



LAKE CHAD BASIN COMMISSION

LAKE CHAD REGION RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PROLAC) & MULTI-SECTORAL CRISIS RECOVERY PROJECT (MCRP)

2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKE CHAD REGION

Theme: Regional Integration and Natural Resource Risk Management: Solutions for Sustainable Peace and Economic Development in the Lake Chad Region

Date: 23-25 May 2023

Venue: Mahatma Gandhi Conference Centre, Niamey – Niger

Time: 09:00 a.m.

OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM

▪ **Overall Objective**

The overall objective of the 2nd Annual International Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region is to discuss the status of the Basin in terms of sustainable natural resources development, climate resilience, mobility and integration for the peace and stability of the region.

▪ **Specific Objectives**

Specifically, the Annual International Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region will:

- Present the progress made by PROLAC and MCRP on the theme under discussion,
- Discuss the governance of natural resources and citizen engagement,
- Discuss the impact of climate variability on the Basin,
- Discuss issues of mobility and interconnectivity of communities in the Lake Chad Basin,
- Promote the socio-economic development of the communities through security solutions and the revival of trade exchanges amongst communities of the Lake Chad Basin region,
- Encourage and develop inter-university exchanges and students' mobility,
- Present the Knowledge Management Platform (KMP) and
- Prepare a declaration to address the major conclusions and recommendations of the Forum.

This 2nd edition of the Forum will focus on the following themes:

1. Natural resources development, under changing climate in the Lake Chad Basin (LCB),
2. Interconnectivity and socio-economic development in the Lake Chad Basin,
3. Knowledge management for decision-making in the Lake Chad region.

The sub-themes for technical sessions holding in parallel are as follows:

- Regional integration: infrastructure, mobility, border governance and security,
- Agricultural development, resilience, and best practices,
- Social cohesion and inclusion in the LCB,
- Climate dynamics and flood risk management in the LCB,
- Socio-economic development in the LCB from the perspective of women and youth,
- Access to information and data production at Project Implementation Units (PIUs), universities and research institutions to populate the KMP.

Some of these sub-themes will be discussed in plenary on Day 1.

On days 2 and 3, smaller group workshops will host more in-depth technical discussions on some of the above sub-themes. The workshops will invite practitioners to share lessons learnt from past and ongoing activities as well as discuss 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 better integrated regional development.

These recommendations will be consolidated in a final joint declaration, which will inform the Regional Strategy for Stabilization (RSS), Recovery and Resilience of the Areas of Lake Chad Basin affected by Boko Haram. It will also inform strategies and programmes for development actors, such as the Lake Chad Recovery and Development Project (PROLAC) and the Multi-Sectoral Crisis Recovery Project for North-Eastern Nigeria (MCRP).

AGENDA

DAY 1: 23 May 2023

8:00-11:00 [PLENARY]		SESSION 1: OPENING CEREMONY	Moderator
8:00 - 9:00	Arrival and registration of participants		All Participants
9:00 - 9:10	Remarks by the Chairman of the National Organising Committee		Laoualy ADA Executive Secretary, SDS Sahel, Niger
9:10 - 9:20	Welcome remarks by the Governor of Niamey		Oudou AMBOUKA Governor of Niamey
9:20 - 9:30	Remarks by the World Bank Country Manager for Niger		Han Fraeters Country Manager, Niger
9:30 – 9:40	Remarks by the Chairman of the Lake Chad Basin Governors’ Forum		Mr Midjiyawa Bakari Governor of Far North Region Cameroon
9:40 – 9:50		Film on LCB	
9:50 - 10:00	Remarks by the Executive Secretary of the Lake Chad Basin Commission		Amb. Mamman NUHU ES LCBC and HoM MNJTF
10:00 - 10:10	Remarks by the First Commissioner of the Republic of Niger to the Lake Chad Basin Commission		Adamou Mahaman Minister for Water and Sanitation
10:10 – 10:25	Opening remarks by the Guest of Honour		HE Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou Prime Minister, Head of Government, Niger
10:25 - 10:45		Official Photographs of VIPs	
10:45 - 11:15 COFFEE BREAK/ EXHIBITION & POSTER SESSION BY STUDENTS			
WORKING SESSIONS			
SESSION 1			
11:15 – 11:35	State of Security in the Lake Chad Region		Maj Gen. GU Chibuisi Force Commander MNJTF
11:35 – 12:00	Introduction to the Lake Chad Basin Commission and the 2 nd Annual International Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region		Mr Hycinth Banseka Technical Director, Lake Chad Basin Commission

