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**NBI's work on Stakeholder  
Engagement and Gender**



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# Introduction



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## Confidence Building and Stakeholder Engagement (CBSI) Project: 2005 - 2009

### Project Development Objectives:

- [?] Develop full confidence in regional cooperation under the NBI
- [?] Ensure full stakeholder involvement in the NBI and its projects.



## Introduction...

One of four components of CBSI:

- Ensure that NBI stakeholders –governments, civil society, local communities, the press, academia, etc. take active part in NBI's processes – ultimately to guarantee public ownership of NBI and its programmes and projects.



## Introduction...

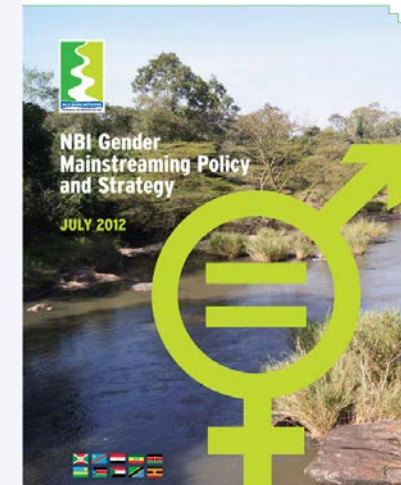
- NBI's 10-Year Strategy (2017 – 2027), strategic direction 6.5 seeks to “build consensus among the countries’ public and stakeholders for cooperative Basin development and management”.

## Policy Framework.

- NBI Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy 2018 - 2023
- NBI Gender Mainstreaming (i) Policy (ii) Strategy



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# Stakeholder engagement at NBI.



Well-structured stakeholder engagement to:

- Get maximum buy-in for NBI's work
- Enhance ownership of decisions and outcomes
- Create a common understanding for the Basin challenges, benefits of cooperation, risks of non cooperation

# Stakeholder engagement at NBI.

## Strategic approach

One of the five strategic approaches of the Strategy focuses on stakeholder engagement

**Identify and engage important stakeholders proactively**

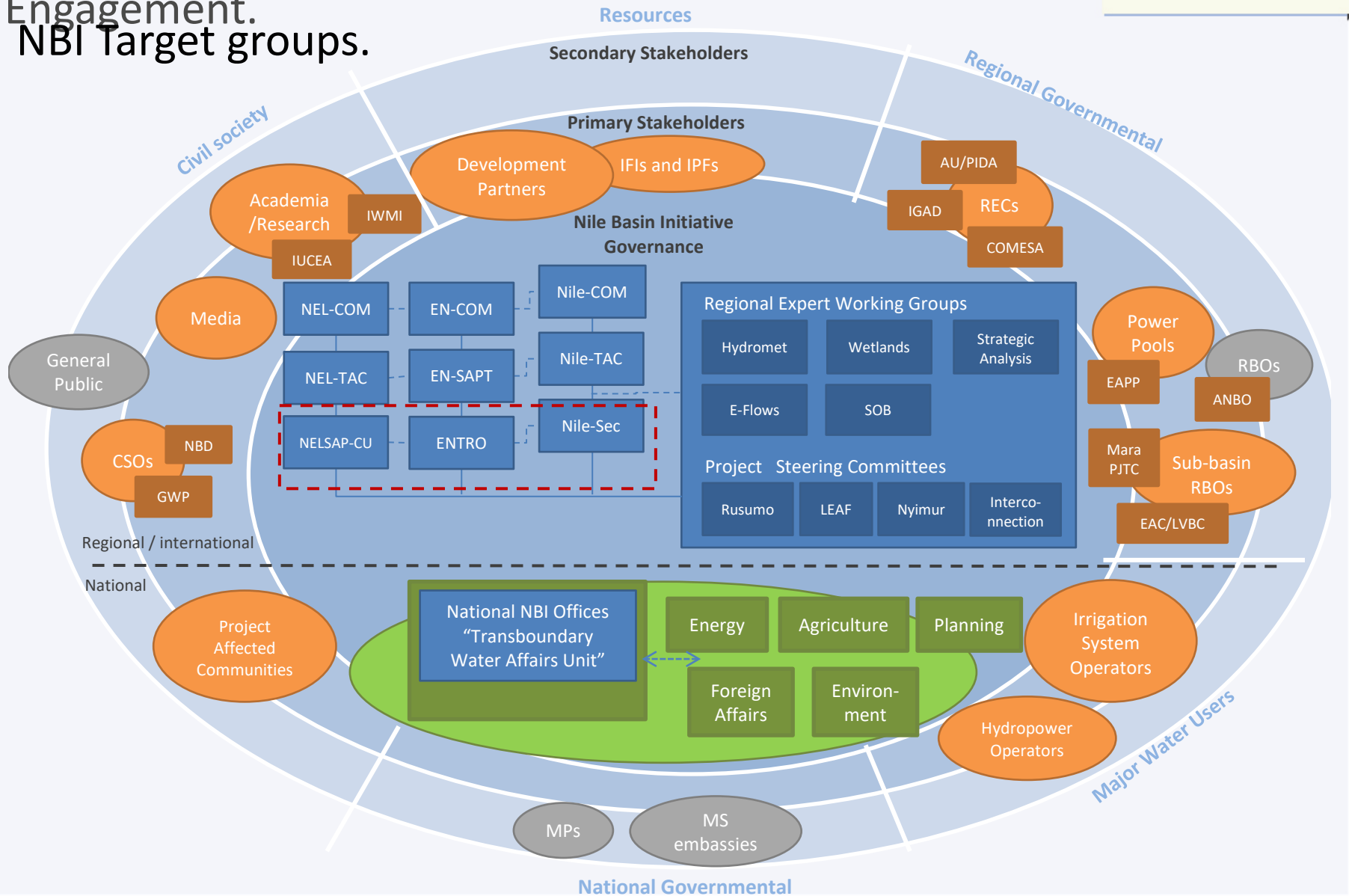
### Specific action areas.

