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President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, H.E. Taye Atske Selassie with Members of the Nile Council of Ministers or their representatives on Nile Day 22 February 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Full story on page 28

Progress on Nile Cooperation as Council of Ministers Special Committee Engages Non-ratifying Countries

Significant progress was made in 2025 as a Special Committee of the Nile Council of Ministers (Nile-COM), comprising Rwanda, South Sudan, and Uganda, advanced diplomatic efforts to promote the Nile River Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement (CFA).

Mandated by Nile-COM at its extraordinary meeting in November 2024 in Kampala, and supported by the German Government through GIZ, the Special Committee held constructive talks with all the four non-ratifying countries to the CFA. In April, meetings were held in Kampala with Egypt and Sudan, while in July, the Special Committee engaged with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo) and Kenya in Nairobi. NBI Executive Director, Dr Florence Grace

Adongo, welcomed the developments:

“NBI is the only inclusive platform with the capacity to bring together Member States for cooperation and the sustainable management and investment in Nile water resources. We are therefore pleased to facilitate these discussions, as well as any that may take place in the future.

“Egypt’s participation, despite having suspended its engagement with the NBI in 2010, is both encouraging and vital for Nile cooperation.”

Dr Florence extended her appreciation to the Government of Uganda for steering and enabling the engagement in its capacity as current Chair of NBI’s Governance.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Reader,

It is my pleasure to present to you the final edition of “Nile News” for the 2024/2025 financial year, covering the period from February to June 2025.

I am particularly delighted to highlight the progress the Nile Basin Initiative has made toward transboundary cooperation by facilitating dialogue around the Agreement on the Nile River Basin Cooperative Framework/ Cooperative Framework Agreement (CFA), with invaluable strategic guidance from the Nile Council of Ministers (COM) and the Nile Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Since the adoption of a roadmap in November 2024 to engage non-ratifying countries, NBI Member States have been actively working towards common ground on this landmark treaty. This spirit of cooperation was evident during the February 2025 Governance meetings and the 19th regional Nile Day celebration, both of which were successfully hosted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and in subsequent meetings.

Through its three centres, a Secretariat, the Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO), and the Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Programme Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU), NBI continues to demonstrate its unparalleled ability to bring together riparian countries

to discuss matters related to its Shared Vision Objective. This has been made possible by the trust, confidence and stability nurtured over the years, driven by a shared commitment to cooperation.

I am proud of the projects NBI successfully implemented, not least under the Nile Cooperation for Climate Resilience (NCCR) project funded by the World Bank through the Cooperation in International Waters in Africa (CIWA) Trust Fund. For example, NBI took significant first steps in empowering Member States to gather, share and use data on water quality in transboundary water resources. Rwanda received a set of water quality monitoring equipment in April, followed by Burundi in June, after months of us navigating complex supply chain processes to deliver nine sets of such equipment to nine Member States. This intervention is extremely important, given the ever increasing pollution and declining water quality across the Nile Basin. We therefore count on the continued support of Member States to complete delivery of the remaining sets of equipment without delay and possible financial losses as a result.

Our efforts under the BMZ/GIZ-funded projects and initiatives also yielded significant results. We finalised critical documents for taking the Nile River Basin Investment Programme and

NBI's draft Climate Change Strategy forward. Earlier, we handed over another hydrological monitoring system, at 100 percent efficiency, facilitated a successful peer-learning exchange with South Sudan, and convened stakeholders to strengthen cooperation on data sharing and catchment management around the Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project jointly owned by Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania. NBI remains committed to ensuring uninterrupted power generation at Rusumo.

All the work featured in this edition of “Nile News”, from developing knowledge tools and policies, to stakeholder engagement, to capacity building for water professionals, will further strengthen transboundary water systems, structures and institutions in the Nile Basin. What encourages me the most, however, is the transformation NBI's work promises to bring to the day-to-day lives of more than half of a billion people that depend on resources of the great Nile River.

Everywhere I have travelled on the continent, I have been greatly inspired seeing how NBI's work is aligned with priorities of other regional bodies and continental frameworks such as Agenda 2063. For example, Our Goal 2, Energy Security, complements the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa, the Continental Power Systems Masterplan, the Africa Single Electricity Market, and Mission 300, which aims to provide access to electricity to 300 million Africans by 2030. I am sincerely thankful to NBI's Governance, our development and strategic partners, not least NBI staff, whose ambition, expertise and resilience continues to bring NBI's Shared Vision Objective to life.

Dr Florence Grace Adongo,
who is also President of the African
Network of Basin Organizations
(ANBO)

Governance meetings of 2025 draw high participation of Ministers and Development Partners



H.E. Dr. Eng. Habtamu Itfa, Ethiopian Minister for Water and Energy /Host

All NBI's 10 Member States participated in the meeting of the 66th Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the extraordinary Nile Council of Ministers' meeting, a high-level policy dialogue, and the 19th regional celebration to mark Nile Day on 22 February.

These events also featured the largest in-person participation of Development Partners. Other stakeholders included heads of missions of riparian countries accredited to Ethiopia, senior government officials, the management team of NBI, and both the Chair and the Regional Manager of the Nile Basin Discourse.



TAC chair, Dr Callist Tindimugaya from Uganda



Former South Sudan Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Mr Pal Mai Deng, chaired the session



Burundi delegation led by Ambassador Willy Nyamitwe, Permanent Representative in Ethiopia (centre)



DR Congo delegation, led by Counsellor in Charge of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Eng. Musambi A. Tam (centre)



Egypt delegation led by Minister H.E Prof. Hani Sewilam (centre)



Kenya delegation led by Cabinet Secretary of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Hon. Eric Murithi Mugaa (centre)



TAC representative Eng. Teferra Beyene (right) and others on the Ethiopia delegation



Rwanda delegation led by Ambassador General Charles Karamba, Embassy of Rwanda in Ethiopia



South Sudan representatives led by Eng. Thomas Jang (left) and Phillip Deng



Sudan TAC representatives led by Mr. Hassan Ali Hamdoun (centre)



Tanzania delegation led by TAC representative Dr George Lugomela (centre)



Ugandan Minister of State for Environment, Hon. Beatrice Atim Anywar



H.E. President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Taye Atske Selassie (right), meets with Egypt's Minister for Water Resources and Irrigation and Member of the Nile Council of Ministers, Prof. Dr. Hani Sewilam, at the 19th regional Nile Day celebration in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 22 February 2025



Nile Basin Discourse Board Chair, Ms Verdiane Nyirimana and Regional Director, Eng. Sylvester Matemu

Besides the President, who was Guest of Honour at the Nile Day commemoration, the Governance/Policy Dialogue and Nile Day engagements of 2025 attracted high-level representation of Member States and Development Partners from the Cooperation in International Waters in Africa (CIWA), Finland, Germany/GIZ, Netherlands, Norway Sweden and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



Nile Council of Ministers representatives at the February 2025 Extra-ordinary meeting from (right to left) DR Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Egypt, Tanzania and Kenya

KEY STRATEGIC DECISIONS THAT THE NILE COM TOOK ON 21 FEBRUARY 2025:

The regional hydrological monitoring system:

- Advocate for continued operation and maintenance of the system, with integration into national monitoring networks and adequate resource allocation.
- Support efforts to strengthen data management capacity.
- Expand the development and dissemination of seasonal hydrological outlooks to national stakeholders.
- Use the system to promote transboundary cooperation on early warning, flood management, and investments such as the Rusumo

hydropower project.

- Develop a protection plan for the 43 hydrological stations, involving local authorities and communities
- Nile River Basin Investment Programme (NR-BIP): The Eastern Nile Subsidiary Action Programme Team (ENSAPT) to fast-track finalisation of investment projects for inclusion in the NR-BIP

Dam Safety:



The Nile-COM approved the implementation plan for the Regional Dam Safety Training Centre. This plan is a key component of NBI's efforts to institutionalise dam safety as a means of enhancing water security, supporting climate change adaptation, and promoting good transboundary governance, while protecting lives.

Other Decisions made by Nile-COM in February 2025 supported NBI's efforts to develop a new climate change policy, access climate financing, and deliver water quality monitoring equipment to Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda, and eventually to Sudan and the DR Congo, once the security situation improves.

From Good to Great Governance: NBI Strengthens its TAC

From intensifying climate shocks to rising populations to shifting geopolitical dynamics, countries of the Nile Basin continue to navigate a delicate landscape of opportunities as well as pressures. NBI's Governance must therefore be more than "good": it must be dynamic, strategic, and effective in action. To this end, in February and March 2025, NBI conducted three capacity development sessions for TAC of its Secretariat and the two Subsidiary Action Programmes on good governance and preparation of the Governance Charter. The sessions aimed

to strengthen the TACs' capacity to adapt, lead, and collaborate by empowering them with tools for strategic leadership.

KEY TAKE AWAYS FROM THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Good Governance in Motion

Good governance is no longer a static framework. Effective decisions on shared water resources must be agile, inclusive and data-driven. Recognising that Governance structures are only as strong as the people and processes behind them, this session focused on enhancing the

real-time responsiveness, transparency and accountability of the TACs.

Effective Meetings

High-level NBI governance meetings are crucial engines of regional cooperation. To enhance their impact, the following are necessary:

- Clear, priority-aligned agendas
- Skilled facilitation to foster dialogue and consensus
- Robust action-tracking systems to ensure follow-through and institutional learning

Policy dialogue calls for continued engagement, commitment, and ownership



Nile Council of Ministers representatives, NBI Executive Director, Dr Florence G. Adongo (4th right), and representatives of development partner agencies during the February 2025 Policy Dialogue

Off the back of the extra-ordinary Nile COM meeting, on 21 February 2025, NBI arranged a high-level policy dialogue

- to update partners on the status of the Nile cooperation process and progress on NBI's work;
- to jointly discuss the challenges and opportunities arising; and
- to update Nile-COM on the priorities and cooperation opportunities of partners.

