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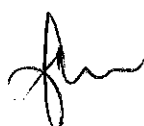
1.0 Introduction

The EAC Partner States are implementing population, health and environmental conservation initiatives in an integrated development approach/model called Population Health and Environment (PHE). The PHE approach seeks to create synergies between the various sectors for the wellbeing and sustainability of human and environmental interactions. The 11th Sectoral Council of Ministers for Lake Victoria Basin (LVB) first approved the PHE approach as an EAC regional initiative for sustainable development in February 2013. It was later by the 28th Ordinary meeting of the EAC Council of Ministers. Subsequently, the 9th Ordinary Meeting of the EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health held in Zanzibar in 2014, directed the EAC Secretariat to develop an overarching EAC regional Population, Health and Environment Strategy (2016-2021).

The EAC PHE Strategic Plan was reviewed by the 15th Sectoral Council of the Lake Victoria Basin and later approved by the 12th Sectoral Council on Health on 22nd June 2016. The Strategic Plan envisions mainstreaming of PHE into national and sub national policies, plans and budgets. Each of the EAC Partner States has been demarcated into PHE Zones as indicated in table 1 below to facilitate scaling up of the PHE approach and build capacity of sub national players.

Table 1: Proposed number of PHE Zones

SN	Partner States	Proposed Number of Zones
1	Republic of Burundi	4
2	Republic of Kenya	11
3	Republic of Rwanda	5
4	United Republic of Tanzania	15
5	Republic of Uganda	10



1.2 CONSTITUTION OF THE BUREAU

Mr. Mike Nsereko, Director Policy Planning and Information, National Environment Management Authority, Chaired the meeting while Mr. Olemo Peter, Senior National Programme Officer, National Population Council Secretariat was the Rapporteur.

1.3 PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

The purpose of the workshop was to establish and operationalize PHE Zones in the Republic of Uganda with inputs from relevant National Stakeholders.

1.4 PARTICIPATION

The Workshop was attended by key PHE Stakeholders in the Republic of Uganda including line Ministries, Departments and Agencies (Health, Population, Agriculture, Environment, Forestry, Education and Research Institutions, among others); NEMA, UBOS, District Population Officers representing clusters of districts that form Uganda's proposed ten (10) PHE Zones; Pathfinder International, Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH). Staff from the EAC Secretariat also participated at the Workshop.

The list of Participants is hereto attached as **Annex I**.

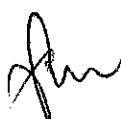
1.6 AGENDA OF THE MEETING

The Agenda and Programme of the meeting are hereto attached as **Annex II and III**.

2.0 OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MEETING

OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairperson **Mike Nsereko, Director Policy Planning and Information, National Environment Management Authority**, welcomed the delegates and noted that the Population Health and Environment (PHE) Approach has the potential to support national and sub national sustainable development efforts. Through the PHE approach, the Government of Uganda and its various planning and implementation units are likely to improve service delivery and attain better efficiencies through integration of goals, actions and resources. With stronger multi-sectoral integration collaboration, the Country development goals as enshrined in the National Development Plan II (15/16 - 19/20), the Vision 2040 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He encouraged the participants to work hard to achieve the objectives of the workshop. He further implored the EAC Secretariat staff to enjoy their stay in Uganda because it's peaceful and also a beautiful Country.



REMARKS BY EAC SECRETARIAT

On behalf of the Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC), **Dr. Michael Katende, Principal HIV and AIDS Officer (PHAO)**, welcomed the delegates and extended his gratitude to the Republic of Uganda for hosting the Workshop. He noted that the PHE Approach has been tested in many parts of the world has been found to be useful in advancing collaborative and sustainable development. He thanked the Republic of Uganda for seeking to expand and improve service delivery through joint multi-sectoral planning which in effect minimises duplication of efforts and wastage of resources. Dr. Katende noted that demarcation of Partner States into PHE Zones will fast track mainstreaming of PHE up to the sub national levels (district and sub county levels) thereby reaching every part of the Country and every population.

