Facts about the Nile Basin

- Basin Area: 3,176 X 10^3 Km^2
- Location: -4° S to 31° N and 24° E to 40° E
- Main Tributaries: Victoria Nile/Albert Nile, Bahr El Jabel, White Nile, Baro Pibor-Sobat, Blue Nile, Atbara, Bahr El Ghazal
- River Length: 6,695 Km (one of the world's longest Rivers)
- Estimated Navigable Length: 4,149 Km
- Counted States: Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda, Egypt, South Sudan, Ethiopia, The Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Eritrea
- Major Lakes within the Basin: Lake Victoria, Lake Tana, Lake Kyoga, Lake Albert
- Population (Total in all the Nile Countries)*: 437 Million
- % Population within the Nile Basin*: 54% (238 Million)
- Temperature: Night Minimum -10°C and daily Maximum in June 47°C
- Precipitation: Max Annual 2,098 mm/yr in Ethiopia
- Min Annual: 0 mm/yr in Egypt
- Mean Annual Discharge (Unit area discharge) (m^3/yr) at Aswan: 84 X 10^9 m^3/yr
- Discharge/Unit area: 28 X 10^3 m^3/Km^2
- Main Consumptive Water use: Agriculture

Date Activity Venue
Jan NCo Project Effectiveness All Centers
Jan NELTAC/NELCOM Meeting Kigali
11 – 12th Feb Regional Meeting for National NBI Desk Officers Entebbe
22nd Feb Nile Day celebrations (Regional and National) Bahr Dar, Ethiopia (for regional celebrations)
April 38th Nile-TAC Meeting Entebbe

Send your answer to: editor@nilebasin.org

Answer to the previous quiz question:
The single most important intra basin agricultural trade commodity by volume among the Nile Basin riparian states is maize.

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NILE DAY 2022
The Nile: Our Heritage for Peace and Prosperity
What is Nile Day?

The 22\textsuperscript{nd} of February 1999 marked a major milestone in the history of Nile Cooperation. On this day, for the first time, all 10 independent and sovereign riparian countries of the Nile jointly agreed to establish an all-inclusive basin-wide institution and committed to work together to harness the potential of the shared river and provide a platform for consultation and coordination. The Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) was born.

Nile Day is an opportunity for Basin citizens to convene and celebrate the benefits of Nile cooperation and exchange experiences, views, and ideas on topical issues related to the cooperative management and development of the common Nile Basin water and related resources. Nile Day also provides Member States with a timely occasion to re-affirm their commitment to Nile Cooperation. This is in addition to enhancing stakeholders’ appreciation of the importance of and commitment to Nile cooperation while at the same time raising awareness of the results and visibility of NBI. Nile Day also provides an opportunity to enhance awareness about the challenges facing Nile cooperation and the consequences of non-cooperation.

More than 250 million people call the Nile Basin home and Nile Day is also an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the rich and varied cultures which exist within the Nile Basin, particularly with respect to cultural entertainment and traditional cuisine.

Regional Nile Day 2022 Theme: The Nile: Our Heritage for Peace and Prosperity

This year’s theme is a timely reminder to Basin citizens on the shared heritage and importance of the Nile River with a sharp focus on how Nile cooperation is a foundation for peace and prosperity.

Objectives of Nile Day

* To raise awareness and visibility of the Nile Basin Initiative, its achievements, and benefits of Nile Basin cooperation.
* To enable Member States and friends of the Nile Basin to recognise and celebrate the rich and varied cultures which exist within the Nile Basin.
* To increase stakeholders’ understanding and appreciation of NBI’s contributions to national development and improvement of livelihoods.
* To attract the support and collaboration of regional and international strategic partners on transformative initiatives that will facilitate peace and prosperity.
**Event Format:**

Regional Nile Day 2022 is organised in form of a knowledge exposition. The NBI Knowledge Expo provides a platform to showcase NBI’s technical expertise and its contribution to evidence-based decision making in transboundary water cooperation in the Nile as well as water resources management and development. The NBI Knowledge Expo also provides stakeholders and partners with a platform to showcase their respective solution options in Nile Basin water resources management.

**Target Audience:**

The target audience for the NBI Knowledge Expo 2022 includes Ministers in charge of Water Affairs in the Nile Basin countries, policy decision makers, development partners, researchers, academia, civil society, media (national, regional and international), youth, children, and NBI’s strategic partners.

**Event Organisers:**

Regional Nile Day 2022 is jointly organised by NBI and the United Republic of Tanzania’s Ministry of Water, in partnership with the Nile Basin Discourse. Regional Nile Day 2022 is hosted by the government of the United Republic of Tanzania.

**Previous Regional Nile Day Venues:**

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What is the major determinant of population distribution in the Nile Basin?