Participants in the dialogue included Member State representatives and representatives of the Netherlands, Sweden, WB – CIWA, GIZ, Germany, Norway, Finland and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

REMARKS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Emphasized the critical role of resource mobilization, reiterating the necessity of cooperation to address climate resilience, flood early warning, hydropower development, and urban water supply. She also stressed the importance of balancing national sovereignty with international cooperation.

NILE-COM CHAIR

Hon. Beatrice Anywar, representing Nile-COM Chair Hon. Sam Cheptoris highlighted the trust and confidence built within the NBI framework. She



reported that investment preparations worth US\$6.5 billion were underway, focusing on water, food and energy security, as well as environmental sustainability.

STATEMENTS FROM NILE-COM MEMBERS

- **Burundi:** Appreciated the benefits of cooperation, citing the regional Rusumo hydropower project as

a success. However, he noted challenges such as financing, climate change, and coordination.

- **DR Congo:** Expressed concern over conflicts affecting regional cooperation but reaffirmed commitment to NBI. DR Congo contributions will be made despite arrears.
- **Egypt:** Acknowledged its role in establishing NBI in 1999 but noted



Dr Anders Jagerskog. Programme Manager at CIWA

that participation was suspended in 2010 due to the CFA signing. Egypt expressed willingness to engage in consultations.

- **Ethiopia:** Reiterated that the Nile belongs to all, and every citizen has the right to benefit. Called upon Development Partners to channel support through NBI.
- **Kenya:** Reaffirmed its commitment to cooperation and climate resilience. Recognized NBI's development efforts and expressed appreciation for ongoing projects.
- **South Sudan:** Highlighted the importance of consultation in sustainable development and called on Development Partners to continue supporting NBI.
- **Tanzania:** Emphasized the significance of the Nile for its people, urging collaboration and domestic revenue mobilization.
- **Uganda:** Acknowledged the Nile as a vital resource for economies, communities, and ecosystems. Emphasized the need for commitment to NBI's Shared Vision and the implementation of development projects.

STATEMENTS FROM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

CIWA/World Bank: The World Bank has supported NBI since 1997 through various trust funds, emphasizing the need for long-term perspectives. Encouraged countries to fulfill financial commitments as a sign of ownership. SD for newsletter 3

Germany: Reaffirmed 25 years of support to NBI and commended Egypt's participation in the Nile-TAC deliberations. Encouraged ongoing consultations for long-term cooperation.

Sweden: Echoed support for NBI, noting its contribution of US\$57million to the CIWA trust Fund. Emphasized that water cooperation benefits all, and pledged continued support.

REMARKS FROM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS:

Mr. Marteen Gisler, a Senior Water Adviser at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands, speaking on behalf of the development partners, underscored the significance of shared prosperity, climate resilience, and cooperation. He referenced a warning from the Global Commission on the Economics of Water, noting that inaction could lead to a 10-15 percent economic loss in the Nile Basin, amounting to hundreds of millions of US dollars. He encouraged open dialogue and adherence to international cooperation principles, emphasizing the need for patience in the process.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

The meeting demonstrated goodwill and incremental progress toward enhanced cooperation. While challenges persist, the commitment of Member States and Development Partners remains strong. Going forward, open dialogue, honouring financial commitments, and fostering collaboration will be essential to achieving sustainable development in the Nile Basin.

Regional Partners Hail Milestone in Flagship Nile Basin Investment Programme

The Nile River Basin Investment Programme (NR-BIP), the flagship regional programme spearheaded by the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI), reached a major milestone in June 2025 by completing four foundational documents that will guide the programme from planning to implementation. The achievement positions the NR-BIP as a key driver of sustainable development and climate resilience in the Nile Basin.



A completed Lake Victoria Basin Commission project on urban sanitization

In the week of 8th June, a team representing regional and continental institutions participating in the Programme finalised drafts of:

- The NR-BIP Programme Document
- “Cooperative Investments to Advance the Nile Development Agenda” document
- The NR-BIP Portfolio Document
- The NR-BIP Integrated Assessment Results

The team included representatives from the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD), COMESA (the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa), the East Africa Power Pool, IGAD (the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development), the Lake Victoria Basin Organisation (LVBC), and the three NBI centres – its Secretariat and two investment offices, NELSAP-CU and ENTRO.

At the opening of the milestone workshop in Kampala, Dr Abraha Adugna, Deputy Executive Director of NBI and head of its basin-wide programme, described the documents as “foundational for

coordinated, impactful investment across multiple sectors and countries.”

Speaking on behalf of NBI’s Executive Director, Dr Florence Grace Adongo, Dr Abraha said, “The Nile Basin is home to 257 million people whose lives depend on shared water resources. Our challenges, including climate change, population growth, and environmental pressures, require joint solutions and coordinated action, driven by robust, strategic programming.”

A Programme Mandated by the 2017 Nile Summit

The NR-BIP is a direct response to the 2017 Summit of Heads of State and Government in Entebbe, where leaders of Nile Basin countries called upon NBI to facilitate transformative investment projects that benefit all riparian countries. The programme gives operational form to that high-level political mandate, working to prioritise and coordinate investments across borders and sectors.

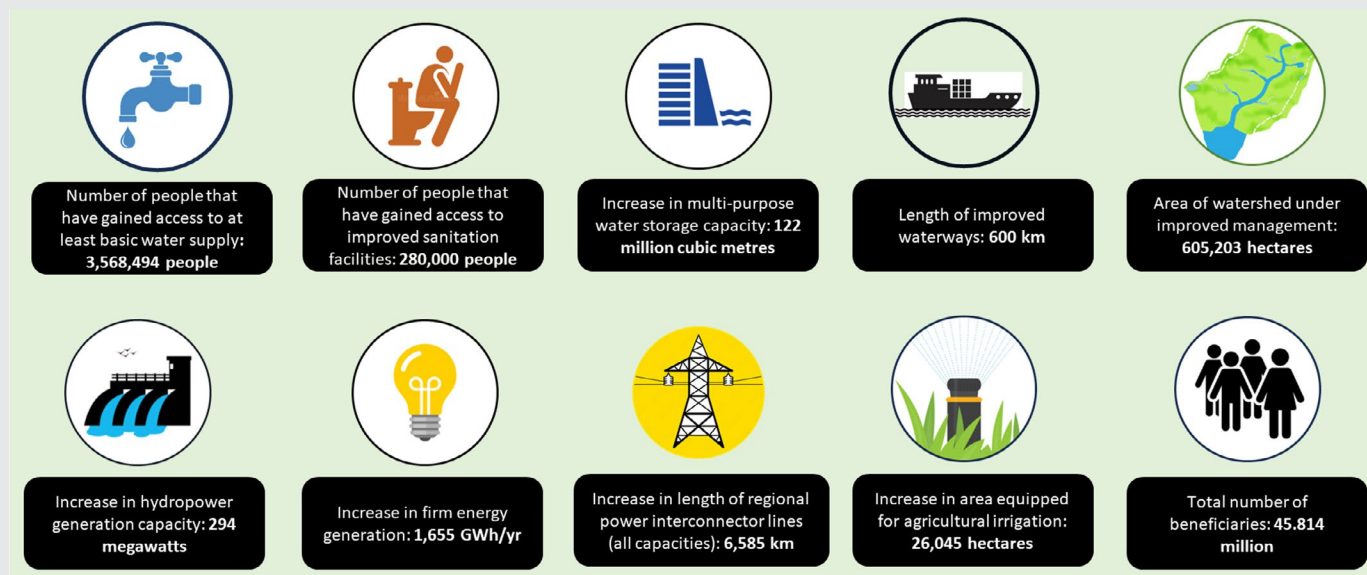
By fostering regional cooperation, the NR-BIP seeks to reverse environmental degradation, restore ecosystems, improve livelihoods, and promote long-term resilience. It also builds on the Nile Basin Management Plan, a

FACTS ABOUT THE NR-BIP

- Provides the participating regional organizations with a platform to come together to develop a list of high priority water-related projects that they then promote to secure investment financing for.
- By agreeing on the projects to promote, the regional organisations set a development agenda for the Nile River Basin.
- This regional programme addresses issues of overlap in membership, geographical coverage and intervention areas of regional organizations within the Nile Basin.

shared framework that NBI developed for strategic and sustainable water resources development.

POTENTIAL IMPACT OF CANDIDATE PROJECT COMPLETED/ ONGOING PROJECTS



AUDA-NEPAD: “A CATALYST FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT GROWTH”

The AUDA-NEPAD Programme Officer for Energy Planning and Modelling, Mr Samwel Opana, applauded the NR-BIP for its alignment with Agenda 2063 and its focus on integrated development.

“The NR-BIP is not only a regional investment agenda — it is a catalyst for climate-resilient growth,” he said. “By promoting sustainable livelihoods and restoring degraded ecosystems, the BIP contributes directly to Africa’s climate adaptation priorities.”

He added that Africa’s permanent seat at the G20 provides a critical opportunity to bring such home-grown, results-oriented initiatives into global investment dialogues.

“We must use this opportunity to position initiatives like the NR-BIP, which is truly deserving of global investment. This programme is more than a portfolio — it is a symbol of what Africa can achieve when we act together. Let us move forward with urgency.”

LAKE VICTORIA BASIN COMMISSION: “BIP IS WORKING TO ACHIEVE THE AFRICA WE WANT”

Eng. Coletha Ruhanya, Executive Secretary of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), underscored the spirit of collaboration that has defined the BIP process.

“It has been a long journey we have walked together, full of lessons and trust-building,” she said. “The Nile Basin has much potential, yet it is also one of the most diverse and complex basins in the world. This calls for collaboration among states and non-state actors. The BIP is working to achieve The Africa We Want.”

EAPP: “WE ARE CONFIDENT BIP WILL ENHANCE THE MARKETABILITY OF OUR MOST PROMISING PROJECTS”

The EAPP highlighted NR-BIP’s value in unlocking investments in regional energy infrastructure and trade.

“The EAPP is dedicated to achieving an affordable, reliable, and secure power supply system across Eastern Africa,” said Daniel Mulatu, a Planning Engineer at EAPP. “To do that, we must

facilitate regional power trade and invest in cheaper generation options and transmission infrastructure.”

“Financing has always been a major hurdle. This is where the NR-BIP can make a real difference. We are confident it will enhance the marketability of our most promising projects and help us overcome financial barriers.”

Unlocking Africa’s Investment Potential

With its strategic mandate from Heads of State, its technical foundation now in place, and its alignment with Africa’s development and climate goals, the NR-BIP is poised to mobilise investment and deliver transformative impact.

This milestone signals growing momentum and shared commitment among African institutions — a commitment to cooperative planning, joint investment, and sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations in the Nile Basin.

Dr Abraha thanked GIZ for its continuous support to the NR-BIP.

Rwanda Welcomes “Essential” Water Quality Equipment as NBI Delivers Nine Sets for Nine Countries

On 22 April 2025, the Government of Rwanda, through its Water Resources Board (RWB), received water quality monitoring equipment worth US\$139,000 from the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI). The equipment will support national and regional efforts to monitor, maintain, and improve water quality.



The physical chemistry and microbiological unit

Rwanda is one of nine countries, alongside Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda, benefiting from such equipment, which NBI purchased with funding from CIWA/World Bank under the NCCR project to strengthen water quality monitoring networks and regional information sharing systems. This initiative will facilitate joint action among riparian states to address and reverse water quality deterioration in the Nile Basin.

In a [social media](#) post, the RWB described the equipment as “essential”.

At the handover ceremony, RWB

Director General Dr Emmanuel Rukundo stated, “To manage water effectively, we must understand its quantity and quality. We are therefore grateful to receive equipment that supports our mandate.”

Speaking on behalf of NBI’s Executive Director, the Regional Water Quality Expert Dr Jean Namugize thanked the RWB for facilitating timely delivery of the equipment. He also urged the Government of Rwanda to allocate resources annually in its work plan for operations and maintenance of the new equipment.

The equipment includes handheld and general laboratory equipment (multi-parameters, balance, double door

fridge, metalyser, bacteriological kits and physical chemistry kits), field tool kits, sediment samplers, glassware, ICT equipment and four water quality sensors for real time measurement and transmission of data to a data management system.

Following the handover, NBI conducted bench testing and capacity building, and installed the laboratory equipment and sensors at four Hydromet monitoring stations: Akagera-Kanzenze Bridge, Akanyaru/Gihinga, Muvumba River/Kagitumba, and Akagera outlet. NBI also provided training on World Bank environmental and social safeguard policies to the national task team.



Burundi receives its own equipment, including a sensor on the Ruvubu River



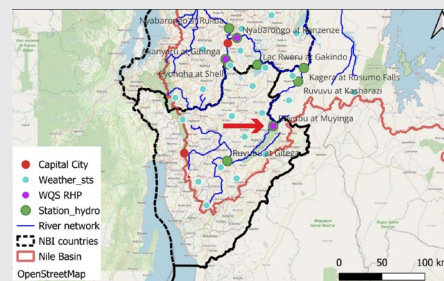
Regional Water Quality Expert Dr Jean Namugize shows the sediment sampler to lab technicians

On the 11 June 2025 Burundi received its own modern water quality monitoring and lab equipment – the same equipment as above – to enhance availability and use of water quality data.

A sensor allocated to Burundi will be the country's first one nationally with the capacity to measure water quality parameters in real time & immediately transmit the data to the national data

management system. It will be stationed at the water quality monitoring station refurbished by NBI at Muyinga on the Ruvubu River.

Immediately following installation of the sensor and lab equipment, NBI undertook: bench testing of equipment, capacity building & training of national water quality task team members on functionality of laboratory equipment



and water quality sensors training of national task team members on World Bank environmental and social safeguards standards and policies, and improvement of grievance redress mechanisms This NBI work aims to strengthen NBI's multi-faceted Nile basin-wide monitoring network designed to improve national water quality networks and regional information systems. It relates to NBI's over-arching efforts to protect, restore & promote sustainable use of the Nile's ecosystems, while addressing water scarcity, climate extremes, and impediments to energy generation through cooperation.

NBI launches Needs Assessment for Upgrade Knowledge Management

The Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) launched a knowledge management needs assessment on 5 June 2025 to:

- Assess the current state of knowledge management and identify existing systems, processes, and practices in Nile Basin countries and centres.
- Determine gaps and stakeholder needs.
- Identify opportunities for knowledge sharing and collaboration.
- Develop recommendations to improve systems, processes, and practices.

The assessment spans NBI's three centres – NELSAP-CU, ENTRO and the Secretariat – as well as host government

ministries in Rwanda and Ethiopia. Additional input will be incorporated from Uganda's Ministry of Water and Environment.

Effective knowledge management is critical for NBI to fulfil its mandate of fostering cooperation and sustainable development across the Nile Basin. By capturing, storing, sharing, and using knowledge efficiently, NBI can improve decision-making, enhance policy and project outcomes, and ensure that best practices are widely accessible to stakeholders. Strong knowledge management also enables continuity despite staff transitions and supports the integration of lessons learned into future programmes.

NBI Deputy Executive Director and Head of Basin-wide Programme, Dr Abraha Adugna, noted:

"This assessment provides a strong foundation for NBI's new knowledge management strategy. Our goal is to make learning and good practices accessible, strengthening water resources management and transboundary governance in the Nile Basin."

The needs assessment is funded by the World Bank/Cooperation in International Waters in Africa (CIWA) Trust Fund through the Nile Cooperation and Climate Resilience project. Its findings will be presented to NBI's Governance bodies for guidance and recommendations.

New Climate Change Policy is a Blueprint for Resilience and Sustainability

The Nile Basin Initiative in June 2025 finalised a draft Climate Change Policy (2025–2035), designed to strengthen regional action against one of the greatest challenges facing the Basin. The policy provides a shared framework for the 10 riparian countries to tackle climate risks while unlocking opportunities for resilience and sustainable growth.

Developed with support from GIZ, the draft strategy includes strengthening hydrological monitoring systems, bringing climate information closer to its primary users, and supporting the use of nature-based solutions to safeguard communities and their livelihoods.

WHY IT MATTERS

The Nile Basin faces intensifying floods, droughts and water stress, with millions of livelihoods and infrastructural investments at risk. Many member states face significant capacity gaps, including limited technical expertise, weak institutional coordination, and fragmented policy environments. Climate services across the Basin lack a clear value chain – from data collection to decision support – limiting the ability of stakeholders to use climate information effectively. Furthermore, national climate strategies are inadequately integrated across sectors and often lack measurable targets or accountability mechanisms. This makes it difficult to align national efforts with basin-wide priorities.

NBI's new policy positions it as the hub for coordinated response, building on its achievements in hydrological monitoring, forecasting systems and



A hydrological monitoring station in Tanzania, part of the regional system that NBI seeks to enhance

partnerships with regional bodies such as the IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC). In addition, the lack of an updated strategy has been a key impediment to NBI's eligibility for global climate financing.

PRINCIPLES AND ALIGNMENT

Grounded in principles of equity, inclusivity and sustainability, the policy encourages countries to work together for mutual benefit. It aligns with global and continental frameworks, including the Paris Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals and the African Union's Agenda 2063, ensuring the Basin's efforts resonate beyond its borders.

NEXT STEPS

The draft policy now moves to NBI's

Governance for review. Once adopted, it will guide Basin-wide collaboration on adaptation, disaster risk reduction and low-carbon development through to 2035.

“This policy is a blueprint for resilience across the Nile Basin. By integrating science, finance and cooperation, the strategy helps countries safeguard livelihoods, protect shared ecosystems and seize opportunities in the green economy. It provides practical guidance for governments to climate-proof investments. It demonstrates how the Basin can turn the challenge of climate change impacts into a catalyst for innovation and collective progress,” said Dr Florence Grace Adongo, NBI's Executive Director.

NBI and Partners Score High at World Bank 9th Implementation Support Mission

NBI and its five implementing partners under the Nile Cooperation for Climate Resilience (NCCR) Project P172848 recorded stronger performance during the World Bank’s 9th Implementation Support Mission held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1–5 April 2025.

The World Bank rated implementation progress by all five partners collectively as Satisfactory, following a rise in disbursement from 82 percent on 31 October 2024 to 88 percent by 31 March 2025. Actual expenditure increased from 64 percent to 72 percent over the same period.

The mission upgraded the overall implementation status from Moderately Satisfactory to Satisfactory, with the following component ratings:

- Component 1 (NBI Secretariat): Moderately Satisfactory
- Component 2 (NELSAP-CU): Retained at Satisfactory
- Component 3 (ENTRO): Moderately Satisfactory
- Component 4 (Lake Victoria Basin Commission [LVBC]): Retained at Satisfactory
- Component 5 (Nile Basin Discourse [NBD]): Retained at Satisfactory
- Procurement, financial management, and environmental and social safeguards also met Satisfactory standards.

“A Collective Achievement”

Dr Michael Kizza, then NBI Deputy Executive Director and Head of the Basin-wide Programme, called the progress a shared success:

“This is extremely encouraging, a mark

| Table 1: Key Project Data (as of March 31, 2025) | |
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| Key Project Information | |
| Project Approval | February 27, 2021 |
| Effectiveness Date | March 25, 2021 |
| Closing Date | November 28, 2025 |
| Total Project Cost | US\$ 30 Million |
| Total disbursement | US\$ 26.4 million (88% as of March 31, 2025) |

« “This is extremely encouraging, a mark of the collective achievement of Member States of NBI, half of which are also Member States of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission . »

Dr Michael Kizza, former NBI Deputy Executive Director

of the collective achievement of Member States of NBI, half of which are also Member States of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission .

“The Nile Basin is in a better place because of NCCR. We’ve strengthened information and climate adaptation systems, including flood and drought early warning. We are generating high volumes of real-time data, covering dams, water quality, floods and drought, to inform planning and decision-making.

“Our stakeholder engagement is stronger, our water quality policies and frameworks are more integrated, and dam safety is now institutionalised for water security, climate resilience and good governance.”

Funded by CIWA, implemented by 5 partners

The NCCR Project is funded through the Cooperation on International Waters in Africa (CIWA) Trust Fund of the World Bank. It is implemented by NBI’s three centres ENTRO, NELSAP-CU and the NBI Secretariat together with the Lake

Victoria Basin Commission and the Nile Basin Discourse.

Focus on Sustainability

Responding to a recommendation from Implementation Support Mission 8, the NBI Centres presented a strategy to support long-term use and sustainability of NCCR outputs. However, the agencies noted concerns about limited funding beyond the project’s closure in November 2025. They called for continued World Bank support to consolidate results and sustain progress as NBI transitions to the Nile River Basin Commission.

World Bank Encouragement

The World Bank delegation was led by Shyam KC, a Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, who praised the five agencies: “Many good outputs are emerging from the project. It is essential that these serve their intended purpose and reach the communities for which they were designed.” He encouraged the five teams to keep up momentum, adding that the Bank already envisions a successful conclusion to the NCCR Project.

NBI Hands over Advanced Hydrological Monitoring System to Tanzania as Seven Countries Utilise Data



The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Water in Tanzania, Eng. Mwajuma J. Waziri (left), and Executive Director, NBI, Dr Florence Grace Adongo at the hydrological monitoring system handover in Dodoma

On 6 March 2025, the Nile Basin Initiative officially handed over a regional hydrological monitoring system to the Government of Tanzania. The system includes eight upgraded hydrological stations and a data management platform covering the Tanzania Lake Victoria Basin.

Speaking at the handover in Dodoma, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Water Eng. Mwajuma J. Waziri said:

“Since its inception, the NBI has played a pivotal role in facilitating collaborative projects that address the pressing challenges faced by our region. The completion of this project is a testament to the dedication and hard work of all those involved.”

She thanked the German Government through GIZ, and the European Union, for their generous support, approximately EUR647,000, towards making the system a reality.

Two days earlier, NBI symbolically handed over the eight stations at Kyaka Ferry on the River Kagera. The Basin

Director of the Lake Victoria Basin Water Board received them on behalf of the government, during an event officiated by the Misenyi District Commissioner.

The stations are located at:

- Mara (Kogatende and Nyasurura),
- Grumeti (M Bridge),
- Mbalageti (Ndabaka),
- Ruvuvu (Kasharazi),
- Kagera (Kyaka Ferry and Rusumo Falls),
- Simiyu (Lumeji).

THREE ASKS OF TANZANIA

Tanzania's system is operating at full efficiency. The Lake Victoria Basin Water Board produced the 2024 Hydrological Yearbook using data from the upgraded stations, demonstrating early returns on investment.



NBI ASKED TANZANIA TO:

Fully integrate the stations into its national monitoring system with adequate resources for upkeep; Broaden access to data for all stakeholders in the water sector; and Remain a committed custodian of the stations, using them to support both national water management and transboundary cooperation.

STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION

NBI Executive Director Dr Florence Grace Adongo highlighted the system's broader impact:

“This robust hydrological system strengthens regional data and information capabilities, laying the foundation for information-sharing and joint planning across the Basin.”

She emphasised that a regional approach offers a clearer picture of Nile Basin water resources, enabling collaborative planning and maximising shared benefits. NBI encourages Member States to share data, learn from one another, and build mutual trust through established protocols.

A NILE-WIDE NETWORK

The full system includes 43 upgraded hydrological stations and a regional data management platform covering

nine Basin countries: Burundi, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. NBI has progressively handed over the system in Rwanda (November 2023), Burundi (February 2024), South Sudan and Uganda (March 2024), and Kenya (August 2024). It continues to coordinate operations and maintenance jointly with Member States.

DELIVERING TANGIBLE BENEFITS

Linked with EUMETCast satellite technology, the system enables near real-time data access, assisting Member States to:

- Receive early warning information;
- Predict and manage floods and droughts;
- Strengthen disaster preparedness;
- Improve agricultural planning;
- Enhance climate resilience.

Its efficient, low-cost design supports robust data sharing and analysis, driving better decision-making and equitable water use across the Nile Basin. The system also builds transparency and trust—key to regional stability and development.

MEMBER STATES PUT SYSTEM TO USE

- Through regional expert working group on hydrology, NBI produces seasonal hydrological outlooks and advisories – the latest one covering June - October 2025 – to further support early warning and planning in collaboration with the IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre
- Burundi, Rwanda, and Tanzania jointly produce hydrological data for the Akagera and Ruvuvu rivers to support Rusumo Power Company Ltd operations.
- Kenya regularly issues national outlooks and has enhanced community-based flood early warning on the Nzoia and Nyando rivers.
- Uganda manages regulated water releases from Lake Victoria to support hydropower at Nalubaale and Kiira.
- Rwanda issues local flood alerts to boost resilience.
- South Sudan uses the data for river navigation and delivering humanitarian aid in Juba and Bor.

MEDIA COVERAGE FROM THE TANZANIA HANDOVER



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Uganda, South Sudan Deepen Water Cooperation Through Peer Exchange



The event brought together experts from South Sudan and Uganda to boost South Sudan's capacity in hydrological monitoring, data management, and policy development, drawing on Uganda's advanced systems and

Uganda and South Sudan strengthened their collaboration on water resource management during a peer-to-peer learning exchange held from 3–7 February 2025. The Nile Basin Initiative organised the exchange with support from Uganda's Ministry of Water and Environment and the World Meteorological Organization.

experience. With shared water bodies such as the White Nile, both countries rely on accurate hydrological data for water management, flood and drought response, and environmental protection.

Dr Callist Tindimugaya, Acting Director of Water Resources Management at MWE and Chair of the Nile Technical Advisory Committee, emphasised the wider impact of the initiative:

"This exchange visit is crucial for promoting regional cooperation, which can have a positive ripple effect on bilateral and multilateral relationships."

South Sudan's Director of Hydrological Services, Eng. Charles Koboji, welcomed the initiative and invited Uganda for a reciprocal visit. WMO's Dr Dominique Berod applauded both countries for their commitment to knowledge exchange,



Above and below right, peer-to-peer learning between South Sudan and Uganda at River Nile Mbulamuti Monitoring Station in Uganda. The group was hearing about Uganda's mechanism for measuring river flow

while NBI's Eng. Calvince Wara framed the visit as part of NBI's 2022 Capacity Building Strategy.

FIELD VISITS TO HYDROPOWER PLANTS AND MONITORING STATIONS

Participants toured key sites, including the Uganda Electricity Generation Company Limited (UEGCL) in Jinja, which manages the Nalubale and Kiira hydropower plants using real-time hydrological data. UEGCL's Operations Manager, Peter Tentena, detailed plant operations, dam design, and challenges such as floating vegetation.

The team also visited the Lake Victoria Pier station – operated by the Ministry of Water and Environment – and the Mbulamuti station downstream of Isimba Dam. These facilities showcased Uganda's infrastructure for tracking water flows between major lakes and power stations.

10 LESSONS LEARNED

- Strong institutional partnerships drive success.
- System development demands long-term support.
- Reliable internet and power remain critical challenges.
- Building local capacity is essential.
- Data protocols must be

standardised.

- Flexible technology enhances effectiveness.
- Real-time data improves decision-making.
- Community engagement supports better data collection.
- Financial sustainability needs more attention.
- Regional cooperation delivers shared benefits.

Dr Callist also stressed the importance of mutual learning and encouraged countries to integrate AI and emerging technologies into future water management.

Building on this experience, experts in South Sudan trained 20 regional and national water managers in Juba. The training combined classroom sessions with a field visit, where participants learned practical methods for monitoring and measuring river flow. They also explored how to set up river stations and produce reliable water information that supports better planning and management of the country's water resources.



South Sudan Ambassador visits, discusses water, power, climate risk investments

The NBI at its Secretariat in Uganda was delighted on 7 May 2025 to host South Sudan ambassador to Uganda, H.E. Paul Akaro Molong, who requested a visit to learn more about NBI's work.



H.E. Ambassador Paul Akaro Molong received gifts and a message from the Executive Director. About a month later, when Ms Lauren Kretz, Deputy Political Counsellor at the American Embassy, also called on the Executive Director, she received the same



The Executive Director, Dr Florence Gace Adongo, thanked the Ambassador for his interest in visiting NBI just three months into his appointment in Uganda. “I came to exchange ideas, learn what you are doing and see what I could do to advance it,” the Ambassador, who also covers Rwanda and Burundi, said to NBI staff who gathered in a hall to receive him.

NBI briefed him about the range of

« “I came to exchange ideas, learn what you are doing and see what I could do to advance it” »

H.E. Paul Akaro Molong South Sudan Ambassador to Uganda

projects it coordinates or implements in South Sudan under the basin-wide programme, spanning from the regional hydrological monitoring system – with six stations in the country – water quality investments, wetlands management, flood forecasting, and early warning systems.

NBI SIGNS FINANCING AGREEMENTS, FACES CHALLENGES

In January 2025 NBI signed financing agreements to make way for the South Sudan (Juba) - Uganda (Olwiyo), 400kV Interconnection project, where construction work was due to begin mid-2025.

However, plans to implement the World

Bank's Regional Climate Resilience Programme (RCRP) for Eastern and Southern Africa, which among other projects aims to address transboundary flood risk management between Uganda and South Sudan, has faced resistance from the local communities in South Sudan. The Ambassador pledged to look into the matter. He also pledged to work with Juba to ensure it meets its financial obligations through country contributions, including clearing South Sudan arrears.

ACCEDING TO THE CFA

The accession of South Sudan to the CFA in 2024 was a big milestone for Nile Cooperation, Dr Florence said to the Ambassador.



The Ambassador, South Sudan, planted a tree at NBI

From Kerosene to Clean Energy: Rusumo Cuts Carbon, Delivers Classrooms, Roads, Revenue

By May 2025, the Nile Basin Initiative's flagship 80 MW Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project had reached full completion. It continues to supply clean electricity to more than one million people in Burundi, Rwanda, and Tanzania.



Switchyard and transmission lines at the Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project

The Rusumo Power Company Ltd, a special-purpose entity jointly established and owned by the three countries, generates the electricity and delivers it through dedicated high-voltage transmission lines. Each country receives a roughly equal share via its national utility. This arrangement enables the three governments to earn revenue under formal agreements while ensuring grid stability, cross-border interconnection, and affordable regional power trade.

Between November 2023 and January 2025, the three countries generated a total of 401,458.72 MWh through the Rusumo project, earning over US\$8 million. By synchronising Rusumo's output with their national grids, the

« “This is not just a power project; it shows what countries can achieve when they pool resources, align goals, and prioritise their people,” »

Dr Isaac Alukwe, Regional Coordinator, NELSAP-CU

countries strengthened a regional power pool that supports energy security and facilitates electricity trade in one of the least electrified parts of Africa.

“This is not just a power project; it shows what countries can achieve when they pool resources, align goals, and prioritise their people,” said Dr Isaac Alukwe, Regional Coordinator at NELSAP-CU, which is an investment arm of NBI.

For rural households that once relied on

kerosene lamps and charcoal, access to affordable electricity brings safer living conditions, better healthcare, and wider economic opportunities. Entrepreneurs expect lower running costs, while health centres and schools can now operate more efficiently.

NELSAP-CU implements the Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectricity Project, with funding from the World Bank (covering construction and the Local Area Development Programme) and the African Development Bank (supporting

substations and interconnections).

RWANDA DECOMMISSIONS DIESEL PLANTS

Rusumo operates as a run-of-river scheme using the natural flow of the Kagera River; it thus causes minimal disruption to the environment. The project directly supports Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7: access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

Thanks to increased availability of clean energy from Rusumo and other renewable sources, Rwanda decommissioned five diesel-fired power plants at Ndera, Birembo, Mukungwa, Jabana I and Jabana II, significantly cutting its carbon emissions.

ROADS, SCHOOLS, HEALTH AND VOCATIONAL CENTRES

Through the Local Area Development Programme, NBI has continued to implement infrastructure projects across districts surrounding the power plant, specifically Ngara (Tanzania), Kirehe and Ngoma (Rwanda), and

several communes in Burundi. These investments aim to improve access to essential services, stimulate local economic development, and enhance the quality of life in communities surrounding the Rusumo site. The investments include roads, schools, health and vocational centres, markets, groundwater points, and a court of justice.

STAKEHOLDERS DISCUSS REINFORCING HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES AND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT

The successful operation and long-term sustainability of the Rusumo hydropower station rely on accurate, real-time and forecast hydrological data from the rivers that feed the plant. These include the Ruvubu River (Burundi), Ruvuvu and Kagera Rivers (Tanzania), and the Akagera River (Rwanda), all of which cross national borders. Managing these water resources effectively remains essential to maximise power generation and reduce risks such as droughts, floods, and water scarcity.

During a hydrological needs assessment

carried out for the Rusumo plant in January 2025, NBI identified critical challenges. These included gaps in hydrological data on the Ruvuvu and Akagera rivers, high sediment loads, and the build-up of water hyacinth.

To tackle these challenges, NBI hosted a regional dialogue in Kampala, Uganda, from 13–16 May 2025. The event brought together Governance representatives from Burundi, Rwanda, and Tanzania to stimulate dialogue on the critical need for information sharing for the benefit of Rusumo, and to strategise around enhancing hydrological services overall, as well as catchment management.

The workshop included representatives from NBI/NELSAP-CU, the Rusumo Power Company Ltd, the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), the International Union for Conservation of Nature, regional expert working groups on hydrology and water quality, and GIZ, which funds NBI's Hydromet project.



Sediment - as evident in the discoloured water - is of much concern at Rusumo

NBI Pursues Joint Financing to Benefit 300,000 Kenyans and Ugandans

NBI continued its support to Kenya and Uganda on resource mobilization for the Angololo Multi-Purpose Water Resources Development Project. US\$132 million is needed for construction works in addition to US\$5 million for the project's resettlement and compensation action plan (Kenya and Uganda are expected to meet costs for the action plan).

These efforts follow a milestone on 16th April 2025 when Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Eng. Eric M. Mugaa and Uganda's Minister of State for the Environment Hon. Beatrice Atim Anywar signed a landmark bilateral agreement to jointly implement the project. The initiative – coming 15 years after the project was first identified – is expected to improve the lives of 300,000 rural people through access to clean energy, safe water, and irrigation.

The ministers pledged to work together to deliver direct benefits to communities in Busia and Bungoma Counties in Kenya and Tororo, Namisindwa, and Manafwa Districts in Uganda.

"Today is a testament to what cooperation looks like when it is rooted in trust, a shared vision, and the needs of our people," Eng. Mugaa said. "We are turning political goodwill into tangible outcomes that will uplift generations."

But the project is about more than infrastructure – it's about people. Once completed, it will enable storage of over 31 million cubic metres of water for domestic use, providing safe drinking water to 270,000 people. It will irrigate 4,000 hectares of farmland and generate 1.3 MW of renewable hydropower. In addition,

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Ministers Hon. Eng Eric Murithi Mugaa and Hon. Beatrice Atim Anywar upon signing the Bilateral Agreement on 16 April 2025 in Busia, Kenya

the project offers the potential for 27 MW of solar energy generation through floating solar panels, promoting greener, climate-resilient communities.

improved agricultural productivity and market access.

"This project stands as proof that regional cooperation can deliver

« "This water project will change how we live, our children will grow up healthier, and we'll be able to farm without fear." »

Rose Anyango, a smallholder farmer from Busia

Angololo also aims to restore 447 square kilometres of degraded catchment areas and to empower farmers through

real, life-changing results," said Hon. Anywar. "The people of Tororo and Busia will get clean water."

"Young Professionals" Recount Experience at NBI

Between mid-March and May 2025, the NBI Secretariat hosted a cohort of "young professionals", strengthening its efforts to build water management capacity in the Nile Basin while expanding its professional network, deepening partnerships with water ministries and universities within the Basin, and promoting Nile cooperation.

The cohort included Teresa Mutentyo (Kenya), Zabibu Ramadhani (Tanzania), and Ritah Apacho (Uganda), who joined the Secretariat to learn from and contribute to NBI's work. The World Bank/CIWA funded their placement.

This marks the third cohort hosted by the Secretariat, following participants from Ethiopia, South Sudan and Sudan.

As more funding becomes available, NBI would like to host a fourth cohort from Burundi, the DR Congo, and Rwanda.

NBI prioritises the inclusion of women in the programme to improve gender balance in transboundary water management, in line with its gender mainstreaming strategy. Here's what the participants had to say:



TERESA MUTENYO

Transboundary Water Resources Officer, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Nairobi, Kenya

"My time as a Young Professional at NBI was transformative. I gained valuable insights into GIS and Remote Sensing, Hydrology, Groundwater, Water Quality, Water Resources Modelling, Communications, Stakeholder Engagement and the NBI Information Systems.

Learning about regional cooperation through the Nile River Basin Management and Investment Programme (NR-BIP) stood out as a highlight. I also deeply valued the chance to engage with NBI staff from all walks of life. Education truly is a great equaliser. While I appreciated the structured learning approach, more interactive sessions would have further strengthened my practical skills."



ZABIBU RAMADHANI

Environmental Engineer, Lake Victoria Basin Water Board, Mwanza, Tanzania

"My internship at NBI was incredibly enriching. Each area – GIS, Remote Sensing, Hydrology, Water Quality, Water Modelling and the Nile River Basin Management Plan – helped me deepen my knowledge of regional water cooperation.

NBI's diversity across countries, disciplines and perspectives made the learning experience meaningful. I believe greater emphasis on Communication and Stakeholder Engagement would further raise NBI's global profile."



RITAH APACHO CHLOE

Water Officer, Directorate of Water Resources Management, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda

"Being part of NBI expanded my professional skills and broadened my cultural understanding. I explored various thematic areas that deepened my appreciation for how interconnected water management is across the Basin.

The Information Systems component resonated most with me. Given my role at the Ministry, this area was particularly relevant and empowering. It strengthened my technical capacity in data handling and knowledge sharing, which are key to informed decision-making and effective transboundary cooperation. NBI's greatest strength lies in its diversity."

[World Bank blog on capacity building. Mentions NBI's work through the Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office \(ENTRO\).](#)

From Scarcity to Strength: Introducing a Data Revolution

NBI is on the cusp of launching its Data and Analytics Services (DAS) platform, a transformative tool set to revolutionize how Nile Basin countries manage their shared water resources by leveraging the use of freely available data/datasets and tools. After a rigorous development process that included extensive consultation with Member States, the platform's implementation is nearing completion, heralding a new era of data-driven decision-making and regional cooperation.

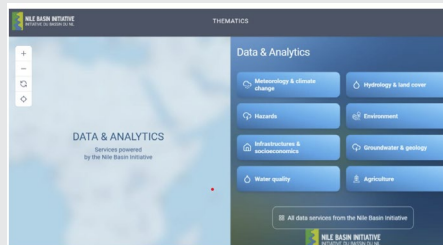
THE IMPERATIVE FOR ENHANCED DATA AND ANALYTICS

For years, Nile Basin countries have faced the challenge of limited access to comprehensive and timely data and information. This has hampered their ability to effectively address critical water-related challenges, including food and energy security, climate variability, and environmental degradation. The DAS platform directly tackles this issue by providing a centralized, accessible, and powerful system for data management and analysis.

LEVERAGING OPENLY AVAILABLE DATA FOR TIMELY DECISIONS

A key feature of the DAS platform is its emphasis on utilizing openly available data sources. The platform is designed to integrate data from various sources, including earth observation (EO) systems and other public-domain datasets, alongside data from national monitoring networks. This approach offers several advantages:

- **Expanded data coverage:** Openly available data, such as EO data, can provide valuable information across large geographical areas, complementing and expanding the coverage of in-situ data.
- **Cost-effectiveness:** Leveraging public-domain data can reduce the need for costly and time-consuming data collection efforts.
- **Timeliness:** In situations where



direct source water resources data may be limited or delayed, openly available data can provide a valuable substitute for quick decision-making, enabling a more rapid response to emerging challenges.

KEY FEATURES AND BENEFITS OF THE DAS PLATFORM

Beyond the use of open data, the DAS platform provides a comprehensive suite of tools and services, including:

- **Integrated Data Hub:** The platform will consolidate data from various sources, providing a holistic view of the Nile Basin's water resources.
- **Advanced Analytics:** The platform will incorporate cutting-edge analytical tools to support in-depth analysis of water-related trends and scenarios.
- **Interactive Visualization:** User-friendly dashboards and visualization tools will enable stakeholders to easily access, explore, and interpret complex data, facilitating informed decision-making and communication.
- **Improved monitoring and forecasting:** By leveraging EO data, the platform will enhance the monitoring of key hydrological and environmental variables, leading to more accurate water resource assessments and improved forecasting of floods, droughts, and other water-related hazards.

Development of the DAS platform has been a collaborative, participatory approach that is crucial for ownership and ensuring the platform's sustainability.

One Basin, One System: NBI Revamps ICT

Policy for Regional Integration

The Nile Basin Initiative has launched the development of a forward-looking ICT policy aimed at enhancing regional cooperation and sustainable water management across its ten Member States.

The move was formally initiated during a consultation workshop held in April 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The policy is expected to serve as a critical framework for improving data sharing, communication, and resource management across the Nile Basin.

NBI Executive Director Dr Florence Grace Adongo described the development as a significant step towards modernising the organisation's operations.

"Technology enables us to connect across borders and manage resources more efficiently, while adapting to emerging trends," she said. "We must recognise that for every effective system and operation, there must be standards and controls in order for us to deliver the desired results."

The ICT policy will deliver a range of benefits for Member States, including:

- Improved cross-border collaboration through streamlined data sharing
- Real-time information to support timely, evidence-based decisions
- Stronger institutional capacity and digital innovation
- Enhanced trust and cooperation among countries
- More efficient, conflict-sensitive resource management
- Support for the 2025–2029 Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy.

Water Specialists from Nine Countries Benefit from NBI Training in Hydro-diplomacy



Cake-cutting following the training in hydro-diplomacy, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Water management specialists from nine NBI Member States participated in a training programme that NBI conducted with funding from CIWA/ World Bank to unlock the potential of women in transboundary water management and hydro-diplomacy.

Held 25–28 March 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the training workshop brought together 30 people in all – from Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda – including female and male staff of NBI’s three centres. .

Mrs. Belyou Tekola, Ethiopia’s representative on the Nile Technical Advisory Committee officially opened the training. She urged the participants to translate their newly acquired knowledge into meaningful impact:

“The challenges within the Nile Basin are complex and require diverse, inclusive approaches. Research consistently shows that mainstreaming gender in development enhances sustainability and credibility.”

Participants received a comprehensive overview of NBI’s history, goals, strategy

and the importance of its work. The training also delved into the socio-economic and political dynamics of the Nile Basin, drawing comparisons with other river basins worldwide. External influences affecting regional cooperation were explored, aiming to build trust



Mr Fakahmed Negash delivered the training

and confidence in addressing complex water-related issues. Other topics of the programme included International Water Law, and the women trainees shared their experiences from a gender lens.

A key focus of the training was on equipping participants with practical tools to prevent and resolve disputes through peaceful dialogue. Central to this was a topic on negotiation skills,

covering approaches, strategies, tactics and planning.

WHY WOMEN

Despite their central role in water management at community levels, women remain under-represented in leadership and decision-making in the water sector. The training sought to address this gap by equipping participants with core skills in hydro-diplomacy and the principles of cooperation in transboundary water contexts.

“These skills are essential for women in navigating the complexities of shared water resources and fostering peaceful co-existence among countries in the Nile Basin and beyond,” the training coordinator, Dr Adanech Y. Jillo said.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHARES HER EXPERIENCE UPON RETURNING HOME

Two months after returning home, trainee Eng Doki Lako Busuk, the Deputy Director for Transboundary Waters, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation in South Sudan emailed, “The hydro-diplomacy training was highly impactful when I returned to my duties. I found myself with greater skill in technical working groups, joint infrastructure planning, and participating in NBI initiatives. The training empowered me as a woman in water leadership, helping me understand and address the gender gap in high-level water decision-making platforms. I gained a deeper understanding of transboundary water cooperation frameworks, and participated in simulated negotiations between riparian countries. These experiences not only improved my technical and diplomatic skills but also built my confidence to serve as a national representative in regional and international transboundary water platforms.”

ED participates in World Bank panel on transboundary water management for development and growth

NBI Executive Director Dr Florence Grace Adongo participated in a panel on “New frontiers of transboundary water management on the African continent for development and growth” in Lusaka, Zambia on 29 May 2025. Anders Jägerskog, the Programme Manager at CIWA [posted this](#).



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We had an excellent panel on "New Frontiers of transboundary water management on the African continent for development and growth" with participation from key stakeholders, including [African Ministers' Council on Water \(AMCOW\)](#) [African Union European Commission Florence Adongo International Water Management Institute \(IWMI\)](#) which focused on identifying opportunities to leverage transboundary water management and cooperation for resilient economic growth; the best ways to use new tools for improved understanding of the continent's water endowment. [The World Bank](#) and @ciwaprogram is initiating exciting analytical work in support of this focusing on: 1. Understanding the water resource – how has water availability changed over time and how will it change into the future – in view of a changing climate?; 2. What are the moisture recycling patterns across Africa that we need to be cognizant of? What is the interaction between blue and green water?; and 3. With an improved understanding of the water endowment – how can we improve our understanding of how water can support development and economic growth?

We will continue to engage with stakeholders for guidance and input to this work.



DR FLORENCE ENGAGES IN EU REPORT LAUNCH

While in Lusaka, Dr Florence also participated in the launch of the first progress report of the Team Europe Initiative on Transboundary Water Management in Africa (TEI).

With a growing number of Member States – currently Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Slovenia, and Sweden – the TEI brings together EU institutions, Member States, African Union bodies (including the AUC, AMCOW, and AMBO), and regional economic communities. The initiative

aims to mobilise EUR 672 million in water-related investments, including within the Nile Basin.

The Nile Basin Initiative has benefited from TEI support through projects in hydro-diplomacy, plastic pollution monitoring, peatland management, and projects implemented by NELSAP-CU under the DYNObA programme, which strengthens African transboundary basin organisations for enhanced water resources management in the context of climate change.

AMCOW DEVELOPS NEW SOP

Earlier, in February 2025, Dr Florence took part in the process to develop a new Strategic Operational Plan (SOP) for AMCOW, covering the period 2026–2030. This new SOP is a vital step towards strengthening AMCOW's operational capacity, ensuring that its objectives are translated into a long-term, actionable strategy for Member States. In her remarks as AMBO Chair, Dr Florence encouraged the participating river/lake basin organisations to collaborate towards the agreed goals.

The upcoming SOP is expected to clearly define:

- a high-level results framework;
- periodic milestones to track progress;
- detailed work packages outlining specific activities; and
- the required inputs and resources for implementation.

NBI engages groundwater stakeholders at 3rd IGAD Water Forum



The Nile Basin Initiative participated in the 3rd IGAD Water Forum held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 19-21 May 2025, contributing to the advancement and harmonisation of regional policies, standards, and guidelines for the use and protection of groundwater.

