



Nile Basin Initiative
Applied Training Project

**REPORT OF THE
NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR NILE NET,**

*White sands Hotel-Dar es salaam, Tanzania
7th –8th August, 2006*

1.0 Introduction

The country workshop for formation of Nile-net Tanzania chapter was conducted at White Sands hotel, Dar es Salaam from 7th to 8th August 2006. The workshop drew participants from all over the country representing different geographical areas and institutions. Most notably the workshop was attended by all except one basin water officers of the nine water basins in the country. The Ministry of Water was well represented with the attendance of the Permanent secretary, who officiated the inauguration of the workshop on the morning of 7th August, 2006. All members of the National Secretariat of ATP and a representative from the ATP PUM office in Cairo attended the workshop.

2.0 Attendance and representation

All in total the workshop attracted 60 participants from different parts of the country and institutions. These included basin water officers, researchers from universities, research and training institutes, government officials, utilities and representatives of other NBI project representatives. The inaugural ceremony was also attended by ATP sponsored students at the University of Dar es Salaam. The list participants who attended the workshop is given in appendix A1.

3.0 Workshop presentations and discussions

The presentations were made during the workshop according to the program as appear in appendix A2. The main objective of presentations was to introduce the ATP project and ATP sponsored network such that it would be easier for the participants to imagine how the expected country chapter would look like. A keynote speaker spoke generally about the networks, their advantages and characteristics to inform the participants of the need for having a country network. Participants had time to ask questions and obtain clarification of various issues regarding the ATP project and its networks as well as other networks of the NBI. The ATP representative also used the time to announce important announcements regarding grants for research, staff exchange and capacity building in Integrated Water Resources Management.

4.0 Formation of the Nile-net Tanzania chapter

The process of formation of the Nile-net Tanzania chapter started with organization of the workshop by the ATP National Project Secretariat. Invitations were sent to various stake holders in the integrated water resources management including research and training institutions (ministry of agriculture), universities, government departments with stake in water resources management, utilities and representatives of other NBI networks and projects. Most of the invitees attended and actively participated in the discussion for the formation of the Nile-net Tanzania chapter.

4.1 Methodology

The ATP national secretariat which is coordinating the formation of the network prepared a presentation which was presented by the National Project Coordinator on the structure of the National Network. This was followed by discussion in two groups on the various aspects of the network including objectives, mission and the organizational structure. The idea was that at the end of the workshop the participants would have agreed on the need for having the country and the structure of the network.

4.2 Results

The result of the exercise is a tentative structure of the network which was proposed by the workshop participants. This may be summarized as follows

4.2.1 Vision and Mission

The workshop participants agreed to adopt the vision of the NBI slightly adopted to Tanzanian case and stated as “to achieve sustainable socio-economic development through the proper utilization of and benefit from countries’ water resources.

The mission of the network was also adopted from the NBI missions and is spelt as “to enable stakeholders in the country to sustainably utilize water resources through human and institutional capacity building, create knowledge, information sharing and effective collaboration and networking at national, regional and international levels.

4.2.2 Objectives

The members agreed to have four main objectives for the Tanzania chapter of the Nile net.

i) Capacity Building and Training

- To strengthen the overall human and institutional capacity delivering IWRM training and education activities.
- To increase the accessibility to training and education in IWRM for Tanzanian youth, scientists, researchers and water related professionals.
- To enhance knowledge of IWRM among policy makers in the country through appreciation seminars and short courses.

ii) Coordinate research

- To stimulate and strengthen applied research in the country in the field of IWRM.
- To develop tools to manage problems in IWRM in the basins.
- To increase accessibility of research materials such as journals and technical reports to facilitate generation of problem solving researches.

iii) Promote cooperation and networking

- To stimulate national, regional and international co-operation in the field of education, research and capacity building in IWRM.
- To combine scattered strengths of institutions into critical mass in order to maximize use of local skills and enhance local ownership and relevance of capacity building.

iv) Promote information and knowledge sharing

- To encourage and facilitate sharing of knowledge and expertise through communication and collaboration in order to develop a better learning environment in the country.