12:00 - 13:30		LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION 2			
13:30 – 15:30		Natural resources development, under changing climate in the LCB	
13:30 – 13:40	Introduction of the session, keynote speaker and panellists. Objective: Identify and assess the constraints and prospects for efficient exploitation of the LCB natural resources	Moderator: Prof. M.M. Daura Vice Chancellor, Yobe State University, Nigeria.	
13:40 – 14:00	Environmental changes and water resources in the LCB	Prof. Yahaya Nazoumou Abdou Moumouni University, Niger	
14:00 - 14:20	Effects of Climate Change on water availability in the Lake Chad Basin	Laila Seehausen & Sara Vassolo BGR/LCBC	
14:20 - 14:50	Discussion by panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discuss challenges related to access to natural resources,</i> • <i>Discuss flood and drought incidents and adaptation measures.</i> 	Dr. Sandao Issoufou Abdou Moumouni University Dr. Mahamat Nour Abdallah University of N'Djamena Dr. Idris Muslim Chairman of the Coalition of IWRM Committees of Hadejia Jama'are Komadugu Yobe Basin Konte DIAWOYE Regional Coordinator of LCBC-GEF-UNDP Project	
14:50 – 15:30	Questions and Answers Session	All Participants	
15:30- 15:45		TEA BREAK	
SESSION 3			
15:45 - 17:45		Interconnectivity and socio-economic development in the Lake Chad Basin	
15:45 – 15:55	Introduction of the session, keynote speaker and panellists. Objective: Identify and propose solutions to obstacles to the movement of people and goods in the region.	Moderator: Dr. MAHAMAT FOUDDA DJOURAB University of N'Djamena, Chad	
15:55 - 16:15	Constraints and prospects of integration in the LCB	Dr. MBARKOUTOU Mahamat Henri	

		University of Maroua, Cameroon
16:15 – 16:35	World Bank’s approach to regional integration	Vickram Cuttaree Lead Strategy Officer, World Bank
16:35 – 17:05	<p>Discussion by panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discuss mobility and connectivity of humans and goods in the LCB,</i> • <i>Identify obstacles and proffer solutions/best practices</i> 	<p>Mr Yayé Bilan Ministry of Infrastructure, Niger</p> <p>Prof. Yagana Bukar University of Maiduguri, Nigeria</p> <p>Prof. François TSOBANG Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, Chad</p>
17:05 – 17:45	Questions and Answers Session	All Participants
END OF DAY 1		

DAY 2		
09:00 – 09:20	Review of day 1 and expectations for day 2	Mr Adrian Morel World Bank Abicho Mahamat Coordinator of PROLAC-Cameroon
TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS/BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
SESSION 4		
<p><i>Session 4 is made up of 3 parallel workshops in separate rooms. Practitioners will be invited to share lessons learnt from past and ongoing activities, as well as discuss challenges and solutions related to infrastructure, mobility, border governance and security and agricultural development, resilience, and best practices in the Lake Chad region.</i></p>		
Workshop 1: Regional integration: infrastructure, mobility, border governance and security		
Room A 9:30 – 13:00	Introduction of the session, keynote speaker and panellists (10 min) (Set the stage, presents the objectives, expected outcomes/takeaways and order of proceeding)	Moderator Prof. Abba Gana Shettima University of Maiduguri, Nigeria
	Presentation 1 (20 min): Regional integration: infrastructure, mobility, border governance and security	Prof. Issa Saibou University of Maroua, Cameroon
	Presentation 2 (20 min): Improving connectivity between Niger and Chad	World Bank Transport Team
	Discussion by panellists (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types and status of investments in connectivity infrastructures in the Lake Chad region, • Connectivity and socio-economic development of communities, and • Risks to regional integration governance issues. 	Honorable KATIELLA GASSO ABDOU KATIELLOU, Head of Canton of Mainé-Soroa, Niger Prof. Abubakar Mu’azu, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria Mrs BEVIA Respa, Women's Associations Connection, and Information Unit, Chad
	Questions and Answers Session (30 min)	All Participants
	TEA BREAK / Poster session (30 mins)	

