### Nile Basin Initiative (NBI)
Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program (NELSAP)

### WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY UPDATE

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#### ABOUT NELSAP
The Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program (NELSAP) is an investment program under the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) that promotes investments in power development, power transmission interconnection and power trade, water resources management, management of lakes and fisheries, agricultural development, and control of water hyacinth. In response to this mandate, the countries of the NELSAP i.e. Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda have identified a number of water resources and power projects to: “Promote poverty alleviation, stimulate economic growth, and reverse environmental degradation in the Sub-basin”.

### NELSAP projects earmarked under the African Development Bank (AfDB) New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) Infrastructure Project Preparation Fund (IPPF) for 2016-2020

The AfDB together with the NEPAD – PPF Secretariat organized for a development and validation of NEPAD-IPPF project pipeline-2016-2020 meeting in Nairobi on April 14-15, 2016, where NELSAP Regional Coordinator Eng. Elicad Nyabeeya, NELSAP Program Officer for Regional Power & Trade Ms. Grania Rubomboras and NELSAP Program Officer for Water Mr. Maro Andy Tola attended. Normally, NEPAD–IPPF responds to project preparation needs for regional infrastructure projects across Africa in energy, transport, trans-boundary water, transport and ICT emanating from continental initiatives. NELSAP projects portfolio of US$ 1.4 billion requesting a total of US$ 53 million as project preparation fund were included into the NEPAD-IPPF Business and Strategic Plan for the period 2016-2020.

### NELSAP World Bank Nile Cooperation for Results (NCORE) projects in the Sio-Malaba/Malakisi, Mara and Kagera Rivers Sub-basins are ongoing

The Nile Cooperation for Results (NCORE) project is a US$15.3 million, three-year project, funded through the Nile Basin Trust Fund (US$13.8 million) and Cooperation in International Waters in Africa (CIWA) trust fund (US$1.5 million). NCORE was designed to build on previous work of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) and the comparative advantage of its centers. The development objective of the project is “to facilitate cooperative water resource management and development in the Nile Basin.” The project comprises of three components, each being carried out by one of the NBI centers, the Secretariat (Nile-SEC), the Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU) and the Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO). NELSAP CU is implementing NCORE project **Component 2**, whose objective is: “Promotion of sustainable development and planning in the NEL Region”. This component is supporting NELSAP CU to identify and prepare strategic cooperative investments’ in the NEL Region.

Achievements to date under sub-component 2(a):

1. Eleven (11) Profiles for irrigation development projects in five NEL countries of Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda with combined command area of 62,000 Ha prepared. Kano Plains (Kenya), Akagera & Kigali & Sake (Rwanda), Aweil & Jebel Lado &Pagerau (South Sudan), Biharamulo (Tanzania), and Acaba & Lumbuye & Rwimi (Uganda);
2. LEAF II Project between DR Congo & Uganda (approval stage);
3. Nyimur WRD Project between South Sudan & Uganda (Stage: Project implementation);
4. Fourteen (14) Concepts notes developed for the three RBM Projects (5 for Sio-Malaba/Malakisi (SMM), 5 for Mara, and 4 for Kagera);
The overall goal of this project is to (a) contribute towards implementation of both national components and a Regional Power Action Plan (ESIA/RAP) within the Aswa River Basin, part of the Upper Nile Basin. The project is supported by the African Water Facility (AWF) of the Africa Development Bank (AfDB) and its cost will cost Euro €1,975,102 to fund the studies. The feasibility studies consultant is already on the ground and the ESIA & RAP consultant is expected to start work in May, 2016.

Nyimur Multipurpose Water Resources Development Project On July 7, 2015, NELSAP launched the Nyimur Multipurpose Water Resources Project, which is a trans-boundary project between the Republics of Uganda and South Sudan. The overall goal of this project is to conduct feasibility studies and Environmental and Social Impact Assessments/ Resettlement Action Plan (ESIA/RAP) within the Aswa River Basin, part of the Upper Nile River Basins. The project is supported by the African Water Facility (AWF) of the Africa Development Bank (AfDB) and its cost will cost Euro €1,975,102 to fund the studies. The feasibility studies consultant is already on the ground and the ESIA & RAP consultant is expected to start work in May, 2016.

Lakes Edward & Albert Integrated Fisheries and Water Resources Management Project This is a US$ 23.75 million transboundary integrated fisheries and water resources management project funded through an AfDB loan to Uganda (UA 5 million) and AfDB grant to DR Congo (UA 6 million) for the national components; and an US$ 8 million grant from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) to NELSAP to manage the regional component, and a contribution of UA 0.23 million from NELSAP CU. The overall goal of the Project (LEAF II) is to “assist Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda to develop and implement coordinated approaches and planning frameworks for poverty reduction and sustainable livelihoods for men and women (in the local fishing communities) within Lakes Edward and Albert basin through sustainable transboundary management of natural resources of Lakes Edward and Albert. The project will contribute to broad-based poverty alleviation and improvement of livelihoods of people, by supporting sustainable management of shared natural resources of the Lakes Edward and Albert basin, which many communities depend upon. The project objective is to ensure sustainable utilization of fisheries and allied natural resources of the Lakes Edward and Albert Basin through harmonized legal framework and policies. This will be achieved by supporting interventions in two domains viz: (a) fisheries resources development and management and (b) integrated water resources management. The GEF funds, contribute towards implementation of both components. The project is expected to officially start in May, 2016.

Upcoming Events
- Nile Basin Water Analysis Workshop, April 27-29, 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
- Nile Basin Strategic Plan Development Meeting, May 4-5, 2016 in Entebbe, Uganda;
- Nile Basin Investment Projects Conference, June 2, 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya;