



LAKE CHAD REGION RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PROLAC)

**First Annual International Forum on the
Development of the Lake Chad Region
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CONCEPT NOTE

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS:

LCBC: Lake Chad Basin Commission

GIZ: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (German Corporation for International Cooperation)

MCRP: Multi-sectoral Crisis Recovery Project

CSO: Civil Society Organization

KMP: Knowledge Management Platform

PARSEBALT: Project to support the socio-economic reintegration of vulnerable groups in the Lake Chad Basin

PDO: Project Development Objective

PRESIBALT: Project for the Rehabilitation and Strengthening of the Resilience of the Socio-Ecological System of the Lake Chad Basin

PRODEBALT: Program for Sustainable Development of Lake Chad

PROLAC: Lake Chad Region Recovery and Development Project

REM: Regional Economic Memorandum of the Lake Chad

RESILAC: Lake Chad Inclusive Economic and Social Recovery Project

RRA: Risk, Resilience Assessment

SAP: Strategic Action Plan

SRS/RSS: Regional Stabilization Strategy

PIU: Project Implementation Unit

UNDP: United Nation Development Program

1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The Lake Chad Region is one of the areas in Africa where insecurity masterminded by unabated violence has led to disruption of the social fabric and destruction of traditional livelihoods, internal displacement of people within their own country or in neighbouring countries. It is a fragile and vulnerable social ecosystem that is inherently regional. As a result of these factors, the Lake Chad Region is a highly integrated region with significant cross-border spill over effects.

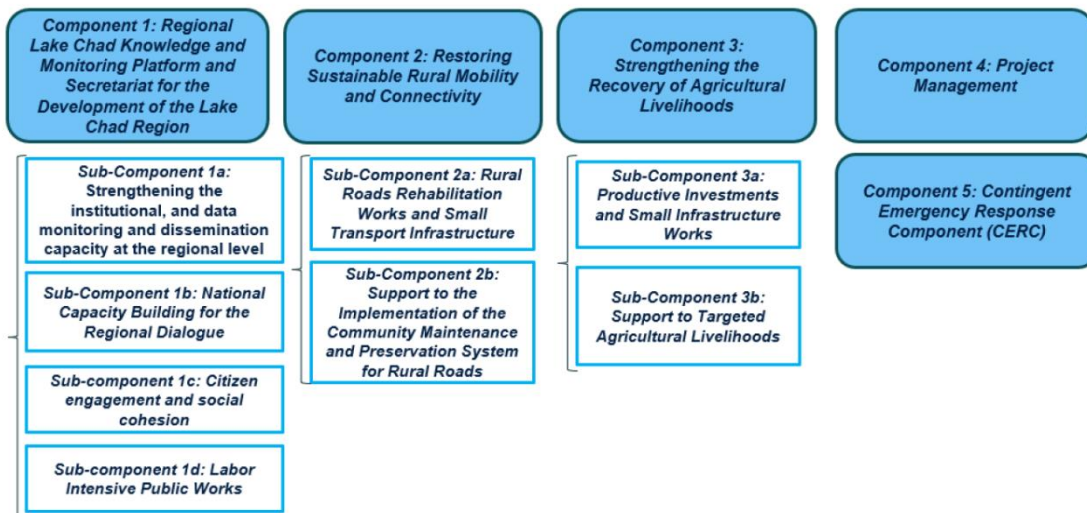
The violence of *Boko Haram (BH)* in the Lake Chad Basin has disproportionately affected community members living in this Basin. It has placed it at the de facto forefront of the devastating crisis. In addition to being the first victims of violence and violent extremism, communities continue to suffer economic, social, and cultural disintegration. They include several displaced villages, closed markets, suspended economic trade activities, kidnappings of people, ransom demands, etc. It is the description of the degeneration of the economic and social fabric in which the communities of the Lake Chad Basin live daily.

This situation led LCBC and Technical and Financial Partners (TFPs) to review the prevailing situation in this Basin, which affects four countries: Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger, and Chad.

