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LAKE CHAD REGION RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PROLAC)

**FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKE CHAD BASIN**



AGENDA OF THE EVENTS

Date: 11-12 April 2022, **Venue:** *International Conference Centre, Abuja*

Time: 09:00 a.m.

OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM

The Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Basin is organized by the *Lake Chad Basin Commission and the Governments of the Republics of Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria via the Lake Chad Recovery and Development Project (PROLAC)* and the *Multi-sectoral Crisis Recovery Project for North-Eastern Nigeria (MCRP)*.

The Forum convenes development practitioners to a dialogue on development strategy and operational solutions to address the challenges of climate change and conflict, support economic recovery, repair the social contract, and address the needs of women, youth and the most vulnerable in the Lake Chad region.

This first edition of the Forum will focus on the following themes and framing questions:

- **Climate change and natural resource management:** What does the latest research say about climate change trends and their impact on agriculture and natural resource management in the LC region? What lessons can be learned from prior operations on adaptive measures suitable for the region, and approaches to better integrate climate considerations into local development planning? How can these lessons inform a better integrated regional strategy for climate resilience and adaptation?
- **Peace and security:** What is the role of development actors in addressing drivers of fragility and supporting the stabilization of the region? What are the impacts of insecurity on the capacity of development actors to deliver operations, and how can we better navigate these challenges?
- **Local governance and social cohesion:** What role for the local population, women and youth, civil society and traditional authorities in local governance and development in the Lake Chad region? How can we support greater engagement between local government and citizens in improving the local economy and the sustainable management of natural resources?

These topics will be discussed in plenary panel discussions on Day 1.

On Day 2, smaller group workshops will host more in-depth technical discussions on some of the above topics. Workshops will invite practitioners to share lessons learned from past and ongoing operations, and exchange on challenges and solutions related to climate resilience, local governance and citizen engagement and social cohesion in the Lake Chad region (see Day 2 agenda). Participants will be invited to formulate recommendations for a better integrated development strategy for the region.

These recommendations will be consolidated in a final joint statement, with a view to informing the Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience of the Areas of Lake Chad Basin Affected by Boko Haram (RSS), as well as the strategies and programs of development actors including the Lake Chad Recovery and Development Project (PROLAC) and the Multi-sectoral Crisis Recovery Project for North-Eastern Nigeria (MCRP).

8.00-10.30	SESSION 1: OPENING CEREMONY [PLENARY] moderator: Ms Inya Ode, Journalist, Event Anchor	
8.00-9.30	Arrival and Registration	All
9.30-9.35	National Anthem	All
9.35-9.45	Welcome Remarks and Setting of Tone by MD/CEO of North-East Development Commission (NEDC)	Mr. Mohammed G. Alkali, Managing Director/CEO, NEDC
9.45- 9.55	Remarks by the Executive Secretary of LCBC	Ambassador Mamman Nuhu Executive Secretary of LCBC,
9.55-10.00	Remarks by the Country Director of the World Bank for Nigeria	Shubham Chaudhuri Country Director, World Bank
10.00-10.10	INTERLUDE	
10.10-10.15	Remarks by the Chairman, North-East Governors' Forum	His Excellency Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, FNSE, mni, Chairman, North-East Governors' Forum/Executive Governor of Borno State
10.15-10.25	Remarks by the Chairman, Lake Chad Basin Governors' Forum	His Excellency Mr. Midjiyawa Bakari, Governor of Far North Region Cameroon
10.25- 10.30	Remark by Chairman of Council of Ministers of Lake Chad Basin Commission.	Engr. Suleiman H. Adamu, Honorable Minister of Water Resources of the Federal republic of Nigeria
10.30-10.35	Goodwill message by the Honorable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja	Muhammad Musa Bello Honorable Minister Federal Capital Territory (FCT))
10.35- 10.45	Remark by the Supervising Minister of MCRP/PROLAC, Nigeria	Hajiya Sadiya Umar Farouq Honorable Minister, Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development
10.45- 10.50	Opening Remarks by the Special Guest of Honor	His Excellency, The Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Prof Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON,
10.50-11.00	Official Photographs of VIPs	
11.00- 11.15	Coffee Break	
11.05-14.35	SESSION 2: CLIMATE CHANGE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND LIVELIHOODS IN THE REGION <i>Panel discussion moderated by Prof Zakaria Ousmane Ramadane, from Chadian Center for Strategic Studies and Prospective Analysis: CETES, N'Djamena, Chad</i>	

