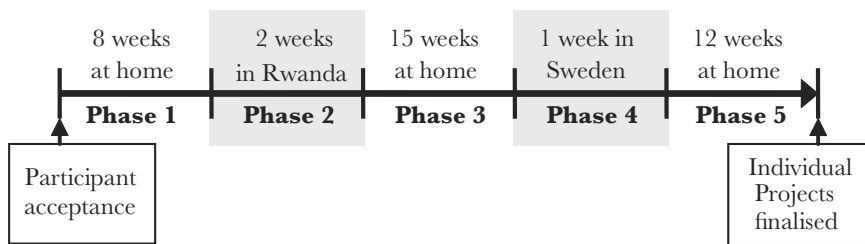
- Processes of dialogue and trust-building between actors in an international lake basin,
- The role of TWM for regional peace and stability, including examples from the Lake Victoria and the Baltic Sea,
- Mechanisms for transferring financial resources across boundaries (polluters pay, benefit sharing etc.).

### Case Studies

- Presentations of relevant TWM case studies from different lake and river basins of the world, including the Baltic Sea and the Mekong River,
- Field visit to the Kagera River, as an example of an on-going TWM process in the Lake Victoria Basin.

### River Basin Commissions

- Development and implementation of basin commissions and transboundary water commissions, including the Nile Basin Initiative.
- Presentation by The Helsinki Commission, (HELCOM) – a



large-scale transboundary process of the Baltic Sea.

- Examples from the Mekong River Commission.

### Role-Play

The programme contains an extensive role-play with focus on stakeholder interaction, negotiation techniques and conflict management. The participants play the roles of different stakeholders in the process of setting up a river basin commission.

## Programme Structure

The training programme consists of five compulsory phases (phases 1–5) including the development of an individual project.

*Phase 1* – Preparation phase where the participant establishes an informal working group and prepares a short presentation of the transboundary process chosen for her/his IP. A start-up workshop is held at the participant's home organisation, attended by a representative of the programme facilitation team.

*Phase 2* – The programme will consist of various presentations, a field visit to the Kagera River, role play, workshops and presentations of the Individual Projects.

*Phase 3* – Intermediate phase where the participants, at their home organisation, are further developing their IP, in collaboration with their respective working group. Each participant is supported through e-mail contact with the facilitation team and participants.

*Phase 4* – Meeting in Sweden including presentation of the Baltic Sea Case, continued group work on the transboundary IP as well as presentations by Swedish TWM expertise.

*Phase 5* – Wrap-up phase where the participant finalises her/his IP. Each participant plans and conducts a seminar with her/his working group to share experiences and lessons

learned from the training programme and to reflect on future opportunities for improved networking and institutional change.

### Date and Place

The programme commences with start-up workshops in late August until early October, after the participants have been accepted. The two weeks scheduled meeting in Rwanda will take place from October 26 – November 6, 2009. The one week scheduled meeting in Sweden will be held during February 22–26, 2010.

### Management and Staff

Ramboll Natura and the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) have the overall responsibility for the implementation of the training programme. Mr. Björn Hansson is the Programme Director and Mr. Anton Earle of SIWI is the Co-Director. The African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS in Kenya) is the regional partner responsible for the phase in Rwanda.

## Participation

Applicants should hold an academic exam and have at least five (5) years professional working experience.

The programme is intended for decision makers, planners, specialists or managers from organisations involved in transboundary water resources management such as;

- Relevant Ministries and Government departments;
- International water commissions and regional cooperation bodies;
- Research organisations;
- Non-Governmental Organisations;
- The private sector e.g. consultancy firms.

Target region is the Lake Victoria region including Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

Only candidates with an official nomination by an appropriate authority or organisation, in the region, will be accepted. To achieve a good gender balance, women are encouraged to apply. In case of two applicants from the same institution, at least one should be a woman.

Due to the character of the programme, family members are not allowed to accompany participants to the programme.

### Language Requirements

The training programme will be conducted in English. Participants shall have proven proficiency in the English language in writing, reading and speaking. An English language-test should be made with an official body in the home country of the applicant, unless the applicant can provide other documentation to support her/his ability. The Swedish Embassies/Consulates do not carry out language tests but may be able to recommend appropriate language institutes for conducting tests.

### Communication

As most communication with the programme secretariat will be made by e-mail, it is important that the applicant has a well functioning e-mail address in regular use.

## Application Process

**Closing date for application is  
June 15, 2009**

Applications submitted after closing date will not be considered.

The application should be written on the special form attached and include a recent photograph and required information and documents. When necessary, the application should be approved by the official nominating authority in the country.

The application should be submitted to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate. If there is no Swedish Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country, the application should be submitted directly to the Programme Secretariat. A copy by e-mail or fax to the Secretariat at Ramboll Natura is recommended. Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail or fax. Once

accepted, the applicant must confirm participation. An acceptance letter will be sent out, containing additional information on the programme and the practical arrangements.

## Cost of Participation

The cost of the programme is divided between a participation fee and accommodation cost. The participation fee covers all training costs such as lectures, literature, documentation, study tours (including travel within Lake Victoria region) and certain social activities. Accommodation costs include board and lodging. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover these costs. Personal expenses are not included.

**International travel costs to and from the meeting in Rwanda (i.e. Phase 2) are not covered by Sida.** The participants shall find funding and make their own travel arrangements from their home country to Rwanda.

Sida will cover the international travel cost in connection to the programme (Phase 4) in Sweden and Ramboll Natura will make all the travel arrangements. The partici-

pant, however, carries costs incurred in travelling to the nearest international airport as well as costs for visa.

## Accommodation

Hotel accommodation is arranged for the full duration of the scheduled phases in Rwanda and in Sweden.

## Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining all visas necessary during all phases of the programme. The visa should be valid for the whole period of the programme and the passport should be valid for three months longer than the entry visa. Inquiries regarding visas to Sweden should be directed to respective Swedish Embassy/Consulate, alternatively other Schengen representation. Participants visiting other countries on their way to or from Sweden must ensure that correct visas are obtained before leaving their home country, especially for countries not included in the Schengen agreement. The costs for obtaining visas are carried by the participant.

For more information about visa to Sweden please look at: [www.migrationsverket.se/english.html](http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.html)

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## Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance during the scheduled programme in Rwanda and in Sweden. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident. Medical and dental check-ups are not included.



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**The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)** is a policy institute that contributes to international efforts to find solutions to the world's escalating water crisis. SIWI advocates future-oriented, knowledge-integrated water views in decision making, nationally and internationally, that lead to sustainable use of the world's water resources and sustainable development of societies. SIWI organises the World Water Week in Stockholm, administers the UNDP Water Governance Facility and the Swedish Water House, and works in a number of international water projects, above all within the policy development and capacity building areas.



**The African Centre for Technical Studies (ACTS)** is an international policy research organisation based in Nairobi, Kenya. The Centre's mission is to enlarge the range of policies for Africa's sustainable development. Its activities focus on implementation of technology policy-related provisions of Agenda 21 and the conventions of bio-diversity, climate change and desertification.

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