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### ACP FISH II – STRENGTHENING FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN ACP STATES

Project "**Strengthening the capacity of the LVFO and its member states in regional information sharing and communication for the sustainable management of the Lake Victoria fisheries**", ACP Fish II EA-5.1-B21

### Stakeholders consultation on LVFO ICT strategy and website training

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The overall objective of the ACP Fish II Programme is to contribute to the sustainable and equitable management of fisheries in ACP regions, thus leading to poverty alleviation and improving food security in ACP States.

Within its framework the ACP Fish II Project EA-5.1-B21" is aimed to achieving the following main results:

1. An Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Strategy for Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO);
2. A renewed LVFO website, with online interaction tools;
3. Relevant LVFO staff trained in system maintenance and online information sharing using the new website.

From 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013, at the Source of the Nile Hotel, in Jinja, Uganda, two major Project events will take place:

On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> a regional consultation will be held in order to discuss the first of the three results: the draft Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Strategy, prepared by the Project's Key Experts, will be analysed and adapted in accordance with the participants' more-specific knowledge and points of view.

From the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> a training workshop will be held on how to use the new website for regional information sharing and collaboration.

A total of 18 staff will participate in the regional consultation, while 15 staff will be trained in the second workshop. Besides LVFO staff and consultants, there will be IT stakeholders and specialists from the following institutions:

- Kenya: Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI); Kisumu Department of Fisheries Development; Fisheries Nairobi HQ;
- Tanzania: Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (TaFIRI), Dar-es-Salaam/Mwanza; Fisheries Department, Mwanza; Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dar-es-Salaam



- Uganda: National Fisheries Resources Research Institute (NaFIRRI); Dept. of Fisheries Resources, Entebbe.

The two Project's Key Experts will coordinate the regional consultation and conduct the workshop.

The regional consultation will focus on the following: long term overall objective and specific objectives of the ICT strategy; principles to be observed; ICT staff; computing facilities; fundamental data stores; data security; information systems; strategic work plan.

In the training workshop on the new website participants will learn on the following: content management; social media; writing for the web; target groups; domain name and hosting (ISP); administrator's and web-master's work; artistic and quick web-design; hackers; spam; website's statistics, website documentation.

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**Full coverage is welcomed.**

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Renewed LVFO website: <http://www.lvfo.org>



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