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Nile Basin Decision Support System reaches more users



Representatives from NBI Member States during an NB DSS user training held at the Secretariat

In order to expand user access to the Nile Basin Decision Support System (NB DSS), a state of the art tool developed by NBI in collaboration with Member States, the NBI Secretariat has rolled out a new license management scheme that enables access to large numbers of users. Unlike before, it is no longer necessary for a user to have a dongle (hardware key) and license file, making it possible for one to apply the tool from anywhere within the Basin. As a result, the number of registered users of the NB DSS has increased substantially from 300 to over 500 to-date.

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DID you know? The world's longest river -the Nile - has a drainage area of about 3.2 million square kilometers, which is nearly 10% of the land mass of the African continent.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



During the last three months, management and staff of NBI have been working hard on a number of activities. We have developed a new Strategy for NBI for the period 2017 – 2027. The Strategy, which has been developed following extensive consultations with the Member States, translates the NBI Shared Vision Objective into a 10-year period and provides the strategic direction for NBI for the coming decade.

In addition to the 10-year Strategy, the Secretariat has put together its 5-year Action Plan, which is a set of priority actions the institution will undertake to contribute towards achieving the Shared Vision Objective.

It gives me great confidence to realise that our new Strategy directly addresses three of the five key challenges affecting the development of the Nile Basin countries as identified by the President of Uganda, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni during the recently concluded first Nile Basin Heads of State Summit held in Entebbe. These are low electrification, underdeveloped agriculture as well as environmental degradation, while rapid population growth and low

industrialisation will be addressed indirectly.

The purpose of the Summit, which was a culmination of efforts by the Nile Council of Ministers (Nile-COM) to engage Egypt to resume participation in NBI activities, was to grant leaders the opportunity to jointly appreciate progress made in Nile Cooperation and to provide policy and strategic guidance on how the cooperation can be enhanced so as to promote socio-economic growth in the Nile Basin States.

Both the 10-year Strategy and 5-year Action Plan documents will be presented to the Nile-COM for approval, during their 25th annual meeting slated for July 2017.

Earlier in May 2017, we successfully organised the first Nile Basin Economists' Forum. Renowned economists from within and beyond the Nile Basin took stock of and exchanged experiences in integrating economic perspectives in NBI strategic analyses for efficient water resources management in the Nile Basin.

Furthermore, in order to expand user access to the Nile Basin Decision Support System (NB DSS), a state of the art tool developed by NBI in collaboration with Member States, the Secretariat rolled out a new license management scheme that enables access to large numbers of users. To-date the number of users has increased substantially from 300 to over 500 registered users.

With respect to resource mobilisation, we secured additional financing of USD 2 million through the World Bank for implementation of the Nile Cooperation for Results (NCORE) project, extending the project life time to 2020.

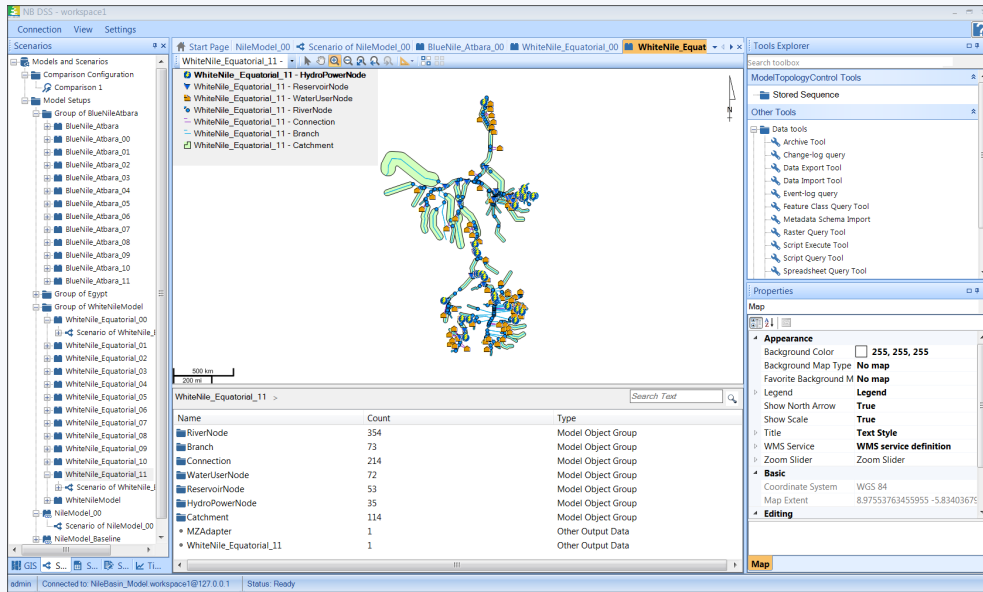
In the next quarter (July – September, 2017), besides resource mobilization, we will focus more on preparations for the 5th Nile Basin Development Forum (NBDF) due to take place, 23 - 25 October 2017 in Kigali, Rwanda. The Regional Forum will be held under the theme: *'Investing in Nile Cooperation for a Water Secure Future'*. I hope you will make it a point to attend this biennial high level science-policy dialogue.