The discussions led to the organisation of the first inaugural session of the Governors' Forum of the Lake Chad Basin and the development of a Regional Stabilisation Strategy of the Lake Chad Basin. It plans, in particular, the development and implementation of regional projects to reduce the extreme poverty prevailing in the Lake Chad Basin. **The launching of the Lake Chad Region Recovery and Development Project (PROLAC) is in line with this approach.**

The Project Development Objective (PDO) of PROLAC is to contribute to the recovery of the Lake Chad Region through supporting regional coordination, knowledge and monitoring, connectivity and rural mobility and agricultural livelihoods in selected provinces of Cameroon, Chad, and Niger. Project beneficiaries are the vulnerable populations in the intervention areas in the four countries and will include at-risk youth and women.

PROLAC seeks to address regional development challenges in the Lake Chad Region and contribute to the region's recovery through five project components:



LCBC shall be responsible for implementing sub-component 1a on the Regional Lake Chad Knowledge and Monitoring Platform and Secretariat for the Development of the Lake Chad Region. In this capacity, LCBC shall coordinate all activities as part of the Regional Knowledge and Monitoring Platform (KMP) and in close partnership with all stakeholders in the Lake Chad Region.

All in all, the LCBC is the central coordinating, guiding and decision-making body for joint transboundary development activities to ensure coherence and consistency. To this end, LCBC will organise an **Annual International Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region** to bring together, on an annual basis, local and international actors and decision-makers, representatives of the Ministries of Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Nigeria, LCBC, the World Bank and Governors, as well as PROLAC Implementation Units (PIUs) at the country level, academics, civil society organisations (CSO), beneficiaries, potential donors on the issues of the Lake Chad Region.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE FORUM

2.1 Overall Objective

The overall objective of the Annual International Forum on the development of the Lake Chad region is to set up a platform for exchange intended for local and international actors and decision-makers to discuss and plan new initiatives and existing and possible closer cooperation for strengthen the impact of stabilization of the region.

2.2 Specific objectives

Specifically, the Annual International Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region aims at:

- Present the progress of PROLAC;
- Discuss on existing national and regional initiatives;
- discuss the harmonization of development and stabilization strategies for the Lake Chad region;

- discuss and plan new existing and possible cooperation initiatives to strengthen the impact of the stabilization of the Lake Chad region;
- discuss on how to increase resilience to Climate Change in the Lake Chad region;
- discuss the different themes related to the development issue in the Lake Chad region;
- develop a roadmap to address issues of development, fragility, conflict and violence in the Lake Chad region.

3. EXPECTED RESULTS

At the end of the Forum, the following outcomes are expected:

- The progress of PROLAC is presented;
- The existing national and regional initiatives are discussed;
- The harmonization of development and stabilization strategies for the Lake Chad region has been initiated;
- The new existing and possible cooperation initiatives to strengthen the impact of the stabilization of the Lake Chad region are planned;
- The resilience to Climate Change in the Lake Chad region is increased;
- discuss the different themes related to the development issue in the Lake Chad region;
- A roadmap to address issues of development, fragility, conflict and violence in the Lake Chad region is developed.

4. FORMAT OF THE FORUM

The First Annual International Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region will be held in **Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 11th to 12th of April 2022**. It will be a two-day forum in a semi-virtual format divided into several sessions. A limited in-person event with the option to connect virtually for a wider audience.

The meeting will be facilitated by high-level moderators and will include plenary sessions and thematic workshops to initiate a dialogue on how to move from a humanitarian to a development response in the region and the establishment of a comprehensive action program to address the various major challenges in the Lake Chad region.

The theme of the Annual International Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region is “**Lake Chad Basin: Climate Change, Security, Resilience and Development Recovery**”

The working languages of the Forum will be English and French. LCBC will provide simultaneous interpretation. Forum documents will be distributed in English and French.

The Forum will end with the presentation and adoption of a final communiqué and a roadmap to address the issues such as development, fragility-conflict-violence in the Lake Chad Region.

