



Nairobi, 20 May 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

REF: INVITATION, SUPPORT IN COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND SPONSORSHIP FOR THE INAUGURAL LAKE VICTORIA BASIN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION (LVBICE 2026)

I hope this letter finds you well.

On behalf of the secretariat, I am pleased to bring to your attention the preparations for **The Inaugural Lake Victoria Basin International Conference and Exhibition (LVBICE 2026)**. The conference is scheduled to take place in **October 2026** at the **Acacia Hotel in Kisumu, Kenya**, under the anchoring theme: *“Harnessing Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development in the Lake Victoria Basin”*.

LVBICE 2026 will serve as a premier regional platform intersecting artificial intelligence, climate resilience, water infrastructure, and smart agriculture. Our goal is to catalyze transformative climate action and accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the shared basin ecosystem.

Recognizing that Kenyan universities are the engine of research, innovation, and entrepreneurial ecosystems in the region, we believe your academic community—both faculty and students—holds a vital pool of talent and solutions. We have officially launched our **Call for Abstracts** and are reaching out to request your strategic support in two critical ways:

1. **Community Mobilization:** We kindly request your office to circulate the attached Call for Abstracts across your university’s schools, departments, and research centers. We are actively seeking cutting-edge submissions across our sub-thematic areas, including climate-smart agriculture, integrated water resource management, circular economy, and AI/big data applications. The deadline for abstract submission is **29th May 2026**.

2. **Institutional Support for Presenters:** To ensure that groundbreaking academic research translates into regional impact, we appeal to your university to consider supporting successful applicants with the costs associated with attending and presenting their abstracts during the conference in October.

Current Status and Progress of LVBICE 2026 We are excited to share that momentum is building rapidly. The conference is drawing immense regional interest, with official mobilization campaigns actively running. We have consolidated strategic alignment with key regional bodies, including partnerships and governance collaborations to drive innovative climate financing frameworks. Our technical scope has expanded to map out actionable outcomes, including a regional roadmap for AI integration, policy briefs to guide governance, and the establishment of an operational regional repository of best practices. By involving your university now, your institution will be at the forefront of shaping these regional policies and technical networks.

For your review, I have attached the detailed **Concept Note** and the official **Call for Abstracts flyer**.

Abstract submissions can be made directly via the portal: <https://www.lvbice.com/apply>

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to fostering sustainable development through academic excellence. We look forward to a strong representation from your university at LVBICE 2026.

Yours sincerely,



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