Taking place within the confines of the 5th NBDF will be recognition of winners of the Nile Media Awards 2017. The Forum will be followed by yet another key regional event, the Strategic Dialogue, between NBI governance and Development Partners.

None of the accomplishments or future plans would be possible without the support of our partners for which, I am forever grateful. I am eager to see how much we can accomplish together in the coming quarter in particular and the years ahead, with the aim of transforming lives in the Nile Basin. I am more than confident that together and united, we will make it happen.

Good reading!

Eng. Innocent Ntabana



This new scheme presents a number of benefits. Besides one not requiring a dongle, other benefits include global sharing of licenses, access from any location with an internet connection; ability to enable licenses online, as well as easy access to floating licenses for peak workloads.

This new development follows the establishment of 300 internet-based floating licenses for enabling full functionality of the NB DSS with Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) and Water Evaluation And Planning (WEAP) modelling tools. Accordingly, users of the tool can now register SWAT and WEAP model setups in the NB DSS, create scenarios, run simulations and analyse results.

The online floating licensing scheme is implemented through an online server that is managed by DHI. The NBI Secretariat on the other hand, administers access to the NB DSS through the scheme by enabling and revoking licenses where necessary.

The scheme requires an internet connection to register the NB DSS. User accounts are created on the server and identified by the user's email address and password.

The internet-based floating licenses enable full access to all features of the NB DSS except registration of MIKE tools based models.

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The NB DSS is a set of analytical and scenario evaluation tools that is used by NBI Member States to ensure efficient management and optimal use of the basin's shared water resources. As NBI's flagship innovation in the field of water resources planning, the NB DSS is playing an instrumental role in monitoring and assessing the water and related natural resources of the Basin.

"The Nile Basin Decision Support System has proved to be a robust tool for water resources planning at both catchment and national level. The recently added feature of online license has removed the hurdle of limited dongles. I am excited to see how much more the Uganda NB DSS team can now achieve."

Pamela Agaba Katalo, Senior Water Officer in the Ministry of Water and Environment – Uganda.

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Economists Forum highlights opportunity to multiply benefits in the Nile Basin



Participants who took part in the Forum

Renowned economists from within and beyond the Nile Basin on May 16-17, 2017 met in Entebbe, Uganda for a two-day Forum. The aim of the Forum was to take stock and exchange experiences in integrating economic perspectives for efficient water resources management in the Nile Basin.

Operating under the theme, **‘Integrating economic perspectives for more efficient water resources management in a shared river basin’**, the Forum also provided tools and ideas for NBI Member States to consider in their respective national planning.

Speaking at the opening ceremony Mr. Jackson Twinomujuni, Commissioner for International and Transboundary Water Affairs in Uganda’s Ministry of Water and Environment, said: “I expect the Forum will make a compelling case for Nile Basin countries to invest in their decision-making processes and tools to integrate economic principles for more sustainable and efficient management of their shared water resources in order to meet the needs of the present population and the generations to come.”

The NBI Secretariat Executive Director, Eng. Innocent Ntabana, said economic considerations play a vital role in water resources management. “Incorporating the economic key dimensions is essential for optimising water uses, making better use of the available water and the related resources, and devising a robust water management framework that not only advances our

strategies and practices but also ensures improved living conditions basin wide,” he said.

