

Executive Director

The Executive Director is a senior management appointment, which carries responsibilities to facilitate implementation of the Convention for the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika and the operation of the Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) established under the Convention. The appointment also carries responsibilities to facilitate implementation of the Regional Programme for the Integrated Management of Lake Tanganyika, which will provide funding and technical support to the LTA during its initial period of operation. The Executive Director will be responsible through the Lake Tanganyika Authority Secretariat (LTAS) to the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee (LTMC). A principal initial task of the Executive Director will be to ensure the development of the full Lake Tanganyika Management Committee .

The Executive Director will serve as chief executive officer of the LTA and will direct the and build capacity of the LTAS. The Executive Director will also serve as the principal liaison Officer for the Regional Programme Collaborating Partners: the four riparian Governments (Burundi, DRC, Tanzania and Zambia), the African Development Bank (AfDB), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Conservation Union (IUCN), Global Environment Facility/United Nations Development Program (UNDP/GEF), Nordic Development Fund (NDF) and others. The Executive Director will coordinate and facilitate the work programmes established by the partners, implemented through technical department heads.

Specific Tasks include:

- Direct the LTAS, which provides overall support for the implementation of the Lake Tanganyika Strategic Action Program (SAP) and Fisheries Framework Management Plan (FFMP), to be implemented through the Lake Tanganyika Authority with the support of the Regional Programme;
- Manage LTAS staff, core (non-GEF) budget and assets and lead the LTAS in carrying out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference of Ministers (CoM) and Lake Tanganyika Management Committee (LTMC);
- Facilitate implementation of the Convention and obtain and update information relevant to its implementation;
- Ensure that protocols to the Convention are established to harmonize policies and regulations, to establish regional frameworks, to allow other Basin States to become party to the Convention, and to facilitate the exchange of information under the Convention and its domestication;
- Prepare the overall development and management Plan for the LTAS, including inception plan and report, staffing plans, financial, procurement and personnel rules and regulations and overall work plans, that incorporate guidance from donor partners;
- Financing: develop funding agreements; coordinate and leverage funding at national, regional and international levels in support of the SAP and FFMP; negotiate finance for regional projects and assist national agencies in negotiating finance for national projects;

- **Collaboration and Reporting:** Arrange and support meetings of the Conference of Ministers (CoM) and of the LTMC; serve as Secretary to the CoM and LTMC meetings; and facilitate the effective operation of the LTMC.