

## APPENDICES

Advice on Screening for SEA for Lake Levels in the  
Nile Equatorial Lake Region  
-East Africa-

(Appendices 1 to 3)

## APPENDIX 1

**By e-mail dated 30 March 2006 - with attached letter dated 29 March -,  
the First Secretary of the Embassy of the Netherlands charged with  
Natural Resources Great Lakes Region requested the NCEA for assistance  
regarding the dwindling lake levels in East Africa**

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Overview of issues and priorities

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Request regarding dwindling lake levels in East  
Africa

Gertjan Tempelman (HOS Kigali)

Dear Mr. S. Morel,

Given the dramatically dwindling lake levels in East Africa and after consultation with my colleagues in the region and the Hague, it is my intention to request a SEA in support of the possible definition of a strategy to address this issue.

As a first step, I would like to request the EIA Commission to advise on guidelines for the SEA, including a problem analysis, the design of the process and a framework for the SEA. At this stage, the problem analysis in particular is essential.

For this first step, I request the Commission to involve the colleagues listed under cc in the e-mail to which letter this is attached and to take the issues and priorities in the attachment as the starting point.

On the basis of the resulting guidelines, I will decide together with the colleagues in the cc-list on requesting one (or more) SEA(s) and by whom. With regard to the planning, I would like to propose a quick start given

the urgency of some of the issues. I suggest a phased approach (starting with the priority issues) starting no later than May 1 2006, with a total duration of about 12 months, of which about 3 months for the guidelines (depending also on time made available by partners) and about 7 months for the SEA. This would allow time for an evaluation of the SEA within the year.

Best regards, Maresa Oosterman

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## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Project Information**

The course of water levels of the Nile Equatorial lakes shows much variations in time, illustrating the large climate variability in the region. During the early sixties, water levels rose in nearly all Lakes due to a number of consecutive extremely wet years. In the past five years the water levels of the lakes fell dramatically. The lakes support a series of economic activities that, due to the falling levels have come under stress.

### **Proposed Activity:**

The Netherlands embassies in the Nile riparian countries requested the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) to analyse whether in the long run there is a problem with the lake levels. If the answer to that question would be affirmative, the embassies intended to invite riparian governments to formulate (with the help of a Strategic Environmental Assessment) a strategy to mitigate the problem and/or cope with its consequences.

**Category:** DAC/CRS code: 23010 Energy policy and administrative management, 14010 Water resources policy and administrative management, 14015 Water resources protection, 14040 River Development, 23065 Hydro-electric power plants

**Projectnumber:** 066

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