

Progress since the 1st SMM Workshop held in May 15th-19 2017, Kisumu, Kenya

1. Finalization of the two components of the study on “situational analysis, activities refinement and scoping of benefits of cooperation for strengthening transboundary water cooperation in the Sio-Malaba-Malakisi (SMM) basin” (activity 2.2.1); and beginning of preparation of recommendations on revised activities under the SMM basin level component (activity 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4 and 2.3)



2. Planning and undertaking the Study Tour “*Transfer of the experiences from the International Sava River Basin Commission, the Rhine River Commission and the IUCN Bridge Academy*” (activity 1.5 and 3.2) 24-29 September 2017



The materials and additional information from the Study Tour are available at:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B7D0f3UTyTNUQmJITDkwd0pubVk>

3. Supporting the resumption of the negotiation process on the IGAD Regional Water Resources Protocol (Activity 1.1);
4. Planning and undertaking the analytical work that is feeding into the 2nd SMM stakeholders' workshop ((Activities 1.4.2 and 2.2.2 and 2.2.3);
5. Finalizing consultations among partners and country focal points on agreed and/or revised SMM activities going forward;
6. Planning and convening the SMM consultative meeting on the investment strategy update and institutional options for SMM cooperation, January 25th-26th 2018 (activities 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3)



7. Preparing an abstract and presenting our ongoing work on the SMM Benefit Opportunities Assessment Dialogue during the 5th Nile Basin Development Forum that took place on October 23rd-26th 2017 in Rwanda, Kigali;

8. Planning and convening of the 2nd SMM workshop, May 6th-9th 2018 (activity 2.2.4)



Thank you for listening to me!

Objectives of the 2nd SMM Workshop

1. Agree on the principles, pillars, process, content...of the updated transboundary investment strategy for the SMM basin;
2. Jointly analyze the selected/prioritized investment projects and agree on some 3-4 priority ones for the SMM basin;
3. Agree on a roadmap for the completion of the updated SMM transboundary investment strategy; and
4. Discuss the institutional framework for transboundary cooperation and in particular mechanisms to ensure the inclusion of SMM stakeholders in planning and decision-making