NILE DAY CELEBRATION
22ND FEBRUARY 2017

Venue: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Theme: Our Shared Nile - Source of Energy, Food and Water for All

Join us to learn more and show your support
What is Nile Day?

Nile Day is celebrated annually on 22\textsuperscript{nd} February across Nile Basin countries, to commemorate the establishment of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) in 1999. The day marked a major milestone in the history of Nile Cooperation. It was the very first time that the countries jointly agreed to establish an all-inclusive basin-wide institution, to provide a forum for consultation and coordination among themselves.

The day provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of basin-wide Nile Cooperation in jointly taking good care of and utilizing the shared Nile Basin water and related resources for current and future generations. This is in addition to enhancing awareness about the challenges and consequences of non-cooperation. On a lighter note, the day serves to expose participants to the rich and varied cultures, which exist within the Nile Basin.

Nile Day celebrations 2017

The theme for this year is ‘Our Shared Nile - Source of Energy, Food and Water for All’. Nile Day 2017 provides an important opportunity to highlight the importance of the River Nile in the quest for food, water and energy security in the Nile Basin and to consolidate and build upon the previous Nile Day events.

Date

Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February, 2017

Venue (Regional Event)

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Activities

Activities will include public speeches, a brass band led procession in the city center, theme focused Key Note speech, exhibition, tree planting as well as entertainment by children and a cultural troupe.

Theme: Our Shared Nile - Source of Energy, Food and Water for All
Who will attend?

The celebrations will be attended by Ministers in charge of Water Affairs in the Nile Basin countries (Nile Council of Ministers); representatives from NBI Member States embassies and officials from Ministries whose activities touch on the management and development of the shared water resources, namely Water, Environment, Energy, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Finance. Others are Members of Parliament, Development Partners, Researchers, Academia, Civil society, Youth, Media, school children and the general public.

What you will gain

Participants will learn more about the importance of sustainable Nile cooperation in ensuring energy, food and water security in the region as well as the consequences of non-cooperation. This is in addition to exchanging experiences, views and ideas on how to collectively take care of and use the shared Nile Basin water and related resources to maximize win-win benefits while minimizing risks and costs.

On a lighter note, participants will delight in the rich and varied cultures, which exist within the Nile Basin.

Event Organisers

The Regional event is jointly organised by NBI and Tanzania’s Ministry of Water and Irrigation, in partnership with the Nile Basin Discourse.

Venues of previous Regional Nile Day celebrations


Fishing on River Nile. A reliable source of fish is essential for food security in the Nile Basin.
The major determinant of population distribution in the Nile Basin is the availability of water resources. The single most important intra-basin agricultural trade commodity by volume among the Nile Basin riparian states is maize.

**Facts about the Nile Basin**

- **Main Consumptive Water Use**: Agriculture
- **Major Lakes within the Basin**: Lake Victoria, Lake Tana, Lake Kyoga, Lake Albert
- **Location**: -4° S to 31° N and 24° E to 40° E
- **Basin Area**: 3,176 x 10^3 Km²
- **Temperature**: Night Minimum -10°C and daily Maximum in June 47°C
- **Discharge/Unit Area**: 28 x 10^3 m³/Km²
- **Precipitation**: Max Annual 2,098 mm/yr in Ethiopia
- **Count**: Estimated Navigable Length 4,149 Km
- **River Length**: 6,695 Km (one of the world's longest Rivers)
- **Mean Annual Discharge (Discharge)**: 84 x 10^9 m³/yr at Aswan
- **Main Tributaries**: Victoria Nile/Albert Nile, Bahr El Jabel, White Nile, Baro Pibor-Sobat

**What's on? January - March 2013**

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