

**The 1st Sio-Malaba-Malakisi basin
stakeholders' consultative workshop
for the initiation of a Benefit
Opportunities Assessment Dialogue,
May 15th – 19th 2017, at Kisumu
Imperial Hotel, Kenya**

The IGAD Regional Water Resources Policy and Protocol

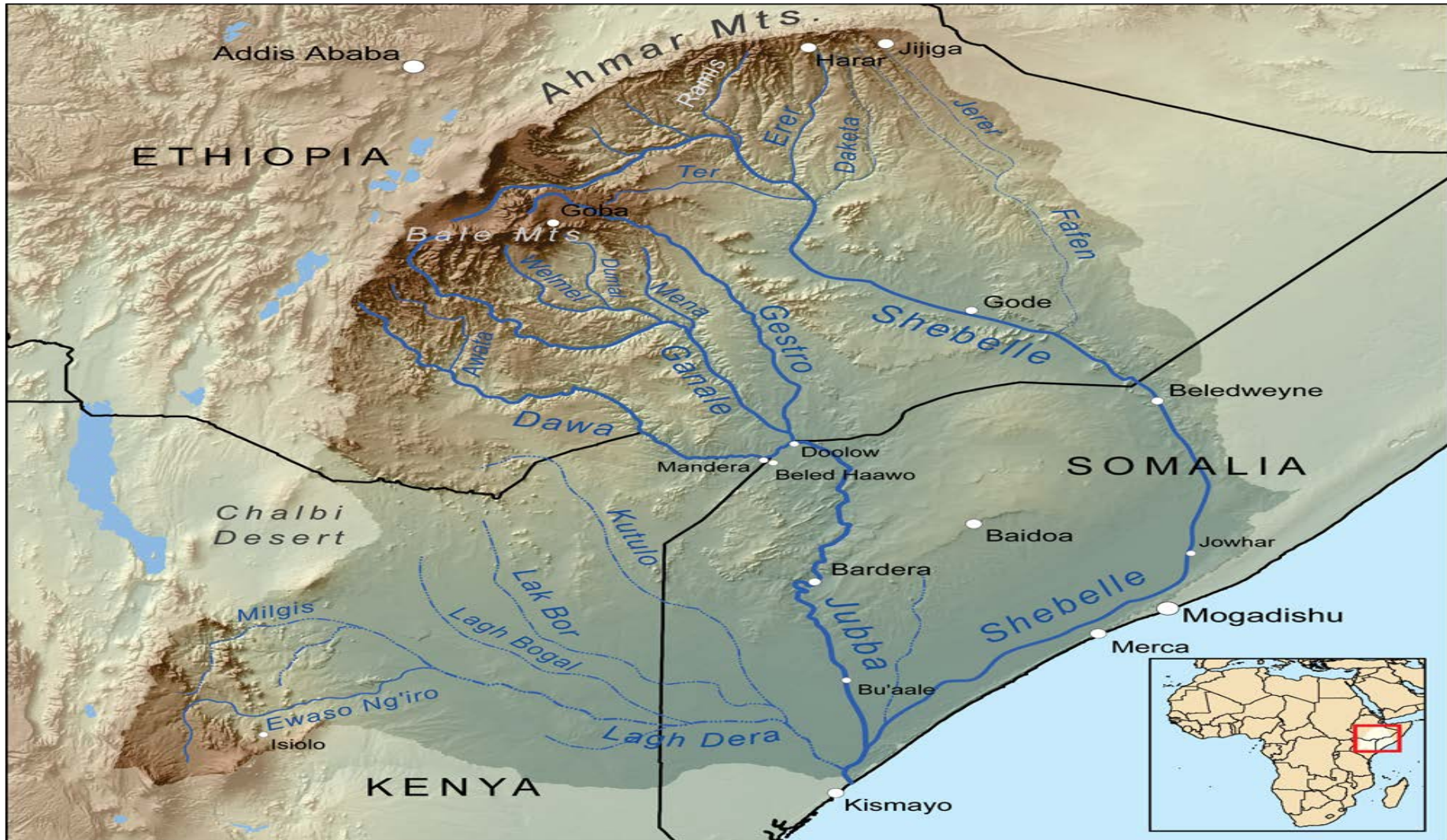
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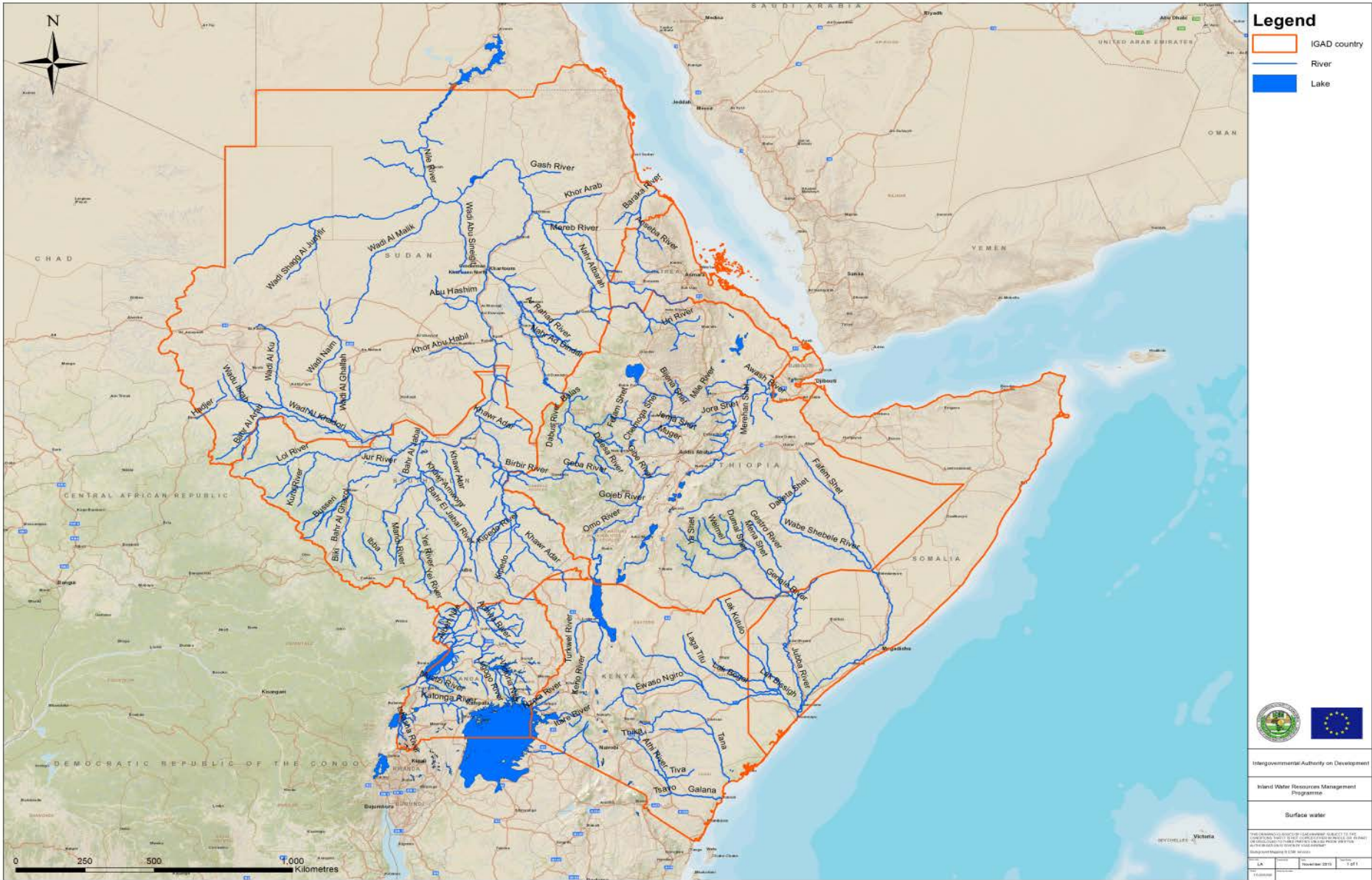
BACKGROUND

