



# Summary of Findings and Recommendations

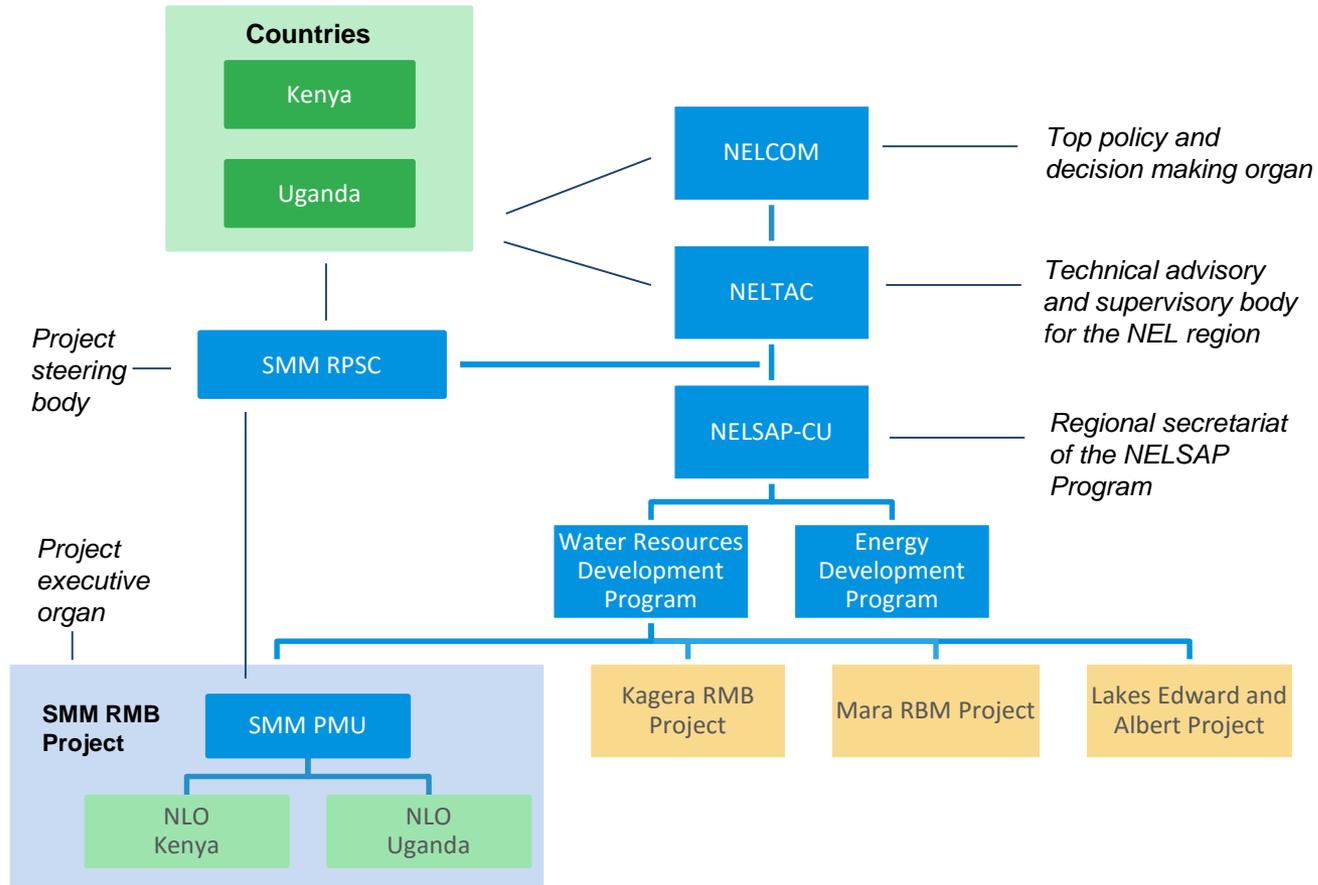
# The SMM Project

- The Governments of Sweden and Norway have provided US \$ 10.96 million over 12 years to support 3 phases of NELSAP's SMM RBM Project
- Other major sources of funding are the World Bank and GIZ