Experts highlighted the importance of strengthening on-going developments in the water sector with plans concerning the energy and agriculture sectors, as both rely, to a large extent, on the use of water. They observed that is only by doing so that NBI Member States would be able to achieve their Shared Vision Objective ‘To achieve sustainable socio-economic development through the equitable utilisation of, and benefit from, the common Nile Basin water resources.’

The Forum was attended by eminent economists and NBI governance members. It was organised by the NBI Secretariat with support from GIZ and in collaboration with Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).



L-R: Eng. Innocent Ntabana, Mr. Jackson Twinomujuni and Dr. Malte Grossmann of GIZ during the opening ceremony



A cross section of participants during the Forum

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Unveiling the online and interactive Nile Basin Water Resources Atlas

The web-based interactive version of the Atlas can be accessed by any browser and is also suitable for mobile devices.

Following the official launch of the Nile Basin Water Resources Atlas in 2016, the Secretariat has now unveiled the online and interactive version.

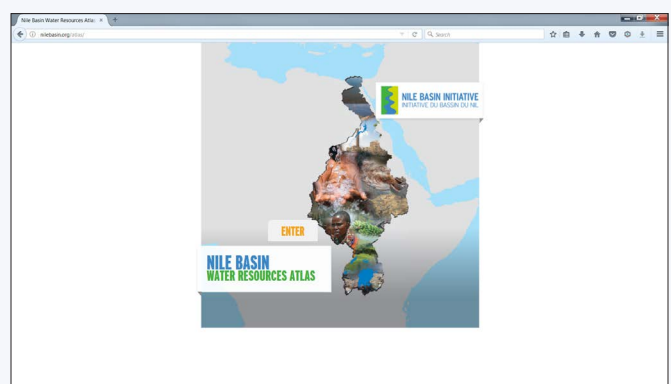
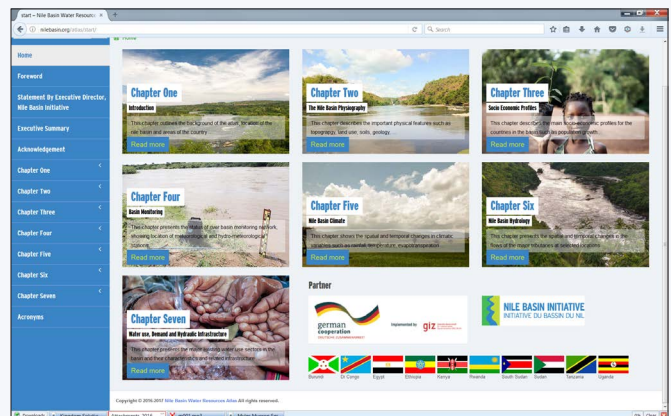
The Atlas offers a platform to visualise factual and interpreted information about the resources in the Nile Basin region and provides decision makers with evidence-based information to enable them make evidence based decisions in order to address urgent socio-economic needs of the people while ensuring equitable sharing of the benefits.

Such synthesised basin-wide information is critical given that Nile Basin citizens are heavily dependent on exploitation of the water and environmental resources for their livelihoods. This is not withstanding the complexity of the large number of countries, combined with the uneven distribution of the water resources, population pressure, urbanisation and complex hydrology of the Nile System, which also pose significant challenges for the sustainable management of the shared waters and for ascertaining where and how benefits can or should be generated and shared within the Nile Basin.

The web-based version allows readers to interact with the Atlas to view monthly and annual values at specific locations for any given year, compare river flows of different hydromet stations by toggling on and off and download charts in PDF and JPEG versions for use elsewhere.

Charts and maps have been displayed alongside each other to allow the viewer to visualise the location whose information is displayed in that section.

Structured in short readable sections per sub theme, the web-based interactive version allows the reader to focus on a particular area of interest.



The Nile Basin Water Resources Atlas is yet another of NBI's efforts aimed at trust and confidence building among Member States and nurturing a conducive environment for successful cooperative management and development of the shared Nile Basin water and related resources through production and dissemination of science based and impartial knowledge products.



