
CONVENTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAKE VICTORIA FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

A Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization, which was held in Kisumu, Kenya, on 30 June 1994, adopted the Convention for the Establishment of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO).

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article XIX of its original text, the Convention was signed in Kisumu on 30 June 1994 on behalf of the States listed below and remained open for signature at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome. Membership was open to the riparian States of Lake Victoria.

In accordance with paragraph 4 of Article XIX, the Convention entered into force on 24 May 1996, the date of receipt of the third instrument of ratification. The Convention was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 30 July 1996 under No. 32987.

The Convention was amended in 1998 and in 2016:

At its 2nd Session held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 12 November 1998, the Council of Ministers of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization adopted amendments to the Convention with a view to, *inter alia*, establishing a Policy Steering Committee, and allowing the EAC Secretariat and the designated representatives of key regional projects on the Lake in the three Contracting States to participate in the meetings of the Executive Committee in an observer capacity. In accordance with Article XX of the Convention as adopted in 1994 (corresponding to Article XXI of the Convention as amended in 1998), the amendments entered into force for all Parties thirty days after their adoption, that is on 12 December 1998.

At its 9th Session held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 29 January 2016, the Council of Ministers of the LVFO adopted amendments to the Convention with a view to, *inter alia*, opening membership to all Partner States of the East African Community, and extending the competence of the LVFO to the fisheries and aquaculture resources of the East African Community water bodies. In accordance with Article XXI of the Convention, the amendments entered into force thirty days after their adoption, that is, on 28 February 2016.

Parties to the Convention

The following are the participants that deposited their instruments on the corresponding date indicated:

Participant	Definitive Signature	Ratification	Accession
Burundi			4 Oct 2017
Kenya	30 Jun 1994	24 May 1996	
Tanzania, United Republic of			23 May 1995
Uganda	30 Jun 1994	5 Jan 1996	