The selection process for a first Demonstration Basin

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Background to the demonstration basin selection

During the 1st TAC Meeting held in Entebbe, Uganda (May 6th – 8th 2015)

- TAC members discussed the Situational Analysis Report including a criteria for selecting a demonstration basin for the BRIDGE IGAD work;
- Based on the agreed selection criteria, Juba-Shabelle basin was selected as a demonstration basin;
- This proposal could not proceed due in part to the security situation in one of the riparian states.
Another round of the selection process for the demonstration basin was initiated:

Partners involved in this project discussed and agreed to re-initiate the selection process of the demonstration basin:

1. A set of criteria was agreed upon by the partners;
2. TAC Members were invited to submit EoI taking into account the selection criteria by November 21\textsuperscript{st} 2016 to the IGAD Secretariat;
Criteria for support to a demonstration basin

1. the expression of commitment by all concerned countries;
2. how the benefit assessment exercise could contribute to the strengthening of cooperation in that basin;
3. how the benefit assessment exercise in the proposed basin could be useful to support other cooperation processes in the IGAD region;
4. the proposed basin has the tangible potential for cooperation to catalyze improved relations between upstream and downstream stakeholders;
5. the proposed basin’s riparians agree on the need to explore the potential for cooperation in management and development the shared basin water resources;
6. the proposed basin has sufficient political stability and security to enable effective work to take place; and
7. transboundary cooperation in the proposed basin could enhance regional peace, security, and socio-economic development.
Result

• Only Kenya and Uganda submitted an EoI relating to the Sio-Malaba – Malakisi basin

• Other basins could be proposed and receive support, subject to meeting criteria and to additional funding being secured
Background to Sio-Malaba – Malakisi basin

- Shared by Kenya/Uganda
- Population - 4 Million
- Malaba-Malakisi Catchment – 3782 km² (Mt. Elgon-Lwakhakha / Malakisi-Malaba/Manafwa-Mpologoma-L.Kyoga);
- Sio Catchment – 1448km² [Bungoma/Walatsi/Sio-Lake Victoria].
- Subsistence farming
- Poverty stress, population pressure, degradation of land and water resources

Project Districts
Kenya – Bungoma & Busia counties
Uganda – Bududa, Bugiri, Busia, Butaleja, Manafwa, Namutumba, Mbale, Pallisa and Tororo.
Proposal for selection of SMM as TB Demonstration Basin

Through NELSAP/ Sio Malaba Malakisi Project, substantial work has been undertaken within the basin including identification of potential projects within the SMM basin and as a result bankable regional water infrastructure project prepared. The projects include:

i) Maira/ Lower Sio multipurpose water resources development project,
ii) Sio Sango irrigation development and watershed management project,
iii) Busia, Bungoma, Lwakhakha and Malaba Pollution control projects
iv) sub catchment management plans for Lwakhakha, Middle Malaba, Lower Sio and Middle Malakisi sub catchments and
v) small scale projects implemented to demonstrate benefits and create early confidence to the basin communities.

The benefits accrued could be evaluated and shared with multiple stakeholders through benefit opportunities assessment dialogue or basin vision exercise.
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• The two riparian countries Kenya /Uganda are committed to joint management and development of the water resources within the Sio Malaba Malakisi Basin as exemplified through the MOU signed in 2006 and renewed in 2015.

• The proposed basin has the considerable potential for cooperation and regional integration which could be instrumental to catalyze improved relations amongst stakeholders including the downstream and upstream water users.
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• The Sio Malaba Malakisi Basin is politically stable with no security threats anticipated in the near future.
• Transboundary cooperation within the SMM basin will enhance regional peace, security but also accelerate socio-economic development and reversal of environmental degradation.

The Kenya- Uganda EOI was successful because it met the selection criteria and so SMM was selected as a demonstration Basin.
Thank you so much for your kind attention