



## **Memorandum of Cooperation**

### **Between the Bahir Dar University Lake Tana Resource Management Research Center and the LakeNet Secretariat**

**Whereas** the Bahir Dar University Lake Tana Resource Management Research Center (LTRMRC) is under the Ministry of Education of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and the LakeNet Secretariat is an NGO based in the United States with a network of more than 1,000 organizations and individuals, in more than 100 countries, working for the conservation and sustainable development of lakes;

**Whereas** Lake Tana is the largest lake in Ethiopia and is recognized as a resource of national importance;

**Whereas** LakeNet has identified Lake Tana as one of 250 lakes with globally important biodiversity;

**Whereas** the Bahir Dar University Lake Tana Resource Management Research Center and the LakeNet Secretariat find many points of common interest, the Parties hereby express their intention to cooperate in this Memorandum with the aim of improving the conservation and sustainable development of Lake Tana and its watershed.

#### **Areas of Cooperation**

1. To implement a Technical Cooperation Project through a small grant with funding from USAID under the auspices of the Lake Basin Management Initiative in 2003-2004.
2. To strengthen the capacity of watershed management and sustainable development activities as part of a longer term cooperation during 2004-2006.
3. To share information and experience regarding lake basin management through the LTRMRC, LakeNet's global network and other exchanges.
4. To strengthen the capacity of the LTRMRC and other resource management institutions in the Lake Tana watershed.

#### **Time Period**

This Memorandum of Cooperation shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years from the date of signature by both parties.

The Memorandum may be extended upon written agreement by both parties.

## Amendments and Termination

This Memorandum may be amended any time with the agreement of both Parties and may be terminated at any time by written notice from either Party.

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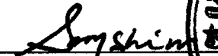
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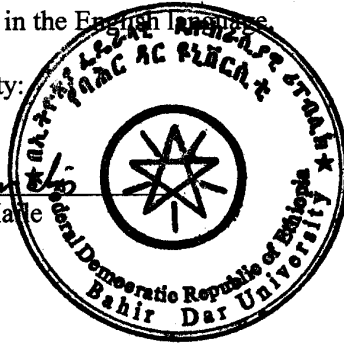
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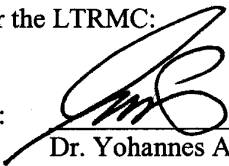
  
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