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TO: Mr. Edouard BOINET

**INVITATION TO ATTEND FIRST AFRICAN GREAT LAKES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT OFFICES OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IN
NAIROBI, KENYA ON 14TH – 15TH MARCH, 2016**

Reference is made to the above subject.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in collaboration with the Lake Tanganyika Authority and the African Great Lakes Conference Organizing Committee would like to invite you to attend the first African Great Lakes Conference Technical Committee to be held at The Nature Conservancy's offices in Nairobi, Kenya on **14th – 15th March 2016**. **The overall objective of the conference is to create an open platform for state and non-state leaders in the African Great Lakes Region to collaborate in finding solutions to the pressing challenges of lake basin sustainable development.** The conference is a critical initiative to increase coordination, strengthen capacity, inform policy and management with scientific evidence, and promote basin-scale ecosystem management in the African Great Lakes region. **The Technical Committee meetings will build on the findings of the Conference Organizing Committee, which are attached, and will focus on the detailed structure and content of the Conference agenda and preparations.** The draft agenda is also attached for your review and comment.

Please take note that the meeting will be supported by The Nature Conservancy (TNC), with funding from the MacArthur Foundation and the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund. TNC is available to arrange and pay for flight costs for participants based in Africa and traveling from outside Nairobi. For these participants, TNC is also willing to pay for normal DSA if official documentation is provided in advance. Furthermore, The Nature Conservancy financial regulations require that each participant that is funded by TNC sign the TNC Travel Agreement. You will receive this Travel Agreement letter ahead of time, and must sign this agreement at the meeting in Nairobi or prior to your arrival.

Please note that costs of any flight changes will be the responsibility of the Committee member themselves. Participants that receive DSA should expect to pay for their own hotel, local transport, and off meeting site meals while in Nairobi. The Nature Conservancy will reserve a block of rooms near TNC office in Nairobi at a reduced rate for the convenience of Committee members. Please contact [Modesta Medard \(modesta.medard@tnc.org\)](mailto:Modesta.Medard@tnc.org) and/or Catherine Lwangu (Catherine.Lwangu@tnc.org) for follow up on travel arrangements, including DSA, or any questions.

You are kindly requested to confirm your participation in this meeting, and any travel needs, not later than **17th February, 2016**. Please accept our invitation honorable Technical Committee member, with the assurance of our highest consideration.

Attached find out the draft meeting program and the map for our venue (TNC office) in Nairobi.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Modesta Medard". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish over the name.

Dr. Modesta Medard

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