11.05-11.15	Opportunities and challenges of the Lake Chad Region, the role of LCBC and Objectives of the Annual Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region by the Technical Director, LCBC	Mr. Hycinth Banseka Technical Director, Lake Chad Basin Commission
11.15-11.25	<i>Climate change and the Lake Chad: analysis of environmental risks</i>	Presenters: Dr Garba Sambo, Prof Mohammed Mala Daura, University of Maiduguri
11.25-11.35	<i>Problems of the exploitation of natural resources of the Lake Chad Basin</i>	Dr Hadiza Kiari Fougou the University of Diffa
11.35- 11.45	<i>Climate change and agricultural production in the Lake Chad Basin</i>	Dr. AMADOU IDRISSA BOKOYE, Physician environmental sciences and climate, Quebec, Canada
11.45-11.55	<i>Climate Change and Water Resources</i>	Prof Florence Sylvestre, Paleo-climatologist, Director of Research IRD-University of N'Djamena-CHAD
11.55- 12.25	Question-and-Answer Session	All Participants
13.35-14.35	Lunch Break	
14.35-17.10	SESSION 3: PEACE, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS IN THE REGION <i>Panel discussion moderated by Prof. Maikorema Zakari (University Abdou Moumouni, Niamey)</i>	
14.35-14.45	<i>Genesis, expansion, and cause of persistence of violent extremism in the Lake Chad Basin</i>	Prof. Ibrahim Umara, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria [Presenter] Dr. ZAKINET DANGBET, Pastoralist, Director of Research and Innovation/MESRI
14.45-14.55	<i>Regional Strategy for the Stabilization (RSS), Recovery and Resilience of the Areas of Lake Chad Basin Affected by Boko Haram</i>	Dr. CHIKA CHARLES ANIEKWE, Coordinator, Regional Stabilisation Strategy Secretariat (RSS/LCBC)
14.55-15.05	<i>Post-security Management of the crisis by Member Countries of the Lake Chad Basin: surrender and insertion of ex-combatants and vigilantes committee members</i>	Prof. Issa Saibou, University of Maroua, Cameroon

15.05-15.15	<i>Crisis and development in the Lake Chad region</i>	Dr. Charline Range, Specialist of the Lake Chad, NGO GRET, Paris, France (In Virtual)
15.15-15.45	Questions and Answers Session	All Participants
15.45-16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00-16.45	SESSION 4: LOCAL GOVERNANCE, SOCIAL COHESION AND AGENTS OF RESILIENCE Panel discussion moderated by <i>Mr. Alioune Tine Fondateur d'Africajon Center (Dakar), Senegal</i>	
16.00-16.20	<i>Role of Women and Youth in Development and Peace Research in the Lake Chad Basin: Experience of Member States, Nigeria and Cameroon</i>	Mr. Mansour Adam Djibrine President National Uouth Council of the Departmental of Logone and Chari, Cameroon And Nigeria
16.20-16.40	<i>Mission of the Traditional Rulers in the search and maintenance of peace in the Lake Chad Basin: Experience of Member States, Niger and Chad</i>	Katiellou GASSO ABDOU, Traditional Ruler, MAINE SOROA - Niger And Moussa MBODOMI, Traditional Ruler, Amerom, Doudoum local Government, Ngouri, Tchad
16.40-16.50	<i>Governance and Natural resources management in the Sahel and in the Lake Chad Basin</i>	Gilles Yabi (Think Tank Wathi) (In virtual)
16.50-17.00	<i>Improving the resilience of the populations to climate change effects</i>	Prof. Koussoumna Libaa, University of Maroua (Virtual)
17.00-17.30	Questions and Answers Session	All Participants
	End of 1st Day	
DAY 2 – TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS		
9.30-9.45	Review of Day 1	Dr Mohammed Danjuma and Mr Hycinth Banseka
9.45-9.55	Expectations for Day 2	Prof Umar Bobboi & Mr. Nicolas Perrin
9.55-11.55	OPERATIONAL WORKSHOPS <i>Three parallel 2-hour workshops in separate rooms. Practitioners will be invited to share lessons learned from past and ongoing operations, and exchange on challenges and solutions related to climate resilience, local governance and citizen engagement and social cohesion in the Lake Chad region</i>	

