



NILE BASIN INITIATIVE
INITIATIVE DU BASSIN DU NIL



A RESEARCH ON THE NILE IN THE MEDIA

BY Emanuele Fantini (IHE Delft Institute for Water Education)

THE RESEARCH TEAM

Abeer Rabei
Lama El Hatow
Wondwosen M. Seide
Iginio Gagliardone
Tamer Abd Elkreem
Emanuele Fantini
Yeshiwas Degu

Media outlets

- Egypt: Al-Ahram and Al-Ahram Online / Al-Shouruk
- Sudan: Alsayha and Alintibaha (2013-2014) / Aljareeda
- Ethiopia: Fortune/ The Reporter (English and Amharic)
- Uganda: The New Vision / The Monitor
- Global: The Guardian/Al Jazeera

Events

- Diversion of the Blue Nile (28 May **2013**)
- Leakage of the International Panel of Experts report (31 March **2014**)
- Signature of the Declaration of Principles on GERD (23 March **2015**)
- **2016, 2017 and 2018** random sampling

Facts or emotions?

The Guardian
International edition

Egypt sees Ethiopian dam as risk to water supply

Project promises abundant energy for Ethiopia, but potential crop failures, power cuts and political tumult for Egypt

Since long before the Pyramids towered above the rich soil of this riverside town, Egyptians have given thanks to the muddy waters of the Nile. "Plants, animals, humans," said Ibrahim Abdel Aziz, a 45-year-old farmer, "we all come from this river." Trace the Nile about 2,250km upstream and there's a rising colossus that threatens to upset a millennia-old balance. There, in the

Opinion
Water

The Nile belongs to Ethiopia too

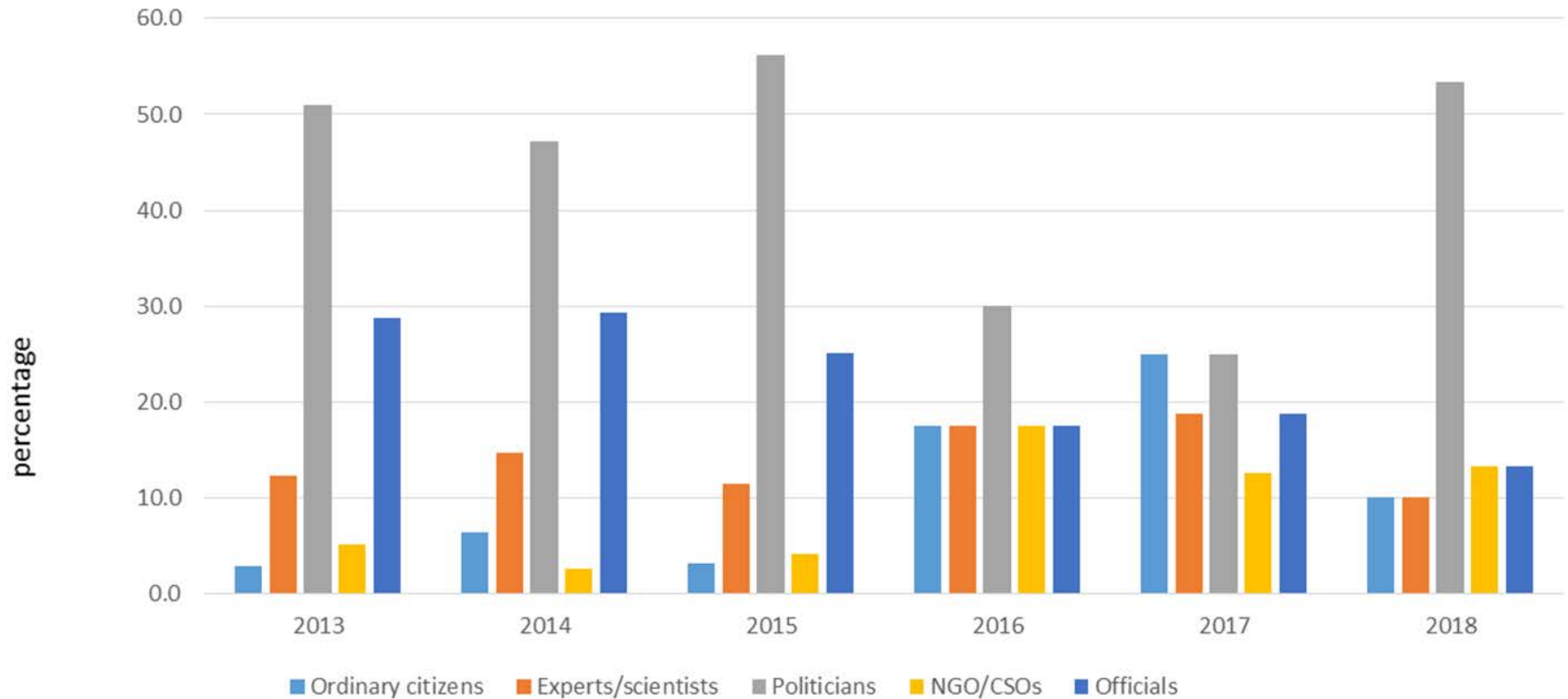
Maaza Mengiste

Wed 19 Jun 2013
19.45 BST

The increasing tensions with Egypt over the proposed dam reveal how fundamental the river is to both nations' identity

Whose voice?

All media



Three figures of **experts**

- The **minister**: preaching the catechism of national interest
- The **prophet**: warning about future crisis and concerns
- **God's eye view**: suggesting pathways for conflict mediation and resolution

Conclusion

Nile media narratives are caught in the **nation trap**.

Which **emotions**, **voices** and **knowledge** shall we promote to transform the narrative?



NILE BASIN INITIATIVE
INITIATIVE DU BASSIN DU NIL

REGIONAL NILE MEDIA TRAINING

Date: 12 - 16 Dec 2016

Venue: Hotel Villa Portofino Kigali, Rwanda

#Nile6

NBI MEMBER STATES



THANK YOU!