He observed that the Sectoral Council of the Lake Victoria Basin, the EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health and the EAC Council of Ministers have guided expansion of the PHE approach in the EAC and that the validated EAC PHE Strategic Plan was approved on 22nd June 2016 by the 12th EAC Sectoral Council on Health and it's scheduled for adoption by the 34th EAC Council of Ministers.

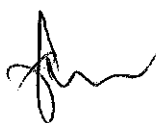
3.0 PRESENTATION OF THE EAC PHE STRATEGIC PLAN (2016-2021)

Dr. Rogers Ayiko, Principal Health Systems and Policy Analysis Officer (PHSPAO), EAC Secretariat presented the EAC Population Health and Environment (PHE) Strategic Plan 2016-2021 noting that it was considered by the 15th Lake Victoria Basin Sectoral Council, approved by 12th EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health on 22nd June 2016 and has been forwarded for adoption by the 34th Meeting of the EAC Council of Ministers. The presentation among others highlighted the following areas of the Strategic Plan: the policy development and stakeholder engagement process, the preliminary elements, Chapter 1 (Introduction), Chapter 2 (Situational Analysis), Chapter 3 (Strategic Framework), Chapter 4 (Implementation Arrangements), Chapter 5 (Monitoring and Evaluation) and Annexures.

The Goal of the EAC PHE Strategic Plan is to contribute towards a healthy, innovative and prosperous people living in a sustainably healthy environment through the implementation of integrated Population-Health-Environment (PHE) initiatives and programmes.

The strategic objectives are:

- i. To advocate for adoption and scale up of PHE as a model for sustainable development at all levels;
- ii. To promote multi-Sectoral collaboration, coordination and partnerships for PHE integration at all levels;



- iii. To develop and strengthen the institutional and technical capacity to implement integrated PHE activities;
- iv. To Mobilize resources for implementation of PHE; and
- v. To develop capacity in generation, documentation, sharing of best practices and use of evidence on PHE

The presentation is hereto attached as **Annex IV**.

The meeting commended the EAC Secretariat and LVBC for the good work done in developing the PHE Strategic Plan 2016 - 2021. Participants made the following observations:

- a) The PHE has come timely to strengthen on-going national efforts to deepen and widen multi-sectoral collaboration within the framework of the National Planning and budgeting processes.
- b) The PHE approach seems to focus more on the Health, Environment and Population sectors and less on other related ones such as Education.
- c) The diverse advantages may not be realised if the PHE approach is not effectively scaled up to the community level.
- d) The environmental protection is everyone's business and efforts to protect the environment e.g. through conducting scheduled general community cleaning exercises, environmental impact assessments, issuance of Certificates of Environmental Compliance and planned environmental impact mitigations for all major projects at national and sub national levels.
- e) Private for profit sector is currently inadequate and needs to be strengthened.
- f) Harmonization of PHE policies, strategies and tools at the regional level is critical to advancing national scale up as it provides opportunities for learning among the EAC Partner States.

4.0 DISCUSSIONS ON STRENGTHENING PHE, COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP THROUGH APPROPRIATE ZONING OF THE COUNTRY

Dr. Rogers Ayiko, Principal Health Systems and Policy Analysis Officer (PHSPAO), EAC Secretariat made a presentation on demarcation of Partner States into PHE Zones with a view of facilitating scale up of the PHE model to

Sub national (district and sub county) public sector and public sector players.

The criteria used for zoning were highlighted as follows: geographical land mass, population size, type and nature of the ecosystem, the need to optimize logistical and operational capabilities, the need to use sub national areas currently used for coordination of PHE activities or statistical regions used by the National Bureaux of Statistics. The advantages of PHE zoning include better



monitoring, evaluation and reporting; multi-sectoral coordination, coverage of underserved areas/populations and leveraging of resources.

The presentation is hereto attached as **Annex VI**.

