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NILE DAY 2020

Joint Investments on the Nile for Regional Transformation



WHAT IS NILE DAY?

Nile Day is a commemoration of the establishment of the unprecedented Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) on February 22, 1999 by Ministers in charge of Water Affairs in the Nile Basin countries. The day marked a major milestone in the history of Nile Cooperation. It was the very first time that the countries jointly agreed to establish an all-inclusive basin-wide institution, to provide a platform for consultation and coordination among themselves.

Nile Day provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of basin-wide Nile Cooperation in jointly taking good care of and utilizing the shared Nile Basin water and related resources for win-win benefits. This is in addition to enhancing awareness about the consequences of non-cooperation as well as the challenges of Nile cooperation. On a lighter note, the day serves to expose participants to the rich and varied cultures, which exist within the Nile Basin.

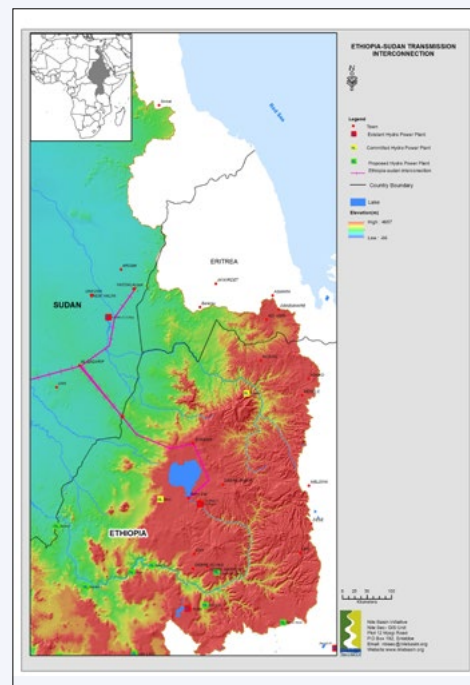
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Theme: Joint Investments on the Nile for Regional Transformation.

During the last 20 years, NBI has registered commendable progress particularly with regard to assisting Member States to prepare bankable investment projects of regional significance that contribute to food, energy and water security. The projects, which are in excess of 84, are worth more than USD 6.5 billion.

Implementation of some of these projects by the Member States has been completed, demonstrating to riparian communities, the feasibility of Nile cooperation. Cases in point include the 300MW Ethiopia- Sudan Interconnector benefitting nearly 1.4 million households; the Eastern Nile Flood Preparedness and Early Warning project-Phase 1 which created a credible system that links multiple stakeholders to work together to reduce the risk of flood devastation.

Others are the on-going construction of the 80MW Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric project jointly



implemented by Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania as well as the Interconnection of Electric Grids of Burundi, DR Congo, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda with a total of 946 km of 220/400 KV transmission lines and 17 associated sub-stations.

Nile Day 2020 therefore presents a great opportunity to show case some of the investment projects prepared by NBI and to lay emphasis on the need for Member States to include in their respective national development plans and funding windows, investment projects yet to be implemented.

Objectives:

- * To increase the visibility of NBI and promote its results, particularly investment projects prepared.
- * To enhance buy-in and commitment to NBI and basin-wide Nile cooperation
- * To increase stakeholders' understanding and appreciation of NBI's contribution to national development and people's livelihoods
- * To attract the support and collaboration of regional and international strategic partners in managing the shared Nile Basin water resources for the betterment of lives and livelihoods.

Date & Venue (Regional Event): February 22; Friendship Hall - Khartoum

Event format:

Regional Nile Day 2020 is organised in form of an Expo. Among other things, the Expo provides a unique platform to showcase some of the investment projects prepared by NBI, with an emphasis on the need for Member States to move the projects to implementation.

This is in addition to presenting and displaying some of the NBI generated impartial knowledge and scientific tools developed to enable informed decision making in the utilisation of the shared Nile Basin water resources.

The Expo also offers partners the opportunity to present successful solution options in Nile Basin water resources management.

Target Audience:

Ministers in charge of Water Affairs in the Nile Basin countries, Development Partners, officials from ministries in charge of Water, Energy, Agriculture, Environment and Foreign Affairs, Members of Parliament. Others are Researchers, Academia, Civil

society, Media (national, regional and international) opinion leaders, Youth, Children, among others.

Event Organisers:

The Regional event is jointly organised by NBI and the Ministry of Water Resources, Irrigation and Electricity, The Sudan, in partnership with the Nile Basin Discourse and is hosted by the government of the Republic of The Sudan.

Venues of previous Regional Nile Day events:

Kigali, Rwanda in 2007	Kampala, Uganda in 2014
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2008	Khartoum, The Sudan in 2015
Bujumbura, Burundi in 2009	Kisumu, Kenya in 2016
Kabale, Uganda in 2010	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in 2017
Goma, DR Congo in 2011	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2018
Jinja, Uganda in 2012	Kigali, Rwanda in 2019
Bahir Dar, Ethiopia in 2013	



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