5. ORGANISATION OF THE FORUM

The Forum shall take place for two days. Day one for plenary sessions and day two for technical workshops. It shall take place as follows:

Session	Description	Duration
Day 1: Plenary		
Session 1: High-Level Opening Session	<p>Chaired by the Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development: Hajiya Sadiya Umar Farouq</p> <p>(Ministers/Ambassadors, MD/CEO/NEDC according to the level of representation adopted)</p> <p>Presentation of the issues and challenges of the Lake Chad Region, the role of LCBC</p>	1h30 mins
Session 2: Plenary	Climate change and Natural Resources	1h30 mins
Session 3: Plenary	Regional Peace and Security	1h30 mins
Session 4: Plenary	Resilience and Development	1h
End of 1st Day		
Day 2: Technical Workshops		
Session 5: Parallel	Knowledge Management	
Session 6: Parallel	Implementation of projects and programmes in the Lake Chad Basin, what lessons learned	1h
Session 7: Parallel	Link between conflict, environmental degradation and climate change	2 hours
Session 8: Plenary	<p>Adoption of the recommendations and reading of the final communiqué</p> <p>Official closing</p>	2 hours

6. AGENDA OF THE FIRST ANNUAL FORUM

SESSIONS	Themes	TIME
<p>Session 1: OPENING CEREMONY (Speaker to be selected by the host country)</p>	<p>Plenary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chaired by the Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development: Hon. Hajiya Sadiya Umar Farouq, - Remarks by the Representative of the World Bank for West and Central Africa, - Remarks by the Executive Secretary of LCBC, - Official Photographs of VIPs, - Objectives and outcomes of the Annual Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region, by MD/CEO of North East Development Commission (NEDC), - Opportunities and challenges of the Lake Chad Region, the role of LCBC, by the Director Technical - LCBC 	<p>9h00-10h30</p> <p>1h30 mins</p>
	Coffee Break	10h30-11h00
<p>Session 2: Climate change and natural resources</p> <p>Moderator: Pr. Zakaria Ousmane Ramadane 2 Rapporteurs to bedesignated</p>	<p>Panel Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate change and the Lake Chad: analysis of environmental risks, (Dr Garba Sambo, Prof Mohammed Mala Daura, University of Maiduguri) - Problem of the exploitation of natural resources of the Lake Chad Basin, (Dr Hadiza Kiari Fougou the University of Diffa), - Climate change and agricultural production in the Lake Chad Basin (Dr. AMADOU IDRISSE BOKOYE, Physician environmental sciences and climate, Quebec, Canada) 	<p>11h00-12h30</p> <p>1h30 mins</p>

SESSIONS	Themes	TIME
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Change and Water Resources (Pr Florence Sylvestre, Paleo-climatologist, Director of Research IRD-University of N'Djamena-CHAD) <p>Presentations (4 x 15 mins) will be followed by a question-and-answer session (30 mins)</p>	
	Lunch Break	12h30-14h00
<p>Session 3: Peace and Security in the region</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Maikorema Zakari(University Abdou Moumouni, Niamey)</p> <p>2 Rapporteurs to be designated</p>	<p>Panel Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Genesis, expansion and cause of persistence of violent extremism in the Lake Chad Basin: (Prof. Ibrahim Umara, University of Maduguri, Nigeria Dr. ZAKINET DANGBET, Pastoralist, Director of Research and Innovation/MESRI, - Regional Strategy for the Stabilization (RSS), Recovery and Resilience of the Areas of Lake Chad Basin Affected by Boko Haram, by the RSS Coordinator, - Post-security Management of the crisis by Member Countries of the Lake Chad Basin: Surrender and integration of ex-combatants and vigilenties committee members (Prof. Issa Saibou, Université de Maroua) <p>Presentations (4 x 15 mins) will be followed by a question-and-answer series (30 mins)</p>	<p>14h00-15h30</p> <p>1h30 mins</p>
	Coffee Break	15h30-16h00
<p>Session 4: Resilience and Development</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Alioune Tine Founder of Africajon Center (Dakar), Senegal</p>	<p>Panel Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of Women and Youth in Development and Peace Research in the Lake Chad Basin: Experience of Member States, Nigeria and Cameroon - Mission of the Traditional Rulers in the search and maintenance of peace in the Lake Chad Basin: Experience of Member States, Niger and Chad 	<p>16h00-17h30</p> <p>1h30 mins</p>

