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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **United Republic of Tanzania to Host Nile Day 2022 Celebrations**

**DAR ES SALAAM, United Republic of Tanzania** – The Nile Basin Initiative (NBI), in collaboration with the United Republic of Tanzania, is organising the Regional Nile Day 2022 celebrations to take place in Dar es Salaam.

While addressing media representatives at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Dar es Salaam today, Tanzania’s Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Water, Eng. Anthony Sanga indicated that the United Republic of Tanzania is honoured to host the Regional Nile Day for the second time with the first time having been in 2017. Providing a brief background on the Nile River and NBI, Eng. Sanga also highlighted that the NBI was established in Dar es Salaam on 22 February 1999.

The theme for Nile Day 2022 is *“The Nile: Our Heritage for Peace and Prosperity.”*

At least 1,000 Nile Basin citizens and friends of the Nile are expected to participate in the celebrations taking place at Mlimani City Conference Centre. These include Ministers in charge of Water Affairs in the Nile Basin countries (Nile Council of Ministers); representatives from NBI Member States embassies in Dar es Salaam, and officials from Ministries whose activities relate to the management and development of the shared water resources, namely Water, Environment, Energy, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Finance. Others include policy decision makers, development partners, researchers, academia, civil society, media (national, regional, and international), youth, and NBI strategic partners.

The celebrations, which will take place at Mlimani City Conference Centre, will start with a brass band-led march from Magufuli Hostel to Mlimani City Conference Centre. A number of activities have been lined up including an exhibition by various partners showcasing achievements and on-going works in water and water-related activities, speeches from different dignitaries focusing on the theme for the day, traditional cuisine and dance. Later in the afternoon, Ministers in charge of Water Affairs in the NBI Member States together will convene for an extraordinary session of the Nile Council of Ministers (Nile-COM) meeting.

The annual Nile Day event provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of basin-wide Nile Cooperation in jointly taking good care of and utilising 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. Nile Day is also an occasion for participants to appreciate the rich and varied cultures which exist within the Nile Basin.

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### **About Nile Basin Initiative**

The Nile Basin Initiative is a regional inter-governmental partnership launched by the Nile Basin countries on February 22, 1999, to manage and develop the shared Nile Basin water and related resources in a cooperative manner, share substantial socio-economic benefits, and promote regional peace and security. There are 10 NBI Member States: Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Eritrea participates as an observer. The setup of NBI is informed by the principle of subsidiarity that matters ought to be handled by the smallest, lowest or least centralised competent authority; hence, the three NBI Centres: A Regional Secretariat (Nile-SEC) based in Entebbe, Uganda is the executive arm responsible for the overall corporate direction. Two subsidiary Action Programs – the Eastern Nile Subsidiary Action Program (ENSAP) and Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program (NELSAP) – are responsible for preparing trans-boundary investment projects aimed at contributing to energy, food and water security in the Nile Basin.