



Weekly Nile Basin Media Radar

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Training of Eastern Nile Journalists

The media training of Eastern Nile journalists ended with a visit to the construction site of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) project in Guba, Ethiopia where Project Manager Eng. Semegnaw Bekele explained how each of the three countries (Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan) would benefit from the dam and the safety measures undertaken to ensure no harm comes to downstream countries.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nile-basin-initiative/albums/72157670640090550>

Nile mega dam almost ready but faces Egyptian sceptics

As a huge dam on the River Nile in Ethiopia nears completion Anadolu Agency has spoken to engineers and journalists who claim fellow Nile state Egypt remains suspicious of the multibillion-dollar project. Guba - more than 900 kilometres (560 miles) northwest of the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa - will be home to the enormous \$4.8 billion Ethiopian Grand Renaissance Dam (GERD). It is situated on the Nile where the wide river, mixed

thickly with earth, rumbles towards Sudan through **the dam's gate, joining** its natural course to flow across the nearby Sudanese border.

<http://aa.com.tr/en/africa/nile-mega-dam-almost-ready-but-faces-egyptian-skeptics/621317>

We are forced by nature to share the Nile with our neighbour, says Ethiopian dam project manager

"You have the High Dam in Egypt, and we hope to have the GERD, because we want electricity and our country to grow," an Ethiopian taxi driver in Addis Ababa told Ahram Online, "and I am paying for this dam." "It's not fair for Egyptian to think that we want to harm them, we are brothers," 28-year-old Temesgen said. The driver's words came as Ethiopia lifted the photography ban on the under-construction Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, leading to the first field visit by local media outlets as well as counterparts from the Nile Basin region, to the 55-percent complete site.

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/News/236916.aspx>

A forum that clearly stated collaboration as the only and best option

<http://bit.ly/2aVSKDj>

Training of Eastern Nile journalists in Ethiopia

http://www.gomhuriaonline.com/main.asp?v_article_id=388195#.V6JGV9J97I

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The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam

A project which has raised concerns in Egypt for five years.

<http://www.shorouknews.com/news/view.aspx?cdate=04082016&id=af7eb34c-cfed-42ed-b08e-364107a81b5b>

Bekele sends message to Egyptians: The GERD will not stop water flowing

<http://www.elbalad.news/2350685>

GERD's challenges and quarrels to become benefits for all

<http://www.ahram.org.eg/NewsQ/540940.aspx>

Nile Basin journalists trained on water issues

The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) held a media training for journalists drawn from four of the Nile Basin countries. Twenty six scribes from Ethiopia, Egypt, Sudan and South Sudan participated in the five-day **training which took place in Ethiopia's** capital, Addis Ababa. Organisers said the objective of the training was to contribute to the emergence and consolidation of constructive media reporting about the Eastern Nile basin. During the training, presentations were given on ways journalists should cover on Nile issues including how they could use the media to promote cooperation to support national and regional

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politicians could reach in a consensus on disputes related with the Nile water resource.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article59809>

The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam in close snapshots

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContentMulti/236706/Multimedia.aspx>

Experts ask media to build trust between Nile Basin countries

<http://www.elbalad.news/2344150>

African Water Facility: Boosting Hydropower and Irrigation in Tanzania

Tanzania is expected to benefit from a boost in hydropower generation and irrigation development thanks to a new study financed by the African Water Facility (AFW). This Euro 2 million grant will help the government of Tanzania launch the pre-feasibility study of a multi-purpose dam, irrigation and hydropower project in Kikonge.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201608041158.html>