Access the web based interactive version of the Nile Basin Water Resources Atlas at <http://atlas.nilebasin.org>

Access the PDF version through the Nile Information System at <http://nileis.nilebasin.org/content/nile-basin-water-resources-atlas>

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Climate Services for Infrastructure Investments project launched



Nalubaale (Owen Falls) Dam in Jinja, Uganda. Ensuring resilience of such water sector infrastructure projects to the negative impacts of climate change is paramount

Climate change is real and is manifest with severe and diverse impacts. The Nile Basin region in particular and the African continent in general, while contributing least to Green House Gas (GHG) emissions, is most vulnerable and will be hit hardest by the impacts of climate change such as floods and drought. Climate change impacts have the potential to undermine development and even undo progress made in reducing poverty, attaining Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and improving the socio-economic well-being of the broad population in the Nile Basin.

Water being the medium through which most climate change impacts are transmitted, the need for addressing climate change in all NBI programs cannot be overstated.

It is with the above in mind that NBI, together with a team from GIZ, Germany recently launched a project aimed at improving Climate Services for Infrastructure Investments (CSI) in the Nile Basin. The project will provide NBI Member States with information that will improve resilience of water sector infrastructure projects to the negative impacts of climate change such as floods and drought. This project is part of a global program supported by GIZ under the International Climate Initiative, with funding from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB).

It is worth noting that this is not the first time that NBI is addressing climate change within its programs and activities, particularly given that the Nile Basin is highly vulnerable to climate change impacts. Earlier initiatives

include development of a Climate Change Strategy in 2013 while the investment programs, namely the Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO) in Addis Ababa and Nile Equatorial Lakes Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU) in Kigali, respectively have developed guidelines and approach papers for climate proofing of water resources investments.

Furthermore, NBI has studied the climate change scenarios with predictions of impacts on future water resources availability, water demand and long-term basin water balance up to 2050. Forecast unmet water requirements (gap) can therefore be better managed.

Consideration of climate information in investment planning is necessary to avoid unscrupulous investments and to take into account climate adaptation.

Due to the lifetime of several decades of infrastructure, future vulnerabilities are influenced by current investment decisions. Therefore, the systematic consideration of climate scenarios in the planning and approval of infrastructure projects significantly contributes to reducing the vulnerability of the infrastructure stock. This decreases the risk of failure of infrastructure under extreme exposure and avoids the high cost of upgrading. Furthermore, it greatly enhances securing the essential resources for infrastructure implementation.

Moreover, the reliable functioning of critical infrastructure such as multi-purpose dams provides co-benefits for the economy and population. In addition, an improved offer of Climate Services and more robust planning processes make a direct contribution to increasing the Nile Basin adaptation capacity.

The socio-economic consequences of climate change in the Nile Basin will be severe and will exacerbate the impacts of existing challenges. These include, among others, negative impacts on wetlands, agriculture, fisheries and livestock, with strong implications for food security and future economic growth. This is perfectly recognised by the decision makers in the Basin and NBI is no doubt playing a key role in this context. The CSI project, together with other relevant NBI initiatives such as the Regional Hydromet System and Strategic Water Resources Analysis, will significantly provide an ample opportunity for streamlining the NBI climate change focused work program towards the desired robust climate-resilient Nile Basin.

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Second edition of the State of the River Nile Basin Report underway

The use of science evidence-based information in basin planning, decision making, and joint management to ensure resource sustainability and improved productivity is essential.

To promote shared understanding and therefore collective strategic actions, the NBI develops and disseminates every five years, the State of the River Nile Basin (SOB) report that supports Basin planning. Having released the inaugural report in 2012, NBI is now developing the second one to be published in 2018.

The 2018 report will feature six thematic areas namely; livelihoods and food security; energy access and power security; the Nile Basin environmental sustainability; transboundary water governance; climate change and water security, with the latter being the main theme for this report. The thematic coverage is primarily aligned with the goals of the NBI 10-year Strategy (2017 -2027) as well as with national reporting requirements.

It is expected that the report will:

- ▶ Update the Nile Basin demographic, hydrologic, climatological, water and related resources, and environmental information in the first edition (2012).
- ▶ Support the systematic assessment of the adopted policies and action plans in mitigating risks, facing the challenges and managing the progressively evolving issues basin-wide.
- ▶ Update the common knowledge on and deep understanding of the Nile Basin potentials, limitations, hope spots and hotspots.

The principal purpose of the report is to enhance shared understanding among riparian countries on the status of the Basin, appreciate shared risks and challenges, and also draw riparians' attention to policy instruments and priority strategic actions for adequately addressing and mitigating emerging issues.