	<p>Group Work (30 minutes)</p> <p>2 Groups</p> <p>I. Problems and challenges. II. Lessons learnt and best practices.</p> <p>Group presentations or feedback (20 mins)</p> <p>Finalise and consolidate session report and key messages (10 minutes)</p>	Group participants
<p>13:00 -14:30 LUNCH BREAK</p>		
<p>Workshop 2: Agricultural development, resilience, and best practices.</p>		
<p>Room B 9:30 – 13:00</p>	<p>Introduction of the session, keynote speaker and panellists. (10 min) (Set the stage; give the objectives; expected outcomes/takeaways, and order of proceedings. 10 minutes)</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Prof. DJANGRANG MAN-NA University of Ati-Chad</p>
	<p>Presentation (20 min): The Use of Climate Smart Agricultural Practices for improving Agricultural Resilience in the LCB</p>	<p>Prof. Daniel Gwary Researcher, Director CAZS, University of Maiduguri</p>
	<p>Discussion by panellists (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of various agricultural systems of the LB, • Challenges for improving agricultural resilience in the LB, • Lessons from implementations projects, and • Case studies of climate-smart agricultural development: The Komadugu Yobe, oasis basins, and polders 	<p>Panellists</p> <p>Mr. Guéro MAMAN, Oasis Micro-Basins Sand Invasion Control Project (PLECO) UNDP, Niger</p> <p>Mrs KHADIDJA HONORINE Ndob, Facilitator in charge of women and children’s affairs,</p> <p>Dr. SALI BOUROU, Coordinator, Institute of Agricultural Research for Development (IRAD), Maroua, Cameroon</p> <p>Dr. Wencelas CONDITAMDE Principal Technical Adviser, LCBC-GIZ project</p> <p>Marc Lacharme FAO</p> <p>Dr. Ali Bashir MCRP Nigeria</p>
	<p>Questions and Answers Session (30 min)</p>	All Participants

TEA BREAK /Poster session (30 min)			
	<p>Group Work (30 minutes)</p> <p>2 Groups</p> <p>I. Problems and challenges.</p> <p>II. Lessons learnt and best practices.</p> <p>Group presentations or feedback (20 mins)</p> <p>Finalise and consolidate the session’s report and key messages (10 minutes)</p>	Group participants	
	13:00 -14:30 LUNCH BREAK		
Workshop 3: Knowledge Management for decision making in the Lake Chad Region			
<p>Room C</p> <p>9:30 – 13:00</p>	<p>Introduction of the session, keynote speaker and panellists. (10 min)</p> <p>Objective: Discuss the importance of Knowledge Management in facilitating and operationalising a common vision for sustainable peace and development of the Lake Chad Region.</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Prof. Issa Saibou, University of Maroua, Cameroon</p>	
	<p>Presentation of the results of the Regional Data Survey to populate the KMP (20 mins)</p>	<p>Alio Abdoulaye, LCBC</p>	
	<p><i>Discussion by panellists (40 mins)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discuss the role of Knowledge Management in sustainable peace and development in the LCB,</i> • <i>Present the KMP of the LCBC and its priorities,</i> • <i>Access to KMP, and</i> • <i>Strategies for the sustainability of the KMP</i> 	<p>Prof. Ali Mahamane, Rector, University of Diffa, Niger</p> <p>Mr Oluwafemi Adedipe MCRP Federal Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Abuja, Nigeria</p> <p>Grégory Chauzal, Consultant NIRAS, Sweden</p> <p>Dr. NGUETORA Madjyara, Independent Consultant, Chad</p>	
	<p>Questions and Answers Session (30 mins)</p>	All Participants	
	TEA BREAK /Poster session (30 min)		
	<p>Group Work (30 minutes)</p> <p>2 Groups</p> <p>i. Problems and challenges related to data collection.</p> <p>ii. Lessons learnt and best practices.</p>	Group participants	

	Group presentations and feedback (20 mins) Finalise and consolidate session report and key messages (10 minutes)	
13:00 -14:30 LUNCH BREAK		
SESSION 5		
<i>Session 5 is made up of three parallel workshops in separate rooms. Practitioners will be invited to share lessons learnt from past and ongoing activities, as well as discuss challenges and solutions related to:</i>		
Social cohesion and inclusion in the Lake Basin and Climate dynamics and flood risk management, and migration in the LCB		
Workshop 4: Social cohesion and inclusion in the Lake Chad Basin		
Room A 14:30 – 18:00	(Social cohesion as a tool for enhancing trust and peaceful coexistence between communities and peoples, Fighting exclusion and marginalisation through participatory community development in the Lake Chad Basin)	
	Introduction of the session, keynote speaker and panellists. (10 min) (Set the stage; give the objectives; expected outcomes/takeaways and order of proceedings)	Moderator Prof. Yayé Dramé Aïssatou , Abdou Moumouni University, Niger
	Presentation 1 (20 min): Social Cohesion and Inclusion as a Tool for Enhancing Trust and Peaceful Coexistence between and among communities and peoples of the Lake Chad Region	Hamsatu A. Allamin NNGO/CSO Maiduguri, Nigeria
	Presentation 2 (20 min): Social Cohesion in the Lake Chad Basin: Lessons Learnt from the RESILAC Project and Perspectives for enhancing peaceful coexistence	Helène RONCERAY Regional Coordinator RESILAC, Chad
	Discussion by panellists (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social cohesion as a tool for enhancing trust and peaceful coexistence between communities and peoples, • Fighting exclusion and marginalisation through participatory community development in the Lake Chad Basin, and • Transitional justice for peaceful community integration. 	Panel Moussa Tchangari , <i>Alternative Espace Citoyen</i> , Niger Prof. Ibrahima Umara University of Maiduguri, Nigeria MBODOU Seïd , Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Chad