4.2.3 Core values

Commitment to high quality research products and adhering to the standard professional practice.

4.2.4 Activities

See group 1 discussion presentation

4.2.5 Criteria for membership

See group 1 discussion presentation

4.2.6 Mechanisms for effective networking

See group 1 discussion presentation

4.2.7 Linkage with the regional network

See group 1 discussion presentation

4.2.8 Organizational structure

The participants proposed the network to be formed as an association which will have a constitution governing its conduct. The proposed structure consists of the General assembly, national executive committee, national director and secretariat and the members in various capacities.

4.2.9 Duties and responsibilities

The general assembly will be the supreme will be to elect the members of the national executive committee, approving strategic plan of the network and approve/amend the constitution.

The national executive committee (NEC) would be the overall overseer of the network. NEC will recruit the national director who will be required to report to the committee the progress of the network at regular schedule. NEC will also be responsible approving annual work plan as well as planning and sourcing funds for implementing the plans.

The National director reports to the NEC and will have the following duties

- Manage day to day operations of the network
- Dissemination of information to institutional members, stakeholders, members & reception of information from available sources
- Follow-up the maintenance of the network
- Preparing and compiling research findings, journals and pamphlets
- Follow-up maintenance of network

The duties and responsibilities of normal members will be to participate in all network activities, support and promote the network. The network will also have institutional members like universities. These will be treated as special members who are expected to provide the infrastructure for training, research and innovations.

5.0 Handing over computers for capacity building

The handing over of 10 computers donated by the ATP project for teaching and research at the University of Dar es Salaam was done on the evening of 7th August, 2006. The handing over ceremony was attended by the Chief academic officer University of Dar es Salaam who received the computers on behalf of the university and the principal college of engineering which hosts the Masters of Integrated Water Resources Management program for which the computers were donated.

Appendix A1: List of participants from different organization

S/no	Name	Organisation
1	Dr William Kudoja	ATP- secretariat
2	Prof. Mashauri, D.A.	COET
3	Dr. Kimaro, T.A.	COET
4	Dr. Kimwaga, R.	COET
5	Ms. Subira, M	COET
6	Mr. Shaibu Hassan Geugeu	Lake Tanganyika Basin Water Office
7	Mr. Aloyce Mwitagila	Lake Nyasa Basin Water Office
8	Mr. Joseph Simon Nassary	Internal Drainage Basin Water Office
9	Mr. Lawrence W. Mbuya	Lake Rukwa Basin Water Office
10	Mr. Rayson Mhabuki	Lake Victoria Basin Water Office
11	Mr. Hamza Sadiki	Pangan Basin Water Office
12	Mr. Alloice J. Kaponda	Ruvuma River Basin Office
13	Mr. Julius Dosla Sarmet	Wami Ruvu Basin Water Office
14	Mr. Mwaruvanda Willie Ntuta	Rufiji Basin Water Office
15	Prof. P.K.T. Munishi	Sokoine University of Agriculture
16	Prof. H. Mahoo	Sokoine University of Agriculture-Dept of Agric. Engineering
17	Prof. Nuhu Hatibu	ASARECA
18	Mr. V. Nkwame	Arusha Times
19	Dr. Nyaki	MATI-Mlingano
20	Zacharia J. Malley	MATI-Uyole
21	Dr. Munyaka	MATI-Ilonga
22	Mr. Benedict Michael	RWI
23	Mr. Emmanuel Munda	Ministry of Water
24	Mr. M. Mbwambo	Ministry of Energy
25	Mr. Johnathan Mgaiwa	RWI
26	Mr. W. Mutayoba	Ministry of Water
27	Paschal Hamuli	Chalinze Water Supply Company

Appendix 2: Proposed organizational structure of Tanzania Chapter Nile net