*To establish a sustainable framework for the joint management of the water resources of the Sio-Malaba-Malakisi catchments in order to prepare for sustainable investments that will improve the living conditions of the people as well as protect the environment*

## Project components

1. joint sustainable cooperative management framework (transboundary water governance);
2. investment opportunities identification in the catchments (regional water infrastructure planning and development);
3. capacity building at all levels for sustainable management of water resources (institutional strengthening); and
4. small scale investment projects.



## Institutional Framework for the SMM Project

# Achievements

1. Transboundary water resources management policies in Kenya and Uganda have been improved;
2. Within each country, the institutional framework for catchment-based integrated water resources management has been strengthened and mechanisms from cross-sectoral coordination and stakeholder participation improved;
3. Institutional options for cooperative management of the SMM sub-basin by the two counties have been put forward and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two countries for continued cooperation on management of the SMM Sub-basin;
4. Water resources monitoring networks of the two countries have been strengthened;
5. The knowledgebase for river basin planning has been enhanced through numerous studies, preparation of river basin monograph, preparation of a state of basin report and creation of a river basin database and GIS system;

# Achievements

6. Tools for sub-basin planning and water allocation have been improved by carrying out a Multi-sectoral Investment Opportunity Analysis, preparation of an investment strategy and development of a computer-based water allocation tool;
7. Sub-regional capacity for transboundary water resources management improved through training of public officials and members of the local community in a diverse range of topics related to Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Transboundary Water Governance;
8. Community participation in natural resources management has been enhanced through their active involvement in project activities;
9. A pipeline of 13 investment projects have been prepared to a bankable stage;
10. Sub-catchment management plans for three sub-catchments (Lwakhakha, Middle Malakisi-Malaba and Lower Sio) have been prepared; and
11. Six small-scale investment projects have been implemented (three in each country) to build early confidence in sub-basin community.

# Priorities for follow-up

- Support the countries in resources mobilisation
- Implementation of the investments projects
- Implementation of the sub-catchment management plans
- Preparing sub-catchment management plans for new sub-catchments
- Upscaling small-scale demonstration projects
- Continuing capacity building in the area of transboundary water and environmental resources management
- Operationalizing the MoU

# Possible activities under OES/IGAD

- Finalisation of the legal and institutional framework for transboundary water cooperation in the SMM basin;
- Facilitation of a process for prioritization of investment projects in the SMM basin; pursuing an open and transparent process that allows for enhanced dialogue, bargaining and trade-offs between various interest groups, and between the two countries, to reach agreement on prioritization of the many investment projects.
- Training on water diplomacy and transboundary water management, and awareness raising on the UN Watercourses Convention and UNECE Water Convention;
- Identification and nurturing of basin champions for integrated river basin management and development;
- Establishing and operating an SMM Water Forum;
- Supporting the preparation/refinement of good practice guides (approach for sub-catchment planning; gender mainstreaming, stakeholder participation, climate change mainstreaming, resettlement action planning etc.)



# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OES/IGAD PROJECT

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# Recommendations for the OES/IGAD project

- Explore the “less traditional” benefits of transboundary water cooperation to help attract support for a **formal institutional framework**
- Identify all the benefits and beneficiaries of specific cooperation activities to support **prioritisation**
- Use the SMM BOAD to launch the update of the SMM Investment Strategy – e.g. implement a first phase (of a longer process) that focuses on identifying common principles of the management plans from Uganda/Mpologomo and Kenya/LVNorth, as well as gaps  
~~Develop qualitative assessments of benefits to support prioritisation through the BOAT tool~~
- Communicate the benefits of transboundary cooperation **institutions and projects to MoFs and DPs to attract national and DP funding** – as part of that, engage MoFs and DPs in next workshop





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