		Pastor HETECK Cameroonian Association for Interreligious Dialogue (ACADIR), Cameroon
	Questions and Answers Session (30 min)	All Participants
	TEA BREAK / Poster session (30 min)	
	Group Work (20 minutes) 2 Groups I. Problems and challenges. II. Lessons learnt and best practices. Group presentations or feedback (20 mins) Finalise and consolidate session report and key messages (10 minutes)	Group participants
Workshop 5: Climate dynamics and flood risk management in the Lake Chad Basin		
Room B 14:30 – 18:00	(Identify recent climate dynamics to understand dry and wet cycles to minimise the effects of drought and utilise flood water)	
	Introduction of the session, keynote speaker and panellists (10 min)	Moderator Mr Ousman Baoua National Meteorological Service, Niger
	Presentation 1 (20 min): The LCB and the consequences of climate change: A case study of the hydrological situation in 2022	Prof. Florence Sylvestre, IRD, Chad
	Presentation 2 (20 min): Film on floods in the Far North of Cameroon	Dr Mouadjamou Ahmadou University of Maroua, Cameroon
	Discussion by panellists (30 min) Identify recent climate dynamics to understand dry and wet cycles, minimise drought's effects, and utilise flood water.	Panellists Dr Salamatou Abdourahmane I. University of Diffa, Niger Dr Garba Sambo, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria Dr Hamidou Diawarra AGHRMET, Niger

		<p>Dr. NGUETORA Madjyara Independent Consultant, Chad</p> <p>Prof. MOHAMAN Arabi, University of Maroua, Cameroon</p>
	Questions and Answers Session (30 min)	All Participants
	TEA BREAK /Poster session (30 min)	
	<p>Group Work (30 minutes)</p> <p>2 Groups</p> <p>I. Problems and challenges. II. Lessons learnt and best practices. Group presentations or feedback (20 min)</p> <p>Finalise and consolidate session report and key messages (10 minutes)</p>	Group participants
Workshop 6: How can community and local development support climate resilience and adaptation to climate change?		
Room C 14:30 - 18:00	<p>Introduction by Moderator Present the agenda, introduce the expert speakers and panellists, and share an overview of WBG’s work/portfolio on adaptation and resilience to climate change</p>	<p>Moderator Mr Adrian Morel World Bank</p>
	<p>Presentation 1 (20 min): Key scenarios/takeaways from the Groundswell report</p>	<p>Kanta Rigaud WBG Climate change Expert</p>
	<p>Presentation 2 (20 min): Practical recommendations for climate-resilient agriculture/ How to popularise this information among communities</p>	<p>Marc Lacharme FAO</p>
	<p>Discussion by panellists (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can CLD be used to build communities/pastoralists adaptation and resilience capacities to climate change and migration and involve them in decision-making? ▪ How does equal access to resources build resilience to climate shocks/in anticipating/reducing climate migration, specifically among pastoralists? 	<p>Panellists</p> <p>Adamou Mama Sambo High Commissioner for the Sedentarisation of breeders for the Republic of Benin</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which policies and institutional capacities are needed to allow governments and municipalities to foster communities' participation in decision-making and contribute to building adaptation and resilience to climate migration/climate change? 	NGO Representative (TBD)
TEA BREAK / Poster session (30 min)		
	<p>Q&A with panellists and experts <i>The moderator presents participants' questions to the expert speakers and the panellists for further discussion.</i></p>	All Participants
	<p>Closing Remarks <i>Next steps for taking the conversation bilaterally.</i> <i>Planned activities of the AFW South-to-South Learning Exchange platform in the new fiscal year.</i></p>	Group participants
END OF DAY 2		