Represented by its regional groundwater expert, Dr Maha A. Ismail, NBI also supported efforts to strengthen collaboration in the assessment and management of shared groundwater resources across the Horn of Africa and the Nile Basin.

“It was extremely important to be there, to engage with a wide range of stakeholders, exchange knowledge, and discuss the establishment of a regionally anchored groundwater cooperation platform,” said Dr Maha.

In the Nile Basin, home to nearly a quarter of Africa’s population, the growing demand for water for domestic and economic uses is expected to surpass supply from conventional surface sources such as rivers, streams,

ponds, and wetlands. This underscores the need for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater, a key priority for NBI’s as it implements its 10-year strategy in support of the water-related SDGs.

The Forum emphasised the urgency of establishing a regional platform for groundwater cooperation, recognising that:

- Groundwater plays a crucial role in socio-economic development and environmental sustainability across the IGAD region, which includes Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda;
- With growing water demand driven by population growth and climate variability, effective governance and

cooperation in managing shared groundwater resources is more critical than ever;

- Transboundary aquifers highlight the importance of collective management to tackle water scarcity and pollution; and
- Regional organisations and IGAD Member States increasingly recognise the need to align climate-resilient investments at both national and transboundary levels.

Organised by the African Union Commission, Global Water Partnership Eastern Africa, and the Global Environment Facility, the 3rd IGAD Water Forum drew technical experts from IGAD Member States and representatives from development partners. IGAD, the Inter-governmental Authority on Development, already has a memorandum of understanding with NBI on cooperative water management in the region.

World Bank Trains 25 Staff in Procurement to Boost Compliance and Efficiency

The World Bank has trained 25 staff members in World Bank procurement procedures to build capacity, enhance compliance, and improve operational efficiency across NBI's three centres.

The training, led by Senior Procurement Specialist at the World Bank, Ms Annette Tamale Katuramu, brought together project leads and Corporate Services staff from the Secretariat in Entebbe, Uganda, as well as procurement staff from NBI's the Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Programme Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU) in Kigali, Rwanda, and the Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"We have been looking forward to this training because it helps appraise staff, build capacity among new employees, and strengthen compliance with procurement processes at NBI," said Mr Martin Mutua, Head of Corporate Services at NBI. "The content applies not only to dealing with World Bank procurement processes but also reflects international best practices in procurement."

The workshop covered key areas such as procurement principles and the importance of contractual compliance, the full procurement cycle – from needs identification to contract



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Mr Martin Mutua, Head of Corporate Services at NBI Secretariat.



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Samantha Mawemuko, NBI Secretariat's Accountant

management – bid evaluation and contract negotiation, risk assessment and mitigation for various types of procurements, and the World Bank's global mission.

"Everything begins and ends with Finance," Samantha Mawemuko, NBI's

Accountant, said, "and so we need to be informed about Procurement systems to be able to contribute to compliance."

NBI currently implements two World Bank funded projects: the NCCR and the Regional Climate Resilience Program for Eastern and Southern Africa.

My First Impression of NBI: New Deputy Executive Director and Head, Basin-wide Programme



Dr Abraha Adugna

I was immediately struck by its strong sense of purpose and regional importance. As a cooperative partnership among Nile Basin countries, NBI plays a vital role in promoting sustainable management of shared water resources.

The handover from the outgoing Deputy Executive Director, the warm welcome from the Executive Director, and the guidance from the host country and partners NBD were truly remarkable. The orientation was well-organised and insightful, offering a clear understanding of NBI's strategic goals and governance. I was particularly impressed by the Executive Director's structured and visionary leadership.

It quickly became clear that one of NBI's core strengths lies in its ability to bring together diverse member countries with varying interests, needs, and capacities around a shared vision: the sustainable and equitable use of the Nile's resources. Building and maintaining trust and cooperation among these countries is not only central to NBI's mission but also essential for long-term regional stability and development.

From the beginning, I observed a professional staff, and a collaborative work environment. A few weeks later, I realised the staff are knowledgeable, experienced, and genuinely welcoming, fostering a culture of mutual respect and inclusivity.

The work environment is dynamic and intellectually stimulating, with a strong focus on innovation, sustainability, and regional integration. I am excited to be part of a Nile family, and look forward to contributing to NBI's mission.

EMERGING PRIORITY AREAS

Several priority areas have become clear shaped by NBI's strategic direction and the pressing challenge of resource mobilization. While the Basin Investment Programme, Basin Management Plan, and other strategic documents are already in place, their successful implementation depends heavily on securing adequate financial and technical resources.

To move from planning to action, the

following areas have emerged as key priorities:

Regional cooperation and dialogue: There is need for NBI to strengthen trust and collaboration among Nile Basin countries through inclusive platforms and transparent dialogue

Water resource planning, management, and development: Enhancing integrated water resource planning and promoting data sharing are essential for evidence-based decision-making and sustainable basin-wide development.

Climate Resilience and Sustainability: Supporting adaptive water resource management strategies that address climate change impacts and promote sustainable land and water use is increasingly urgent.

Institutional Capacity and Transition to the Nile River Basin Commission: Building institutional capacity and supporting the transition toward a permanent river basin commission are critical for long-term governance and coordination.

Stakeholder Engagement: Promoting inclusive participation and strengthening communication with civil society, youth, and local communities will ensure that NBI's work is grounded in the needs and voices of the people it serves.

See more on Dr Abraha's appointment <https://nilebasin.org/content/dr-abraha-adugna-appointed-nbi-deputy-executive-director>

Remembering Nile Day: Four things that Stood Out

Theme: Strengthening Nile Cooperation for Climate Resilience and Shared Prosperity



Delegates stand for a national anthem during the Nile Day commemoration in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2025

Number of Participants
400

Key Events
**Walk, hall event,
exhibition and
dinner/awards**

Host State
**Federal Democratic
Republic of Ethiopia
(third time hosting)**

Level of satisfaction
among stakeholders
>90 percent



WHAT STOOD OUT IN 2025:

- ATTENDED BY 4 MINISTERS
- PARTICIPATION OF ALL MEMBER STATES
- HIGH COMMITMENT OF HOST COUNTRY
- WELL-COORDINATED NATIONAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND ALL EVENTS.



Mr Heiko Nitzschke, Special Envoy, Horn of Africa (Germany) speaks at Nile Day 2025

WHO WAS THERE:



Ethiopia President H.E. Taye Atske Selassie (Guest of Honour) at NBI's exhibition during the Nile Day commemoration in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2025

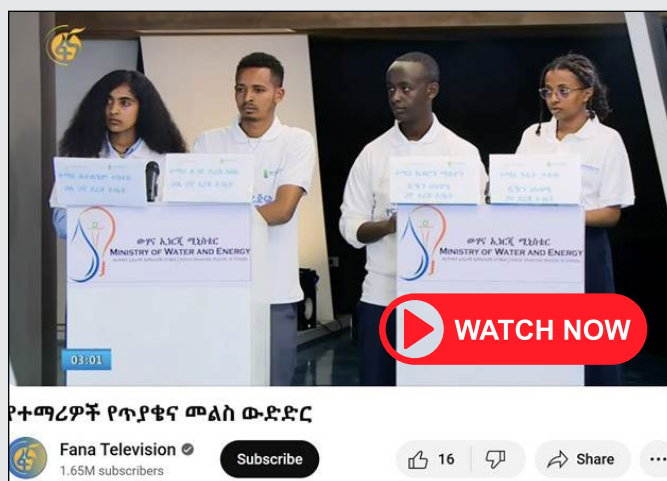
Staff and stakeholders of NBI, youths, school children and citizens of the Nile Basin represented as below:

- **NBI Executive Director** – Dr Florence Grace Adongo
- **Burundi** – Ambassador Willy Nyamitwe, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Burundi in Ethiopia
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** – Counsellor in Charge of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Eng. Musambi A. Tam
- **Egypt** – Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, H.E. Prof. Dr. Hani Sewilam
- **Ethiopia** – Minister of Water and Energy, H.E. Eng. Dr. Habtamu Itfa
- **Kenya** – Cabinet Secretary of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Hon. Eng. Eric Murithi Mugaa
- **Rwanda** – First Counsellor, Embassy of Rwanda in Ethiopia, Ms. Assumpta Uwera
- **South Sudan** – Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Mr. Pal Mai Deng
- **Sudan** – represented by TAC members
- **Tanzania** – Deputy Minister for Water, Eng. Kundo A. Mathew
- **Uganda** – Minister of State for Environment, Hon. Beatrice Atim Anywar
- **Development Partners** – Mr Heiko Nitzschke, Special Envoy, Horn of Africa (Germany)

Youth, children and the school quiz

School children took a prominent position in the Nile Day commemoration,

- Participating in a school quiz on the Nile (Dr Haddis Alemayehu High School, Bole High School, Vision Academy High School & Ethio-Parents School)
- Leading the walk (same schools above and other young people), and
- Performing a song and dance on the main event (see lyrics on page 35)





A PLAQUE FOR EX-TAC

NBI presented outgoing Ethiopia TAC member, Dr Zebene Lakew (left) with a plaque in appreciation of his service on the Nile TAC between November 2022 and December 2024. Dr Zebene received the plaque from the new TAC Member, Mrs Belyou Tekola.