- ▶ Build the Nile Basin reporting mechanism, framework and institutional setup.
- ▶ Streamline national/regional reporting requirements and align indicators and pointers.

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Among others, the report targets decision makers, planners, academia, research community, NGOs and CSOs, as well as the media.

The State of the River Nile Basin report is jointly prepared with the NBI Member States to ensure authenticity and ownership.

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NBI wows crowd at World Bank Open Day



The Guest of Honour, Hon. Matia Kasaijja, Uganda's Minister of Finance accompanied by the World Bank Country Manager for Uganda, Ms. Christina Malmberg at the NBI exhibition stand



A father explains to his daughters about the Nile Basin using the 3D model illustration

The Nile is the longest river in the world and the only one that flows from south to north. After a 6,975km journey that starts at its farthest source in Burundi, the Nile flows into the Mediterranean Sea in Egypt. These and many facts about the Nile are seemingly obvious to those in the water sector but not so much to the common man on the street.

In fact, there are so many misconceptions about the Nile, mainly built from a lack of information on the subject. So when the World Bank partnered with the Government of Uganda to hold an Open Day on May 30, 2017, the NBI Secretariat used the opportunity to share information and enhance its visibility.

Operating under the theme: **'People for Development'**, the event, held at the Kololo Airstrip in Kampala, Uganda, attracted thousands of visitors, many of whom approached the NBI exhibition stall to learn more about the Nile and how countries are cooperating to manage and develop its resources.

The centre-piece of the Secretariat's exhibition was a 3D model illustrating the Nile Basin system and the countries through which the mighty river flows. Visitors, who included children, the elderly and youth, were able to identify some features that stood out and



Some excited visitors take a photo of the 3D model illustration

in turn, learn so much more about the Nile Basin. They also left armed with communication and knowledge products such as the Nile Basin Water Resources Atlas, State of the River Nile Basin report and Shared Benefits of Cooperation, the among others.

One of the visitors, Waiswa Samuel a member of the Young Volunteers for the Environment, a community based organisation in Buikwe District in Uganda had this to say: "We love the River Nile because it is part and parcel of our lifestyle; it is our source of livelihood. Our organisation is among initiatives aimed at protecting the river".

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Participants during group work

Communicating Water Science for Trans-boundary Cooperation in the Nile Basin

NBI recently participated in a regional workshop on ‘Communicating Water Science for Trans-boundary Cooperation in the Nile Basin’ organised by the Nile Basin Capacity Building Network in collaboration with UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education.

During the workshop that took place from 22 – 24 May, 2017 in Cairo - Egypt, NBI took the opportunity to strengthen ties with the different initiatives and actors and to explore potential for possible synergies.

This is in addition to connecting to the journalists present as well as determining the media’s knowledge requirements that NBI needs to respond to, in particular through improved technical communication, among others.

NBI made a joint presentation with GIZ on the topic: ‘Figuring out the Nile - Towards an informed public dialogue on Nile Basin issues.’

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Nile Media Awards 2017 deadline draws closer



Journalists from the Nile Basin region and Communication Officers from Ministries in charge of Water Affairs in the NBI Member States who took part in the Regional Media Training held in Kigali in 2016

The 2017 edition of the Nile Media Awards is bigger and better, with five categories as opposed to two in the inaugural awards in 2015. Where print and radio categories carried the day initially, NBI has introduced an additional three categories, namely; television, photography and digital news publication.

The aim of the Award is to recognise journalists for excellent reporting on Nile cooperation issues and to promote increased, factual and accurate reporting on these issues.

With only a few more weeks to the deadline for submission of entries, the NBI Secretariat is encouraging journalists in the 10 Member States to not miss the opportunity. The deadline for submission is July 31, 2017.

Journalists are invited to submit original pieces of their work that highlight the benefits of 'Cooperation in the Nile Basin'. These can come in many shapes and forms including two or more countries jointly addressing challenges such as climate change, maximising socio-economic benefits, minimising risks and costs of development projects, and promoting regional peace and security through the cooperative management and use of the shared Nile Basin water resources.