DAY 3		
9:00 – 9:20	Review of day 2 and expectations for day 3	<p>Dr Mohamed Danjuma Coordinator MCRP, Nigeria</p> <p>Adeguelaye Yang Joel Coordinator PROLAC-Tchad</p>
SESSION 6		
<p><i>Session 6 is made up of 2 parallel workshops in separate rooms. Practitioners will be invited to share lessons learnt from past and ongoing activities as well as discuss challenges and solutions related to socio-economic development in the Lake Chad basin from the perspective of women and youth and access to information and data production at the levels of Project implementation Units (PIUs), universities and research institutions to feed the KMP.</i></p>		
Workshop 7: Socio economic development in the Lake Chad basin from the perspective of women and youth.		
Room A 9:30 – 13:00	(Role of Women and Youth group in socio-economic development, revenue-generating activities, capacity building of women and youth, involvement of women and youth in the value chain activities)	
	Introduction of the session, keynote speaker and panellists. (10 min).	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Dr. KOULTCHOUMI Babette University of Maroua, Cameroon</p>
	Presentation 1 (20 min): Role of women and youth in the socio-economic development of the Lake Chad Basin	<p>Dr Hamet Mahamane Mahamadou Bachir University of Diffa, Niger</p>
	Presentation 2 (20 min): Youth Extremism in Niger	<p>Najat Yamouri and Annabelle Vinois World Bank</p>
	<p>Discussion by panellists (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Role of Women and Youth groups in socio-economic development, ▪ Revenue-generating activities, ▪ Capacity building of women and youth, and ▪ Involvement of Women and youth in the value chain activities 	<p>Panellists</p> <p>Dr. MBARKOUTOU MAHAMAT Henri, University of Maroua, Cameroon</p> <p>Prof. Yagana Aji University of Maiduguri, Nigeria</p> <p>Mrs BINTA Boukar Network of Women in the LCB</p>

		<p>SOUGNABE Oualoumi Consultant, Chad</p> <p>NaAndi Maman Tahir, Regional Coordinator of PRESIBALT-LCBC</p>
	Questions and Answers Session (30 min)	All Participants
	TEA BREAK / Poster session (30 min)	
	<p>Group Work (30 minutes)</p> <p>2 Groups</p> <p>I. Problems and challenges. II. Lessons learnt and best practices.</p> <p>Group presentations or feedback (20 min)</p> <p>Finalise and consolidate session report and key messages (10 min)</p>	Group participants
13:00 -14:30 LUNCH BREAK		
Workshop 8: Access to information and data production at PIUs, universities and research institutions to populate the KMP.		
Room B 9:30 – 13:00	(Make the current state of the existing databases in the Universities of the LCB to strengthen scientific collaboration)	
	Introduction of the session, keynote speaker and panellists (10 min) (Set the stage, presents the objectives, expected outcomes and takeaways and order of proceedings)	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Prof. AMIR MOUNGACHE University of N'Djamena, Chad</p>
	University presentations (60 min): Present the current state of the existing databases in the Universities of the LCB to strengthen scientific collaboration.	<p>Dr Moussa Boubacar University of Diffa, Niger</p> <p>Dr Garba Sambo, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria</p> <p>Prof. Ali Ahmed University of Maroua, Cameroon</p> <p>Dr. Zakinet Dangbet University of N'Djamena, Chad</p> <p>Babazannah Abdulkarim PIU MCRP Maiduguri, Nigeria</p>
	Questions and Answers Session (30 min)	All Participants

	Finalise and consolidate session report and key messages (10 min)	
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break	All Participants
SESSION 7		
CLOSING CEREMONY		
15:00 – 15:10	Presentation of the Forum Declaration	Nigeria
15:10 – 15:20	Handing-over of the baton to the host of the 3 rd Annual International Forum	PROLAC Niger
15:20 – 15:30	Remarks by the Executive Governor of Borno State	Prof. Babagana Umaru Zulum (mni) Chairman North East Governors Forum, Nigeria
15:30 – 15:40	Remarks by the World Bank Group representative	World Bank
15:40 - 15:50	Final Remarks by the Chairman of Lake Chad Basin Governors' Forum	HE Mr Midjiyawa Bakari, Governor of Far North Region Cameroon
15:50 – 16:00	Remarks by the Executive Secretary of the Lake Chad Basin Commission	Amb. Mamman NUHU ES LCBC and HoM MNJTF
16:00 – 16:10	Closing remarks by the Guest of Honour	HE Mahamadou Ouhoumoudou Prime Minister, Head of Government, Republic of Niger
16:10 – 16:20	VIP Photo session	VIP
End		