- The IGAD region covers an area of 5.2 million square Km and has a total population of. 240 million spread in the countries of Djibouti. Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda.



INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES IN THE IGAD REGION





Legend

-  IGAD country
-  River
-  Lake



Intergovernmental Authority on Development

Inland Water Resources Management Programme

Surface water

Reason as to why the Formulation

Transboundary water challenges

- ✓ Need for a Common approach in water resources management
- ✓ Need for a Regional Cooperation Frameworks.
- ✓ Growing need for joint planning , collaborative management in view of climate change
- ✓ Need to resolve conflicts and inefficiencies associated with distribution of water between different users
- ✓ Absence of legal frameworks to address water resources issues at the regional level.

WHAT WAS NEEDED

IGAD needed Policy Objectives that will address issues of TWRM at the regional level, namely;

- ✓ Ensure sustainable management and utilization of Transboundary Water Resources
- ✓ Provide for institutional arrangements , encourage cooperation amongst riparians states
- ✓ Facilitate joint information collection , planning and data sharing on planned measures

Process Followed

- ✓ Review of existing policies & legal frameworks related to water resource management
- ✓ Develop regional policy & regulatory frameworks for water resource management

2. Formulation of the Regional Synthesis Report

- ✓ **The national workshops and results from these workshops formed the basis for the formulation of the Regional Synthesis report . The Regional Synthesis report became the starting point for the formulation of the Draft Regional Water Policy and Legal Framework for water resources management under INWRMP**

5. Validation of the Regional Policy

- ✓ **The Policy was presented and discussed during a workshop held in Kampala , Uganda on 2-3 March 2014. Policy document was validated subject to inclusion of to comments from the participants**

6. Regional Water Policy Endorsement

- ✓ The Policy document was refined during the 6th TAC Meeting held in Addis Ababa Ethiopia on 20th March 2015 .
- ✓ Thereafter the IGAD Regional Water Policy was submitted to the Ministers In Charge of Water Affairs in the IGAD Region on 21th March 2015 . The Policy was endorsed during this meeting.