The Secretariat encourages journalists to explore the benefits of cooperation in the Nile Basin through a range of lenses, including food and water security, energy

access, climate change, ecosystems, governance and management of water resources, regional investment projects and many more. Why do we need cooperation on these issues? How do the people of the Basin benefit when countries decide to cooperate? We particularly welcome submissions with a strong focus on the human impact of cooperation in the Nile Basin.

Articles based on the aforementioned theme and published in the period July 2015 to June 2017, will be accepted. Entries will be in the following languages; English, French, Arabic, Kiswahili, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi and Amharic. Entries that are not in English should be sent along with a compulsory translation or transcription in English.

The Nile Media Awards 2017 is organised with support of GIZ and in partnership with Africa Water Journalists, Deutsche Welle Akademie, Media in Communication Training (MICT), Nile Basin Discourse, and Global Water Partnership Eastern Africa.

Winners will be recognised during the upcoming 5th Nile Basin Development Forum, a high level regional event scheduled to take place in Kigali, Rwanda, 23 - 25 October, 2017.

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Communities benefit from Livelihood Restoration Program



A trainee during a tailoring session

Finding an alternative source of livelihood is very important for the people of Rusumo area located at the border between Ngara district in Tanzania and Kirehe district in Rwanda. The community here was affected by the construction of the 80MW regional Rusumo Falls hydroelectric plant project on the Kagera River at the Rusumo Falls.

The Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project (RRFHP) steered compensation and resettlement of about 169 households in the districts of Kirehe (Rwanda) and Ngara (Tanzania) before construction activities began. Of these, 61 households are from Rwanda and 108 from Tanzania.

At least 127 Rwandan and 227 Tanzanian Project Affected Persons (PAPs) have benefited from the Livelihood Restoration Program (LRP) in terms of capacity development in community procurement of goods and services as well as finance skills for the compensation cash prior to the disbursement.

LRP activities focus on agriculture; livestock and off-farming development. The LRP program, which is worth about USD 711,000 before construction, commenced in February 2017 and will conclude in 2020 upon which it is expected to have impacted the socio-economic lives of the Project Affected Persons.

Afisa Muhawenimana, from Kirehe, Rwanda, is the Secretary for the Community of Project Affected People (CPAP). She shares her excitement: “PAPs were

sensitised on the benefits of working as a group instead of working alone. Now, we are an organised group with a vision and hope. This has built our confidence”.

The LRP in Tanzania promoted commercial rabbit farming as one of the livestock development activities. Laurent Lazaro, together with his wife and two children, was resettled in Nyakahanga, Rusumo area in Tanzania. He received training in rabbit farming by specialised trainers. “I am certain that this activity will add value to my family’s income; rabbits start reproducing at five months. I am now targeting suppliers in restaurants and schools”, he said.

For Lazaro’s wife, just like most women in Rwanda and Tanzania PAPs, she enrolled for tailoring. The training schedule allows the women to do other home chores and has also contributed to bringing the women together and creating teamwork.

Construction of the Regional Rusumo Falls hydroelectric project was officially launched on 30 March, 2017 and is expected to be commissioned in February, 2020.

Benefits of the Rusumo Hydroelectric Project

The project will generate 80 megawatts of renewable, clean, relatively low cost power to be shared equally among Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania, with each getting an additional 26.6 megawatts directly connected to their respective national grid through the transmission lines. At least 1, 146,000 people will benefit from the additional power; 5.4% (520,000) in Burundi, 4% (467,000) in Rwanda and 0.34% (159,000) in Tanzania. Besides leading to an increase in economic activity, improved access to renewable clean energy will have positive effects on the environment, while the relatively inexpensive electricity will contribute to foreign exchange savings and improved balance of payments since the power generated will replace imported petroleum products.

At the regional level, the transmission lines will form a ‘backbone system’ that will link the Great Lakes region allowing power exchange with Eastern DR Congo as well as other Nile Equatorial Lakes countries and later to the Southern Africa Power Pool, thus facilitating power trade among Member States and beyond and improving regional power supply reliability.

Other benefits are support to regional and political cooperation, enhancing regional integration, as well as peace and stability among the Nile Equatorial Lakes countries through shared facilities and development of common energy and water policies.

Among the immediate benefits is creation of jobs for 500 people as well as improved access roads, to be built during construction.



