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Regional Workshop On

Communicating Water Science for Transboundary Cooperation in the Nile Basin

22nd-23rd May, 2017

Pyramisa Cairo Hotel-Egypt

Background

This workshop is organised within the framework of two initiatives funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs “Global partnership for water and Development”:

1) “Open Water Diplomacy. Media, Science and Water Cooperation in the Nile basin” is a project implemented by IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Nile Basin Capacity Building Network, African Water Journalists, SciDev.net, and University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg.

Open Water Diplomacy is conceived as a laboratory where water journalists, scientists and diplomats engage in a process of common learning and co-production of knowledge *on* and *for* water diplomacy. This action research will be:

- inter-disciplinary
- trans-national (scientists and journalists from different Nile basin countries will work together)
- co-creative (scientists and journalists engaging in joint research/communication projects).

2) The Memorandum of Understanding between IHE Delft and SIWI on Water diplomacy, which identified media training in the Eastern Nile as one of the activities to be jointly implemented.

Objectives of the workshop

1. To present the preliminary findings of the research mapping online and offline debates on the Nile in Ethiopia, to validate the methodology piloted in Ethiopia and to discuss with local researchers how to apply it to the Egypt and Sudan cases.

2. to present and discuss three research videos on the practice and culture of water science communication in Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt. Journalists will be coached by Dutch filmmaker Roland Postma to complete their work and to assemble it in one video-documentary.

3. To facilitate discussion between journalists, researchers and policy makers about water science communication and to identify challenges and points for action to be addresses by future joint training activities.

Day1: Monday 22nd May

Mapping Nile debates in mainstream and social media in Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt

9.00 – 9.30	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks Amel Azab (NBCBN) - Media, science and transboundary cooperation in the Nile basin (Emanuele Fantini, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education)
9.30 – 11.00	<p>Presentation and discussion of the pilot research in Ethiopia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A methodology to map online and offline debates on the Nile (Iginio Gagliardone, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg) - The Nile events and key influencers mapped in the Ethiopian case (Wondwosen Seide, University of Lund) - Mapping Nile debates in Ethiopia: preliminary results (Gerawork Aynekulu, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Presentation and discussion of three research videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Smile of the Nile” by Dagim Terefe (Ethiopia 2017), - “Breakthrough” by Ishraga Abd Arrhman (Sudan 2017) - “Timeless river” by Safaa Salah (Egypt 2017)
13.00- 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 17.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Working groups</u></p> <p>Group1: Research <i>“Researchers will discuss how to apply the methodology to the Sudan and Egypt case, discussing and validating the lists of actors and events to be mapped in the three countries and getting acquainted with the coding process”</i></p> <p>Group 2: Video <i>“Journalists will work at their videos with the support of Dutch filmmaker Roland Postma to address and incorporate main points discussed in the morning plenary”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Coffee included during afternoon working sessions</i></p>

Day2: Tuesday 23rd of May

The culture and practices of water science communication in the Nile basin

9.00 – 11.00	<p>Media training for transboundary cooperation in the Nile basin: past experiences and future plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Media flows in the Nile Basin: linking the public and water-diplomacy?(Ana Cascao, SIWI)-The Nile Basin Initiative and the media (Jane Baitwa, NBI and Sarah Bebb, GIZ)- Nile Hard Talk: Q&A session with journalists that took part to previous training in the Nile basin- The Role of CB Networks in communicating science in the Nile Basin (Amel Azab, NBCBN)- InfoNile. A geo-journalism platform to communicate water science (Fredrick Mugira and Annika McGinnis, AWJ)
11.00 – 11.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee break</p>
11.30 – 13.00	<p>World Café (first session)</p> <p>“to stimulate a discussion between journalists, researchers and policy makers on the culture and practice of science communication on Nile issues” (facilitated Bothina Osama, SciDev.net)</p>
13.00- 14.00	<p>Lunch</p>
14.00 – 16.00	<p>World Café (table discussions)</p>
16.00 – 17.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing session</p> <p>“wrap up from tables discussion and debate to inform future media training activities in the Nile basin”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Coffee included during afternoon working sessions</i></p>