



LLO Series

Great Lakes of the World

OPEN FORUM

- **DR. TOM OKURUT**
Executive Secretary of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission
- **MR. DICK NYEKO**
Executive Secretary of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization

Dr. Okurut and Mr. Nyeko will provide an introduction to the challenges of managing one of the world's great lakes.

Thursday, June 18, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Library Rotunda
Fourth Floor, Library Building
University of Minnesota Duluth

Challenges to Aquatic Resource Management in Lake Victoria, East Africa and its Catchment

Lake Victoria is the world's second largest lake and sustains the largest freshwater lake fishery on earth. It is also the source of the Nile which is critical to the economy of the arid countries downstream. The lake currently faces multiple stresses inherent in its catchment's rapidly growing population, now over 30 million, and their need for economic growth. These stresses have led to loss of biodiversity, declining water quality due to eutrophication and concerns about the sustainability of its great fishery.

You are invited to an open forum to learn more about Lake Victoria, its catchment and the challenges facing this tropical great lake from the executive secretaries of the two regional organizations formed by the riparian and basin countries to coordinate research and management on Lake Victoria.

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