KEY MESSAGES



ratification of the CFA, marking a new chapter in regional cooperation and collective action. Photo

NBI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2025 theme aligns with global priorities:

- World Water Day 2025: Focus on glacier preservation amid climate change
- Stockholm World Water Week: “Water for Climate Action”
- World Water Congress (Marrakesh): “Water in a Changing World: Innovation and Adaptation”
- Clean Energy Access: Only 42 percent in the Nile Basin have access to clean energy; most rely on biofuels, threatening environmental sustainability.
- Food Security: Despite vast agricultural potential, the Nile Basin remains a net food importer—we can and should become Africa’s food basket.
- Ecosystem Degradation: Rivers, lakes, wetlands, and dams are being silted due to deforestation, degraded water towers, poor watershed management, and uncoordinated development.
- Country Contributions: Continuous contributions from Member States are essential. NBI commends countries meeting their obligations.
- Development Partners: NBI thanks its key partners — World Bank, EU, Germany, AfDB, GEF, UNDP, UNEP, and WMO — for their vital support.
- Nile Day: Riparian countries should celebrate Nile Day nationally to raise awareness and promote cooperation.
- Women and Youth: Greater inclusion of women and youth is vital — they are the future of the Nile Basin.
- Strengthening NBI: Bolstering institutional capacity remains a priority for sustainable cooperation.

ETHIOPIA PRESIDENT H.E. TAYE ATSKE-SELASSIE

- Urged the NBI to work towards establishing a permanent Nile River organisation. This would provide a strong institutional framework for coordinated management, dispute resolution, and long-term strategic planning for the Nile.
 - Encouraged Development Partners to continue supporting investments in climate-resilient infrastructure, data sharing, and capacity-building programmes.
 - Called on academia and research institutions to offer evidence-based solutions to the Nile Basin’s water and climate challenges.
 - Emphasised the vital role of civil society organisations in bridging the gap between policy and people, and in ensuring that cooperation translates into tangible benefits for people across the Basin.
- Ethiopia is making significant efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change. For example, through the Green Legacy Initiative, Ethiopia has planted 40 billion seedlings over the past six years, of which 11.2 billion were planted in the Blue Nile Basin.
 - No part of the Nile Basin is immune to climate change. Genuine cooperation, supported by legal and institutional mechanisms, will foster climate resilience and shared prosperity.
 - Sincere thanks to Nile-COM for giving Ethiopia the opportunity to host this historic event for the fourth time. Photo

NILE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS’ CHAIR/ MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND IRRIGATION, HON. PAL MAI DENG

- Climate change remains the most pressing challenge—altered weather patterns, reduced rainfall, and rising temperatures threaten water security, agriculture, and vulnerable communities.
- Cooperation is essential to address these shared challenges.
- Sustained success depends on strong ownership of the NBI by all Member States—each country must contribute ideas and resources.
- A major milestone was the

HOST MINISTER FOR WATER AND ENERGY OF ETHIOPIA, ING. DR. HABTAMU ITEFA

- Due to climate change, we are likely to face more frequent extreme events—floods and droughts. Our catchments are experiencing increasing degradation.



Sami Osman Eltoum Hamad • 1st
Regional Water Resources Engineer for the Water Resources Management an...
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Had a very nice meeting today with the Nile Basin Journalists talking about how the NBI is contributing to the Climate Resilience of the Nile Basin Countries. This was a side activity from the NBI Governance meetings and the Nile Day Celebrations

[Sarah Bebb](#) , [Kevin Wheeler](#)



NILE DAY MEDIA TRAINING ATTRACTS 20 JOURNALISTS FROM 10 COUNTRIES

NBI supported and participated in a media training workshop organised by the German media development organisation, Media in Cooperation and Transition, during the regional Nile Day celebration in February 2025.

NBI contributed to concept development, logistical arrangements, and knowledge sharing on the training theme: "People, Science, Context: Constructive Journalism for Climate Resilience in the Nile Basin."

The training brought together 20 journalists from across the Nile Basin, including four from Ethiopia, three each from Egypt, South Sudan and Sudan, two from Uganda, and one each from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania.

The journalists actively participated in all media-related activities during the celebration, including comprehensive coverage of the 22 February 2025 event – from the opening walk to the evening showcase of Nile Basin culture and cuisine.

NBI's involvement in the training aligns with the Media Action Plan, finalised in February 2025, as part of its renewed Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (2025-2029).

MAINSTREAM MEDIA COVERAGE ON OF NILE DAY EVENT

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[Press briefing conducted focusing on the upcoming Nile Day Celebration.](#)

[Nile Day celebrated in Addis Ababa](#)

[Ethiopia: From Nile Basin Initiative to the Commission](#)

[GERD Source of Inspiration for Collective Pursuit of Riparian Countries to Sustainable Dev't: Prez Taye](#)

[Nile Day 2025 Celebrated Amidst of climate threats](#)

[Ethiopia: From Nile Basin Initiative to the Commission](#)

[Ethiopia steadfast to foster fair, equitable utilization of Nile waters: Minister of Water & Energy](#)

[Egypt condemns Ethiopia 'unilateralism' over Nile Day GERD tour](#)

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https://www.fanabc.com/archives/283802?amp_markup=1

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IEQH-vvPO_rw

SOCIAL MEDIA (X AND LINKEDIN, HIGHEST IMPRESSIONS)

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#NileDay2025

Our Governance are meeting in the Ethiopia's bustling capital city #AddisAbaba all this week. All Member States are represented through their experts on the Nile Technical Advisory Committee

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More than 100 Governance meetings have taken place for over a quarter of a century as NBI has brought Nile riparian countries together on a regular basis to facilitate cooperation.

These regular and some extra-ordinary gatherings are happening for the first time in the history of the Nile Basin. The meetings provide strategic direction for NBI on #NileCooperation.

Silabat Manaye 2nd Director of Digital Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs... 2w • Edited •

The 19th Nile Day Regional Celebration @ Science Museum, Addis Ababa, #Ethiopia

One River, One People, One Vision
#NileDay2025
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#NileDay2025


The pre-Nile Day press briefing in #AddisAbaba today was like a family event.

Our Executive Director, Dr Florence Grace Adongo
The chair, Nile Technical Advisory Committee, Dr Callist Tindimugaya
The Ethiopian Minister for Water and Energy, H.E. Dr Ing. Habtamu Itela were all there.

Each one of them relished the journey of #NileCooperation – from collaborating in the late 1960s, to the birth of the Nile Basin Initiative in Dar es Salaam 1999, to the entry into force of the Cooperative Framework Agreement on 13 October 2024.

They emphasized the urgency of climate resilience & the importance of shared benefits in water & energy, arising from cooperation.

They laughed together.
#OneNile



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Nile Day Festivities are underway in #AddisAbaba

The Guest of Honour, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, H.E. Taye Atske Selassie Amde, visited our exhibition, signing an atlas we published last year on transboundary #Wetlands of the Nile Basin nilebasin.org/node/13203.

📷Back to camera is NBI's Executive Director, Florence Grace Adongo. Looking on, centre, is the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of South Sudan, Hon. Pal Mal Deng, who is also substantive chair of NBI's governing Nile Council of (water) Ministers. #NileCooperative



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#HappeningNow in the lights of Addis Ababa: food & a culture show to wind up #NileDay2025.

This is Amhara Gonder dance of Ethiopia, following a song that got many Sudanese people on their feet.

Nile Day is essentially a day when #NileBasin countries renew their commitment to cooperation.

But also, the countries celebrate the rich cultures, food & languages of the Nile Basin.



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And so the NBI Governance meetings closed today, attended by Ministers, technical experts & representatives from all 10 NBI founding Member States (in standing order left to right)

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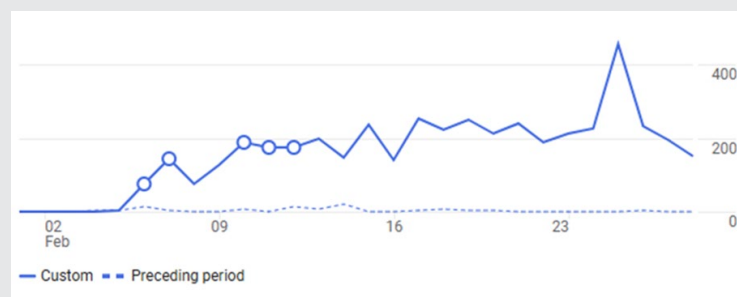


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NBI SECRETARIAT WEBSITE

The Nile Day communication campaign attracted more visitors to the Nile Basin website. A total of 3,700 new visitors were recorded in February 2025 alone, representing a growth of over 5,000%. Most visitors from the Nile Basin countries were from Ethiopia, followed by Uganda, Egypt, and Kenya.

Statistics show that, in addition to the Nile Day information web page, visitors took the opportunity to visit other web pages like the E-Library (online document repository), opportunities, Cooperative Framework, etc.



We are the Nile

Verse 1

Flowing like a story, ancient and wide,
The Nile River calls, it's our source of pride.
From the mountains so high, to the deserts so far,
It connects us all, like a shining star.

Chorus

We are the Nile, flowing strong and free,
Together we rise, like the river to the sea.
From Ethiopia's heart and Victoria's shore,
The Nile is our gift, let its blessings pour.

Verse 2

Blue Nile waters, from Lake Tana's side,
White Nile waters, from Lake Victoria's side,
Journey to the world, a powerful guide.
Through our fields and dreams, the river runs,
A promise of life for daughters and sons.

Chorus

Bridge

Let's keep it clean, let's keep it bright,
The Nile belongs to all, our future's light.
With hands united, let's care and share,
For the mighty Nile, it's our love we declare.

Chorus

Outro.

The Nile is our story, the Nile is our Song
Let's unite for common prosperity, forever long
On Nile Day we stand, with pride and cheer,
one vision, for one people, from one River,
Let us sing together, for Nile River so dear.

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