- Governance meetings
- Regular large stakeholder forums
- National consultations
- Stakeholder specific/specialised forums based on interests and priorities
- Innovative platforms.
- utilise strategic partnerships to engage specific stakeholder groups
- Regularly updated stakeholder database (>3500)



# Targeted Communication and Stakeholder

## Engagement. NBI Target groups.



## NBI Gender Mainstreaming (i) Policy & (ii) Strategy.

- To provide a framework for implementation and monitoring of a gender sensitive and responsive NBI institution – towards IWRM, poverty reduction
- Useful not only to NBI as an institution, but also to its key stakeholders (such as NBD) concerned with gender and water aspects.
- Not a stand-alone document but one that links with each and every NBI policy and programme - NBSF.

## NBI Gender Mainstreaming (i) Policy & (ii) Strategy.

- **Policy goal** - To create a gender-sensitive work environment, institutionalise organisational and programmatic practices that foster gender equality and equity and provide equal opportunity for men and women within NBI and across its transboundary water resources cooperative development and management policies, plans, programmes and projects.
- **Strategy goal** - To guide NBI to attain gender equity and equality in service delivery for the sustainable management and development of the common Nile Basin water and related resources.

# Gender mainstreaming activities.

- In 2006, NBI organised a landmark workshop on gender mainstreaming: “Women of and Women in NBI “as a vital category of stakeholders to ensure access to safe and adequate water, sanitation and food for every woman, man and child as a priority.



# Gender mainstreaming activities...

- The workshop identified recommendations towards gender mainstreaming in NBI programmes, projects and activities.



## Gender mainstreaming activities...

- In 2007, carried out an assessment to establish the extent of gender mainstreaming at NBI.
- As a result - a gender equality action plan was developed and some parts of the action plan were implemented.

(With support of the CIDA-funded Gender Equality and African Regional Institution Project (GEARI))

# Gender mainstreaming activities...

- In 2008 - Conducted a gender assessment, which among other things, recommended creating institutional frameworks for mainstreaming gender and developing and implementing a gender-related capacity-building programme for NBI staff.



# Gender mainstreaming activities...

- In 2010 - Established the Gender Working Group.  
Members of the working group were drawn from all NBI bodies and partner organisations to oversee the gender mainstreaming activities.





# Gender mainstreaming activities...

In 2013 - Full gender audit at NBI's Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Programme Coordination Unit (NELSAP –CU).



# Gender mainstreaming at NBI activities...

In 2014 - An assessment documented best practices in use across NBI's programmes and projects to be integrated into all NBI activities.

# Gender mainstreaming activities...

At the SAPs:

- Development of gender-inclusive projects - project preparation processes (e.g. feasibility studies and project design)
- ENTRO Internship and Young Professionals Programme ( 20% of the 180 participants female.
- Ample consideration to gender, particularly to female headed households, in the design and implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan for the Rusumo Hydropower Project.



## IMPLEMENTATION LEVELS (LEVELS OF CHANGE)

### LEVEL 1

#### REGIONAL GENDER WORKING GROUP (NILE-SEC, ENTRO, NELSAP CU AND NBD)



- Provide high-level guidance and follow-up: NBI annual work plans, strategic plans and performance and evaluation reports.
- Ensure leveraging of partnerships toward ensuring incorporation of gender perspectives.

### LEVEL 2

#### GENDER FOCAL POINTS AT NILE-SEC, ENTRO AND NELSAP CU



- Train and sensitise key stakeholders
- Engender the NBI information management system
- Support affirmative action where necessary to address inequalities
- Develop and institutionalise gender and equity budgeting guidelines
- Promote gender sensitive community participation

### LEVEL 3

#### NATIONAL GENDER FOCAL POINT ATTACHED TO THE NBI NATIONAL OFFICE



- Liaise with NBI Regional Gender Focal Point in implementing this Strategy as relevant



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