Lazaro with his rabbits

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Rwanda to host 5th Nile Basin Development Forum



A scene from the 4th NBDF that was held in Nairobi, Kenya in 2014

The NBI Secretariat, working in close collaboration with the Member States, is gearing up for the 5th Nile Basin Development Forum, which will be hosted by Rwanda, 23 - 25 October, 2017. The Forum will bring together Ministers in charge of Water Affairs in the Nile Basin countries, senior government officials, policy makers, researchers, academia, civil society, private sector development partners and the media among others to engage in a conversation on the theme **‘Investing in Nile Cooperation for a Water Secure Future’**.

The event will offer speakers and attendees alike the opportunity to explore the following eight sub themes:

- ▶ Energy access
- ▶ Financing
- ▶ Food Security
- ▶ Knowledge assets
- ▶ Water Ecosystems
- ▶ Water Governance
- ▶ Water Security
- ▶ Water-Food-Energy

The aim of the biennial Forum, which provides a platform for science-policy dialogue, is to foster cooperation and create a common understanding and appreciation,

among a wide range of stakeholders, of the issues and challenges of the Nile Basin.

The Forum also provides an opportunity for sharing latest information, knowledge and best practices as well as building partnerships among professionals in trans-boundary water resources management and development.

The event is open to anyone and everyone who is passionate about these issues. There will be plenty of opportunities to chat with the speakers after their sessions and to learn more.



If you are interested in attending, be sure to register online by visiting <http://nbdn.nilebasin.org/content/registrationpayment>

The NBI Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who positively responded to the call for abstracts. The selection process is underway and you will be notified as soon as possible.

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NBI Centres agree on areas for joint planning

The 26th NBI Coordination meeting was held from June 1- 2, 2017 at the NBI Secretariat in Entebbe. The purpose of the meeting was for the three NBI Centres (Nile-SEC, ENTRO and NELSAP-CU) to together identify areas for joint planning and devise ways of improving coordination.

Among other things, the meeting agreed on a consolidated framework of joint activities to be considered under the Platform for Cooperation in the next planning cycles. Also considered were areas under knowledge management including development of the Integrated Knowledge Portal, irrigation efficiency, dam cascades and dam safety manuals. Others are harmonisation of

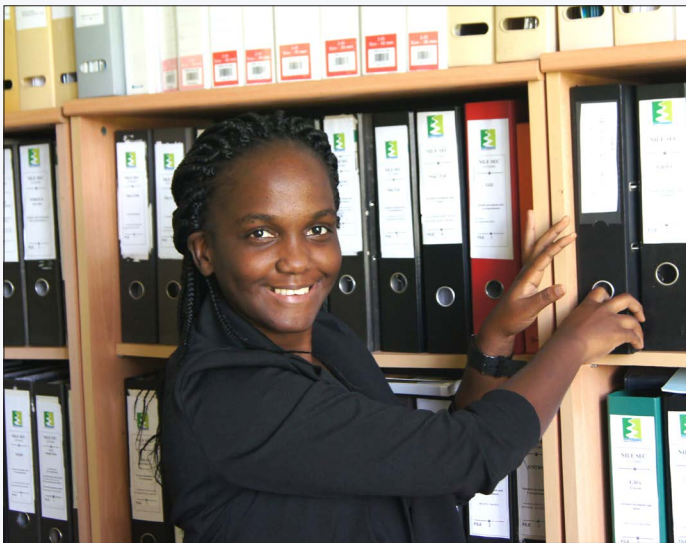
models, joint studies such as groundwater assessment studies as well as joint hiring of consultants for similar work.

Also discussed was the NBI Financing Strategy on which participants agreed that it should focus on core costs and operation funding.

The Coordination meeting was attended by management staff from each of the Centres as well as a representative of GIZ.

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Welcome!



Ms. Nabbale Olga recently joined the Secretariat for a one-month internship in the office of the Executive Director. The internship is offered as part of NBI's Young Professionals Program whose aim is to offer students an opportunity to apply classroom theory to the real world of water cooperation in the Nile Basin.

Olga, whose internship ends on August 31, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Office Administration and Secretarial Science at Bugema University.

The Secretariat warmly welcomes Olga.



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To achieve sustainable socio-economic development through the equitable utilization of, and benefit from, the common Nile Basin water resources.



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