SESSIONS	Themes	TIME
2 Rapporteurs to be designated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Problem of Governance of resource management in the Sahel and in the Lake Chad Basin (Gilles Yabi) Think Tank Wathi - Improving the resilience of the populations to climate change effects, (Prof. Koussoumna Libaa, University of Maroua,) <p>Presentations (6 x 10 mins) + 30 mins question-and-answer</p>	
	End of 1st Day	
	Day 2	
<p>Session 5:</p> <p>Knowledge Management</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Ibrahim Baba Goni, Université de Maiduguri</p>	<p>Technical Workshops</p> <p>Thematic 1: Outcome of the Regional Knowledge Management Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Economic Memorandum (REM), by the World Bank Working Group, - Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA), by the World Bank Working Group, - Bio-physical indicators for monitoring agro-ecosystems to assess the vulnerability of communities (Pr Brice Sinsin, University of Abomey Calavi-Benin), - Media coverage of the security situation in the Lake Chad Basin: Challenges of remote coverage to the challenge of access to sources, Mr Seidik Abba, Journalist-Writer, Analyst of African news on several media, France. <p>45 mins presentations, 30 mins discussion and 15 min for report</p>	8h30 – 10h00

SESSIONS	Themes	TIME
<p>Session 6: Implementation of Projects and Programmes in the Lake Chad Basin, Lessons Learned</p> <p>Moderator: Pr Allou Mahaman Tidjani (University Abdou Moumouni)</p> <p>2 Rapporteurs to be designated</p>	<p>Thematic 2: Capitalization of achievements of projects and programs in the Lake Chad Basin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience of MCRP in the stabilization of Lake Chad region, - PROLAC: a solution to the recovery of development in the Lake Chad Region, by the PIUs of Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, and Chad, - Experience of the Lake Chad Inclusive Economic and Social Recovery Project (RESILAC), by the representative of the RESILAC Project, - Intervention of PRODEBALT by LCBC, - PRESIBALT intervention to strengthen the resilience of socio-ecological systems in the Lake Chad Basin, by the PRESIBALT Regional Coordinator, - Climate change adaptation measures, the experience of the GIZ/LCBC Project, by the GIZ/LCBC Project Manager, - Improving the Management of Lake Chad through the Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) by the GEF/UNDP/LCBC Project Coordinator. <p>The presentations will be structured in 45 mm of presentation 30 minutes of discussion 15 minutes of reporting</p>	<p>8h30-10h00</p>

SESSIONS	Themes	TIME
<p>Session 7: Parallel Session Link between conflict, environmental degradation, and climate change</p> <p>Moderator: Dr ALI Abdelrahmane Haggar (University of N'Djamena)</p> <p>2 Rapporteurs to be designated</p>	<p>Technical Workshops</p> <p><u>Thematic 3 : Climate Change and Fragility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Factor of fragility, risk and conflict in the Lake Chad Basin by the World Bank working Group, - Links between conflicts and environmental degradation in the Lake Chad Basin, (Mr. Boukari Bintoumi Biri Kassoum, University of Diffa), <p><u>Thematic 4 : Resilience and Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resilient livelihoods, Connectivity, Research and regional dialogue by the World Bank working Group, - Issue of construction of infrastructures of connectivity and mobility and their impact on the development of rural communities in the Lake Chad Basin: (Dr Awat HISSEINE MAHAMAT, University of N'Djamena), - Crisis and Development in the Lake Chad Region, (Charline RANGER, GRET, Paris, Specialist of the Lake Chad) (virtual) <p>The presentations will be structured in 45 mm of presentation 30 minutes of discussion 15 minutes of reporting</p>	8h30-10h00
	Coffee break	10H00-10h30
<p>Session 7 (continue) Restitution</p>	Restitution of technical workshops	10h30-11h40
<p>Chief Rapporteur (Dr. Sitou Lawali, Reader, University Dan Dicko of Maradi)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elaboration of the roadmap to address the issues of development, fragility conflict violence in the Lake Chad region - Drafting of recommendations and resolutions 	11h40-13h00
	Lunch Break	13h00-14h00