5.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL ROADMAP AND BUDGET FOR OPERATIONALIZATION OF PHE ZONES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NATIONAL AND ZONAL PHE FOCAL PERSONS IN UGANDA

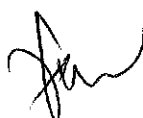
The prototype tools and templates for the National Roadmap, budget and Terms of Reference for the National and Zonal PHE Coordinators/Focal Persons were presented.

Participants updated the tools and templates during group work. The updated National Roadmap, budget and Terms of Reference for the National and Zonal PHE Coordinators/Focal Persons were adopted in the plenary and are hereto attached as **Annexes VII, VIII and IX** respectively. The meeting further formed the ten (10) PHE Zones.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The national multi-stakeholder workshop made the following recommendations:

- a) Took note of the contents and spirit of the EAC Population Health and Environment Strategic Plan (2016 – 2021)
- b) Approved the following ten (10) PHE Zones and their respective Sub Zones (districts)
 - Zone 1: KCCA- Central, Kawempe, Makindye, Nakawa and Rubaga Divisions
 - Zone 2: Central 1 (Bukomasimbi, Butambala, Gomba, Kalangala, Kalungu, Lwago, Lyantonde, Masaka, Mpigi, Rakai, Sembabule and Wakiso)
 - Zone 3: Central II (Buikwe, Buvuma, Kayunga, Kiboga, Kyankwanzi, Luwero, Mityana, Mubende, Mukono, Nakaseke and Nakasongola)
 - Zone 4: Eastern I (Bugiri, Buyende, Iganga, Jinja, Kaliro, Kamuli, Kuuka, Mayuge, Namayingo and Namutumba)
 - Zone 5: Eastern II (Amuria, Budaka, Bududa, Bukedea, Bukwo, Bulambuli, Busia, Butaleja, Kaberamaido, Kapchorwa, Katakwi, Kibuku, Kumi, Manafwa, Mbale, Ngora, Pallisa, Serere, Sironko, Soroti and Tororo)
 - Zone 6: Central North (Agago, Alebtong, Amolatar, Amuru, Apac, Dokolo, Gulu, Kitgum, Kole, Lamwo, Lira, Nwoya, Omoro, Otuke, Oyam and Pader)
 - Zone 7: Karamoja (Abim, Amudat, Kaabong, Kotido, Moroto, Napak, and Nakapiripirit)
 - Zone 8: Mid Western (Bulisa, Bundibugyo, Hoima, Kabarole, Kagadi, Kamwenge, Kasese, Kibaale, Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo, Kiryandongo, Masindi and Ntoroko,)
 - Zone 9: North West (Adjumani, Arua, Koboko, Maracha, Moyo, Nebbi, Yumbe and Zombo)

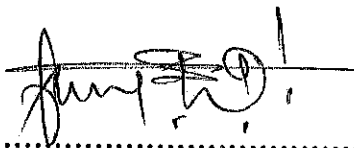


- Zone 10: South Western (Buhweju, Bushenyi, Ibanda, Isingiro, Kabale, Kanungu, Kiruhura, Kisoro, Mbarara, Mitooma, Ntungamo, Rubirizi, Rukungiri and Sheema)
- c) Adopted the draft National Roadmap and Budget for operationalization of PHE Zones in the Republic of Uganda
 - d) Adopted the draft Terms of Reference for the National and Zonal PHE Coordinators/Focal Persons
 - e) Urged the Republic of Uganda to further rationalize the costed National Roadmap and Budget for operationalization of PHE Zones through the relevant national coordination mechanisms.
 - f) Direct the EAC Secretariat in collaboration with the Lake Victoria Basin Commission to support the Republic of Uganda in its efforts to scale up the PHE model through the established PHE Zones and Sub Zones (Districts and Sub Counties).

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5.00pm.

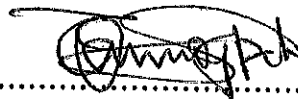
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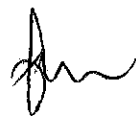
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