



NILE BASIN INITIATIVE
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THE NILE BASIN INITIATIVE SIDE EVENT SE5: HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS FROM TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION IN THE NILE

Date: Wednesday, May 22nd,

Time: 16:40 - 18:03 PM

Venue: Pecatu 5

Objective: To share experiences in Transboundary Water Cooperation, highlighting equitable utilization, investments, and contributions to sustainable future of the African Union, Agenda 2063.

Overall guidelines with a deadline for communication of these materials + PPTs

Presentation in English (live interpretation)

Panelist: 7-min presentation (3 slides of content/illustrations max)

Keynote speaker: 10-min presentation with optional PPT (7 slides of content/illustrations max)



Keynote Speaker:

Ms. Florence Grace Adongo, Executive Director of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI),
President of the African Network of Basin Organizations (ANBO)

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Moderator

Dr. Callist Tindimugaya Nile Technical Advisory Committee Member -Uganda



Presenter

Dr. Isaac Alukwe Regional Coordinator Nile Basin Initiative/Nile Equatorial Lakes
Subsidiary Action Program (NELSAP-CU)



Panelists

H.E Eng. Dr Habtamu Itefa, Minister of Water Resources and Energy,
Ethiopia.

Qn 1. Nile Cooperation has achieved in many respects, what more needs to be done, from Ethiopia perspective, to sustain the cooperation but address the changes?



Hon. Pal Mai Deng, South Sudan Minister of Water Resources and
Irrigation.

Qn 2. The political landscape has greatly enabled cooperation on transboundary waters. To what extent has this benefited from the technical expertise in this discourse?



Hon. Zacharia M. Njeru, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Irrigation and
Sanitation - Republic of Kenya

Qn 3. The world is in the era of ever-increasing uncertainty in the climate conditions. What could be the options for mitigating the adverse effects to the population that the political class should pursue?





Mr. Mtchera Johannes Chirwa, Coordinator of the African Water Facility, AfDB

Qn 4. Transboundary basins organization are crucial to achievement pf SDGTs of African Countries. What are the priority areas of AfDB/AWF in supporting L/RBOs in achieving these targets?



Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha, the Global Director for the World Bank Group's Water Global Practice.

Qn 5. Climate Change is emerging as a major challenge and cannot be handled in the BAU approach. What can we do differently on a global scale as a response to these challenges?



Dr Michael Kizza , Deputy Executive Director, Nile Basin Initiative

Qn 6. How has NBI strategic interventions contributed to addressing the challenges of the Nile Basin, and what could be the focus going forward?



Dr. Maha Abdelrahim Ismail, UNDP/GEF Groundwater Project Team Leader, Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat.

Qn 7. Ground water has not been given adequate attention, yet it is a crucial source in meeting the water demand especially in the rural areas. What measures could be made to address this disparity?



Ms Gladys Wekesa, Director of Transboundary Water Resources, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Kenya.

Qn 8. Hydro-diplomacy has been a key tenant in promoting transboundary cooperation. How can the cooperation in transboundary waters leverage Women in diplomacy?



Mr. Alfred Okot Okidi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda

Qn 9. Uganda has been hosting Nile cooperation, and at the forefront of promoting cooperation among Nile Basin Riparian states. What are the benefits that Uganda has realized, and proposals for priorities of moving the Ile Agenda forward?



Dr. Rashid Mbaziira, Executive Secretary, African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW)

Qn 10. Continental management of transboundary water resources has largely been realized through national policy regimes, and the challenges are persistent. What has AMCOW done to contribute to the responses and what are your plans going forward?



Dr Emmanuel Rukundo, The Director General of Rwanda Water Resources Board

Qn 11. Rusumo Hydropower plant is a key achievement of Nile Cooperation. Provide some insights on what countries need to focus on to achieve more successes like Rusumo