SESSIONS	Themes	TIME
Session 8 Final Communiqué and Closing of Forum Chief Rapporteur	Plenary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the recommendations and reading of Final Communiqué - Closing ceremony 	14h00-16h00

7. PARTICIPANTS

The participants of the First Annual International Forum on the Development of the Lake Chad Region include representatives of the four countries of the Lake Chad Region, representatives of universities and research institutions of the Lake Chad Region, representatives of the World Bank, representatives of the Regional Stabilization Strategy and the United Nations Development Programme, representatives of national and international media, etc.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

N°	Participants	Number	To be sponsored by PIU/CBLT	To be sponsored by PIU/Countries
	Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)			
1	Executive Secretary	1	1	
2	Technical Director	1	1	
3	PA/ES	1	1	
4	ES Secretary	1	1	
5	Head of Division Observatory, Coordinator PROLAC-LCBC	1	1	
6	Head of Division Natural Resources Management, Chairman of the Logistic Sub-Committee	1	1	
7	Head of Division Technology of Information and Communication, Chairman of the Communication sub-Committee	1	1	
8	Specialist Knowledge Management and Event of PROLAC, member of Communication Sub-Committee	1	1	
9	Specialist Finance Management /PROLAC-LCBC, Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee	1	1	

N°	Participants	Number	To be sponsored by PIU/CBLT	To be sponsored by PIU/Countries
10	Expert TIC LCBC, Chairman of the TIC & Hybrid format Sub-Committee	1	1	
11	Expert Water Quality and quantity, Chairman of the Technical Sub-Committee	1	1	
12	Capacity Building Specialist of RSS, Member of the Technical Sub-Committee	1	1	
13	Interpreter English-French	1	1	
14	Interpreter French-English N°1	1	1	
15	Interpreter French-English N°1	1	1	
16	Accountant LCBC	1	1	
	Total participants LCBC	16	16	
2	PIU Cameroon			
1	Chairman of National Steering Committee of PROLAC	1		1
2	National Coordinator PROLAC	1		1
3	PIU Experts	4		4
	Total participants PIU Cameroon	6		6
3	PIU Niger			
1	Chairman of National Steering Committee of PROLAC	1		
1	National Coordinator PROLAC	1		1
2	PIU Experts	4		4
3	Total participants PIU Niger	6		6
4	PIU Nigeria			
1	MD/CEO, NEDC	1		1
2	National Coordinator MCRP	1		1
3	PROLAC Focal Person	1		1
4	Focal Point MCRP/PROLAC at the States level	3		3
5	Local organizing Committee	10		10
6	PIU Experts	4		4
7	Federal Ministry of Water Resources	4		4
8	Ministry of Foreign Affaires	1		1
	Total participants PIU Nigeria	25		25
5	PIU Chad			
1	Chairman of National Steering Committee of PROLAC	1		1
2	National Coordinator PROLAC	1		1
3	PIU Experts	4		4
	Total participants PIU Chad	6		6

N°	Participants	Number	To be sponsored by PIU/CBLT	To be sponsored by PIU/Countries
6	Representative of Beneficiaries in the Lake Chad Region			
1	Chairman of Governors Forum	1		1
2	Cameroon (Mayor)	2		2
3	Niger (Mayor)	2		2
4	Nigeria (Councillor)	2		2
5	Tchad (Mayor)	2		2
	Total participants representative of Beneficiaries in the Lake Chad Region	9		9
7	Traditional Rulers			
1	One Traditional Rulers per Country	4		4
8	Civil Society Organisation			
1	Cameroon	2		2
2	Niger	2		2
3	Nigeria	2		2
4	Tchad	2		2
	Total participants Civil Society Organisation	8		8
9	Representative of the World Bank Group			
1	TTL PRLOAC & MCRP	2		
2	Co-TTL Cameroon	1		
3	Co-TTL Niger	1		
4	Co-TTL Nigeria	1		
5	Co-TTL Chad/CBLT	1		
6	Member PROLAC Team	1		
7	Responsible of REM & RRA	1		
	Total participants of the World Bank Group	8	-	-
10	Representative of UNDP/Country	4		
1	Total participants Representative of UNDP/Country	4	-	-
11	Representative of Regional Projects & Programs intervening in the Lake Chad region			
1	Representative of RSS	1	-	
2	Representative of RESILAC	1	-	
3	Representative of PRODEBALT PRESIBALT/PARSEBALT	1	-	