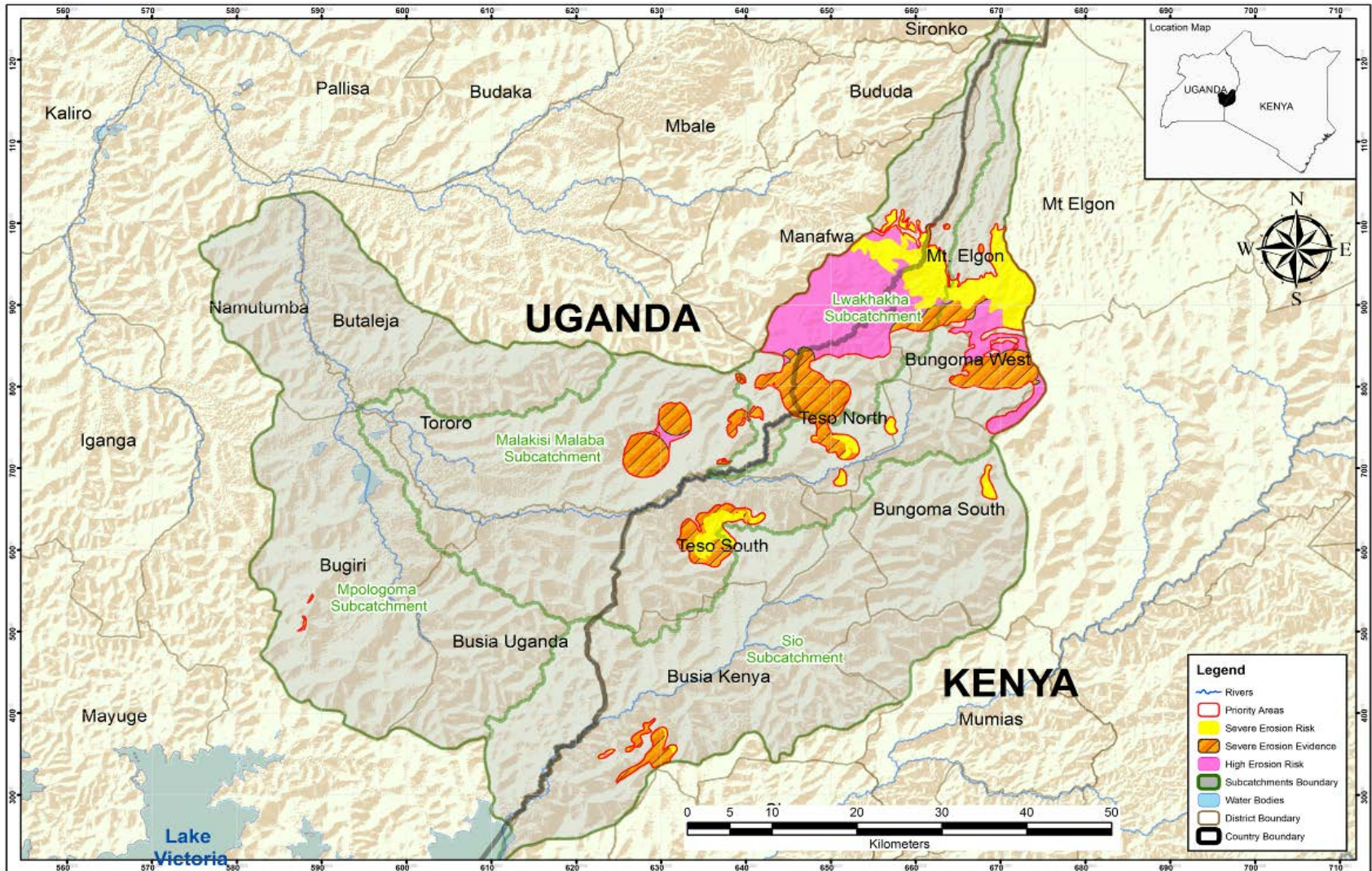
7. Draft Regional Water Protocol

- ✓ The formulation process followed the same methodology as it was with the Regional Water Policy.
- ✓ A Negotiation Committee with membership from all the Member States has been established and has met thrice
- ✓ During the first meeting, the Committee agreed on the Rules of Procedures for their meetings (three days)

Trans boundary water management for SMM

- Transboundary water resources, covering surface water and groundwater, presents opportunities for **regional cooperation**, development and management of water resources to support socio-economic development in the Sub Basin.

MoU on the Management of the Sio-Malaba-Malakisi River Waters agreed upon by Kenya and Uganda



THANKS