Transboundary Water Management for the Lake Victoria Region

In Rwanda, October 25 – November 5, 2010
and in Sweden, February 20 – 25, 2011
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
- 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.)
- Water rights, allocations and decision making.

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.
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.

**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 trans-boundary 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 trans-boundary 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

**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 25 – November 5, 2010. The one week scheduled meeting in Sweden will be held during February 20–25, 2011.

**Management and Staff**

Ramboll Natura and the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) have the overall responsibility for the implementation of the training programme. Ms. Anna Francis Olson 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 trans-boundary 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 test 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 May 7, 2010

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

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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 participant, 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.

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.

For more information about visa to Sweden please look at: www.migrationsverket.se/english.html

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Ramboll Natura AB is an international consulting company in the field of sustainable development. The focus is on environment and natural resources management, including forest, land and water. Ramboll Natura is part of the Ramboll Group, the largest Nordic provider of knowledge service within engineering, management, IT and international development programmes on Integrated Water Resources Management, Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Formal Education, ESD in Higher Education and ESD in a River Basin Context. The Ramboll group has more than 8,000 employees. Ramboll Natura also offers training programmes in Integrated Water Resources Management.

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.