

**DECLARATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS DURING THE THIRD
MEETING OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY,
UVIRA. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO. August
18-21st 2009**

On August 21st 2009, We, Ministers of the Republics of Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Republic of Zambia in charge of implementing The Convention on Sustainable Management of the Lake Tanganyika, participated in the Third Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers, held in Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo.

We collectively considered the following matters:

1. Draft Lake Tanganyika Authority Headquarters Agreement;
2. Draft Rules of Procedures;
3. Draft Financial Regulations;
4. Draft Staff Rules and Condition of Service;
5. The Lake Tanganyika Authority and National Coordinating Units Activity Reports including supporting projects at both regional and national levels;
6. Consideration of the candidate for the position of Director of Monitoring and Evaluation
7. Submissions of the Lake Tanganyika Authority logo

Having considered, endorsed and approved the matters, we have committed ourselves to the commitments made in putting in place sustainable management of the resources of the Lake Tanganyika and its environment and call upon our development and supporting partners to continue working with us in achieving the commitments in the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika.

We also noted the challenges caused by the climate change and its implications on the Lake and its environment; we believed the updated Strategic Action Programme will address this as a cross-cutting issue.

All distinguished delegates to the Uvira Conference of Ministers expressed their sincere thanks the host Government, The Democratic Republic of Congo, the Management Committee and the Lake Tanganyika Authority Secretariat for a successful third Conference of Ministers.

Long live international cooperation to development;

Long live regional cooperation between Lake Tanganyika riparian countries.

So done in Uvira, August 21st 2009

His Excellency Déogratias NDUWIMANA

Minister of Water, Environment, Territory Management and Urban Planning.

His Excellency Norbert Basengezi KANTITIMA

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livelihood in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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Her Excellency Dr. Batilda BURIAN

Minister of State. Vice President's Office (Environment) of the United Republic of Tanzania

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His Excellency Moses M. MWANGALA

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