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Bridging the Gap: Gender Dimensions in NB TWG

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Gender Dimensions and Gaps in 10 countries of Nile Basin

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Introduction

This paper delves into the gender dimensions of TWG

Combines literature survey and compelling case examples.

Showcase diverse practices and case examples.

Focus on ten nations sharing the river Nile.

Explore gender dynamics in Nile Basin TWG.

Examine strategies for augmenting gender equality in water governance.

Gender Dimensions in Nile Basin: Gender inequality Index

| Country | Score | Rank at Global Level | Rank at Sub-Saharan Region |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| Burundi | 0.763 | 35 th | 5 th |
| DRC | 0.612 | 140 th | 34 th |
| Egypt | 0.626 | 134 th | 10 th Middle East and North Africa |
| Ethiopia | 0.711 | 75 th | 13 th |
| Kenya | 0.708 | 77 th | 14 th |
| Rwanda | 0.794 | 12 th | 2 nd |
| South Sudan | No Data Available | | |
| Sudan | No data Available | | |
| Tanzania | 0.740 | 48 th | 103 rd |
| Uganda | 0.706 | 98 th | 154 th |

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Gender Dimensions in Nile Basin

- Unequal participation of both women and men exacerbates gender inequalities in water access, usage, and decision-making (Jenniver Sehring et al 2022)
- IUCN study (2018) reveals inadequate attention to gender equality and women's participation in shared water governance research and practical actions.
- Women continue to face disparities in economic status and access to natural resources compared to men due to prevailing cultural norms and traditional gender roles (GWP, 2021)

| Country | Economic Participation & Opportunity | | Political Empowerment | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Position | Score | Position | Score |
| Burundi | 8 th | 0.810 | 41 st | 0.320 |
| DRC | 83 rd | 0.676 | 116 th | 0.111 |
| Egypt | 140 th | 0.420 | 85 th | 0.175 |
| Ethiopia | 116 th | 0.587 | 135 th | |
| Kenya | 16 th | 0.791 | 75 th | 0.209 |
| Rwanda | 67 th | 0.699 | 9 th | 0.541 |
| Tanzania | 53 rd | 0.715 | 45 th | 0.309 |
| Uganda | 102 nd | 0.623 | 49 th | 0.297 |

Best Practices of Integrating gender in NILE TWG

Gender-Responsive Policies

- several Nile Basin countries, including NBI, Uganda, Rwanda, Egypt, and DRC, have developed dedicated gender strategies for their water and environment sectors.
- These strategies aim to address gender disparities in water access, use, and management.
- Specific actions are outlined to promote women's participation and empowerment in water governance decision-making processes.

Inclusive Decision-Making Platforms

- Ethiopia has established multi-stakeholder platforms that ensure equal representation of women.
- These platforms enable meaningful participation of women in discussions related to transboundary water management within the Nile Basin.

Gender Mainstreaming in Institutions

- Uganda and Kenya have introduced gender units within water management authorities.
- These units are equipped with expertise to incorporate gender considerations into policies, programs, and projects.

Gender-Responsive Programs

- *Most countries have designed and implemented gender responsive programmes*

Capacity Building and Training

- *Gender training*

Best Practices of Integrating gender in NILE TWG Cont'd



Gender-Responsive Programs

- Rwanda's Women Empowerment Initiatives focus on building the capacity of women in water management and leadership roles.
- These initiatives empower women to actively engage in transboundary water governance.

Data Collection and Analysis

- Uganda and Egypt prioritize the collection of sex-disaggregated data.
- This allows for a better understanding of the specific roles and needs of women and men in water management activities.

Gender-Responsive Budgeting

- Uganda and Sudan have adopted gender-responsive budgeting.
- This ensures that financial resources are allocated to initiatives that promote gender equality within water governance.

Best Practices of Integrating gender in NILE TWG Cont'd



Gender Sensitive Indicators

- Tanzania has developed a Gender-Sensitive Monitoring Framework.
- This includes gender-sensitive indicators, facilitating evidence-based decision-making for more equitable water management.

Women's Empowerment Initiatives

- Burundi and Uganda have established Women Leadership Programs.
- These programs empower women to take on leadership roles in water governance, promoting their influence in shaping water policies.

Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Exchange

- South Sudan has participated in cross-border exchange programs with neighboring countries.
- This facilitates the sharing of gender-transformative experiences and knowledge.

Public Awareness Campaigns

- Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo have initiated Gender Equality Campaigns.
- Challenge cultural norms and stereotypes, emphasizing the importance of women's participation in water governance.



Recommendations: A Call to Action

- Gender-Transformative Frameworks
- Gender Analyses in WRM Management
- Alignment with SDGs
- Dedicated Funding
- Gender Units
- Inclusive Platforms
- Address Cultural Barriers
- Capacity Building
- Promote Equal Rights to Resources
- Meaningful Participation
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Recognition of Women's Knowledge
- Capacity-Building and Mentorship
- Job Opportunities for Women TWRG

Conclusion: Key Points

Pivotal Role of Gender Equality:

Gender equality is pivotal in the productive use and management of transboundary water resources

Equal engagement of women and men in water decision-making yields numerous benefits, including heightened policy attention, improved economic outcomes, and advancements in GEWE

Transformative Potential:

Experiences and best practices from Nile Basin countries highlight the potential for transformative change when gender considerations are integrated into transboundary water governance.

Crucial for Cooperation:
Women's sharing of water-related knowledge is essential for cooperative planning and decision-making

Call to Action:

A compelling call to action is issued for the adoption of gender equality approaches within transboundary water governance.

Recognizing women as change-makers in water governance and harnessing their knowledge and participation holds the promise of achieving a more balanced and sustainable sharing of water resources, not only within the Nile Basin but also beyond.



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