N°	Participants	Number	To be sponsored by PIU/CBLT	To be sponsored by PIU/Countries
4	Representative of Stabilisation of Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	1	-	
5	Representative of GEF/PNUD/CBLT Project	1	-	
6	Representative of GIZ/CBLT Project	1	-	-
7	Representative of BGR/CBLT Project	1	-	-
8	Representative of FREXUS/CBLT Project	1	-	-
	Total participants Représentants des Projets Régionaux intervenant dans la région du lac Tchad	8	-	
12	Representative of National Medias			
1	Representative of public & private Radios of Nigeria	4	-	
2	Representative of public & private Televisions of Nigeria	5	-	
3	Representative of public Radio & television in each Country	3	-	
	Total participants of National Medias	12	-	
13	Representative of International Medias (The correspondents in Nigeria)			
1	Africa 24,	1	-	
2	RFI/France 24	2	-	
3	BBC	2	-	
4	DW	2	-	
5	Vox Africa	1	-	
	Total participants of International Medias in Nigeria	8	-	
14	Representative of Technical and Financial Partners			
1	African Development Bank (AfDB)/Nigeria	1		
2	French Cooperation (AFD) /Nigeria	1		
3	German Cooperation/Nigeria	1		
4	European Union/Nigeria	1		
5	USAID/Nigeria	1		
6	Resident Representative of the United Nations System in Nigeria	1		

N°	Participants	Number	To be sponsored by PIU/CBLT	To be sponsored by PIU/Countries
7	Special Representative of the Summit of Heads of State for the Transition in Chad	1		
8	Special Representative of the President of the AU Commission in N'Djamena	1		
9	President of the Commission on Peace and Security of the AU	1		
10	Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for West Africa and the Sahel	1		
11	Deputy Secretary General of the UN	1		
12	Deputy Secretary General in charge of UNDP Africa	1		
	Total participants representing PTF	12	-	-
15	Moderators (7)			
	Total participants Moderators	7	7	
16	Speakers			
	Total Speakers	10	10	
17	Research Institutions			
1	In Cameroun	1		1
2	In Niger	1		1
3	In Nigeria	1		1
4	In Chad	1		1
	Total participants of Research Institutions	4		4
18	Lake Chad Basin Parliamentary Commission			
1	Members of the Lake Chad Basin Parliamentary Commission (Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Chad)	4		4
	Total participants Lake Chad Basin Parliamentary Commission	4		4
19	Internationals Organizations			
1	G5 Sahel	1		
2	ECOWAS	1		
3	CEEAC	1		
4	SEN CAD	1		
5	ALG	1		
6	AU	1		
7	CICOS	1		
8	NBA	1		

N°	Participants	Number	To be sponsored by PIU/CBLT	To be sponsored by PIU/Countries
	Total participants International Organisations	8	-	-
	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	182	33	72

NB : 65 participants from TFPs and international organizations will sponsor themselves or connect virtually.

8. WORKING LANGUAGES

The Forum will be held in French and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

9. FINANCING

Funding for the Forum will be provided by PROLAC sub-component 1a managed by LCBC and the country Project Implementation Units (PIUs) of PROLAC.

10. BUDGET

The Forum's budget will be borne by Sub-component 1a of LCBC, PROLAC Implementation Unit (PIU) and MCRP of Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, and Chad.

11. DATE AND VENUE

The Forum will last two (2) days and will include plenary and technical workshops. The Forum will hold in **Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 11-12 April 2022.**