




FINAL CONFERENCE

Addis Abeba

19th to 21st July 2019

THE PROJECT

Sustainable Highland Rivers Management in Ethiopia | LARIMA

Ethiopian Highland rivers are important sources of water for Ethiopia and neighbouring countries. Over the past decades, water quality and quantity have been showing signs of deterioration caused by various development activities in these highlands. Unless mitigation actions are taken in the near future, the problem could grow to be destructive for the aquatic system and the dependent human population. Developing awareness of the essential nexus “land-water-people” is a way to promote river health and to initialise monitoring systems that inform decision-makers.

The LARIMA project helps to build human capacity in aquatic bio-monitoring and generates knowledge about the linkages between socio-economic development and aquatic ecosystem services.

THE CONFERENCE

The LARIMA final conference aims to present outcomes and implementations of the three year project. Beside other achievements during the project life span, educational curricula were enhanced and biological surface water monitoring tools were adapted for Ethiopian conditions. Socio-economic aspects could be evaluated in Ginchi area and stakeholder training workshops were held on river pollution and bio-assessment as well as for awareness raising on a sustainable use of freshwater ecosystems.

Biodiversity as the overarching topic of the project is reflected in the final conference. In the first part of the event project-related presentations will provide an overview on the findings of LARIMA. International experts on freshwater assessment, management and conservation will talk about the international situation in the second part. Finally, a platform is given for discussion and initiation of future projects and networks.





THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday, 19.07.2019

	Topic	Presenter	Chair
09:00	Welcome tea		
09:30	Welcoming speech Welcoming note	EIAR-DG/DDG AU-president/vice-president	
11:30	Overall project presentation	Wolfram Graf	Dr. Zenebe
12:00	Streams and rivers of Ethiopia and contribution of LARIMA project for sustainable management	Aschalew Lakew	
12:30	Capacity building aspects of LARIMA	Geda Oncho	
13:00	Lunch		
14:00	Socio-economic services of streams and rivers for community livelihood: The case of upper Awash - Ginchi area	Hiwot Teshome	Prof. Waidbacher Dr. Zenebe
15:00	Bioindication and bioassessment concepts in Europe	to be confirmed	
15:30	Tea		
16:00	Summing up the day/discussion	Waidbacher and Zenebe	
17:00	End		

Saturday, 20.07.2019

09:00	Welcome tea		
09:30	Microbial based river assessment: the case of upper Awash river	Geda Kebede	
10:00	Benthic invertebrate based river health assessment in upper Awash river	Tsige Fekadu	Dr. Buzunesh
10:30	Fish diversity and abundance as river monitoring in upper Awash river, Ginchi area	Girma Abebe	
11:00	Tea		
11:30	Assessment of river water quality using different monitoring approaches	Ayana Chimdo	



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12:00	Biological longitudinal zonation of the Awash river - from source to lake Gemeri	Paul Meulenbroek	
12:30	Lunch		
13:30	International experiences (Tanzania)	Lulu Kaaya	
14:00	International experiences (Kenya)	Frank Masese	
14:30	International experiences (South Africa)	Vere Ross-Gillespie	Dr. Pauls
15:00	Discussion – the way forward		
16:00	Visit to EIAR-NFALRC, Sebeta		
17:00	End		
Sunday, 21.07.2019			
09:00	Welcome tea		
09:30	International experiences (Nepal)	Subodh Sharma	
10:00	International experiences (Germany)	Steffen Pauls	Dr. Kaaya
10:30	Bioindication and bioassessment concepts in Europe	to be confirmed	
11:00	Tea		
11:30	Biodiversity data and international networks	Astrid Schmidt-Kloiber	
12:00	Capacity development and networking	Nzulu Kitaka, Tadesse Fetahi, Gerold Winkler	
12:30	Lunch		
13:30	Biodiversity assessment – the view of users	to be confirmed	Dr. Ross-Gillespie
14:00	Workshop for networking and defining project outlines	Silke Drexler	
16:00	End		
Monday, 22.07.2019			
09:30	Visit to Chilimo forest project demo site and experience sharing with the local community	Asefa Keneni, Aschalew Lakew	