Room A	Workshop 1. Solutions for climate resilience in the LC region	Moderator: Dr ALI Abdelrahmane Haggar (University of N'Djamena)
	<u>Presentation (10 mn):</u> <i>Climate change adaptation measures, the experience of the GIZ/LCBC Project</i>	Dr. Chetima Boukar, Expert in Climate Change Adaptation TGIZ/LCBC Project "Applied Water Resources Management in the Lake Chad Basin (In virtual)
	<u>Presentation (10 mn):</u> <i>PRESIBALT, an intervention to strengthen the resilience of socio-ecological systems in the Lake Chad Basin.</i>	Na'Andi Maman Taher, Regional Coordinator of PRESIBALT
	<u>Presentation (10 mn):</u> Improving the management of Lake Chad through the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan (SAP),	Mr. Diawoye Konte, Coordinator of GEF/UNDP/LCBC/Project
	<u>Small group discussions (90mn):</u> Groups discuss the following points (45 mn), then report back (45 mn) •	Workshop 1 Moderator
Room B	Workshop 2. Supporting local governance in the LC region	Moderator: Pr Alou Mahaman Tidjani (University Abdou Moumouni, Niamey)
	Presentation (10 mn): Lessons and experience in supporting local development in the Lake Chad region	Mr. Almoustapha Soumaila, ABC Ecology (Association for collective well-being and ecology) : Niger
	<u>Small group discussions (90mn):</u> Groups discuss the following points (45 mn), then report back (45 mn) •	Workshop 2 moderator
Room C	Workshop 3. Engaging citizens, women and youth and building social cohesion in the LC region	Moderator: Pr. Maikorema Zakari (University Abdou Moumouni, Niamey)

	<u>Presentation (10mn): Citizen engagement and social inclusion: lessons from the Lake Chad Inclusive Economic and Social Recovery Project (RESILAC)</u>	Hélène Ronceray, Regional Coordinator of the RESILAC Project
	<u>Presentation (10 mn): Connectivity and mobility investments and their impact on rural communities in the Lake Chad Basin</u>	Dr Awat HISSEINE MAHAMAT, University of N'Djamena
	<u>Small group discussions (90mn):</u> Groups discuss the following points (45 mn), then report back (45 mn) •	Workshop 3 moderator
11.55- 12.10	Coffee Break	All Participants
12:10-13:00 SESSION 6: DATA, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT		Moderated by Prof. Ibrahim Baba Goni, University of Maiduguri
12.10 – 12.20	<i>Fragility risks and resilience factors in the Lake Chad Region</i>	Catherine Defontaine World Bank (Virtual)
12.20 – 12.30	<i>Bio-physical indicators for monitoring agro-ecosystems to assess the vulnerability of communities</i>	Prof Brice Sinsin, University of Abomey Calavi-Benin
12.30 – 12.40	<i>Using big data to develop climate/conflict fragility profiles in the Sahel region</i>	Manuel Figueredo Thomson, World Bank (Virtual)
12:40 – 13:00	<i>Questions and Answers</i>	
13.00-13.40	Lunch Break	All Participants
13.40-15.00	Drafting of Forum declaration	Dr. Sitou Lawali, Reader, University Dan Dicko of Maradi
15.00- 17.00 CLOSING SESSION		
15.00- 15.15	Adoption of Forum declaration	All Participants
15.15- 16.25	Votes of Thanks by Host Country	Dr Mohammed Danjuma
16.25-16.55	Closing remark by the Supervising Minister of MCRP/PROLAC, Nigeria	Hajiya Sadiya Umar Farouq Honorable Minister, Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development
16.55-17.00	VIP Photo session	VIP

17.00-17.20	Press Conference by the Forum Organizing Committee	Members of the LOC
17.20- 17.30	Closing ceremony	All Participants