



# Weekly Nile Basin Media Radar

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### NEWS!

NBI Secretariat Executive Director, Eng. Innocent Ntabana is the new Vice President of the African Network of Basin Organisations (ANBO) for Strengthening Institutions for Transboundary Water Resources Management in Africa (SITWA). Congratulations are in order! Bravo!

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### **Alumnus Professor Seifeldin Hamad Abdalla from Sudan wins the UNESCO-IHE Alumni Award 2016**

Alumnus Prof. Seifeldin Hamad Abdalla from Sudan is the winner of the UNESCO-IHE Alumni Award 2016. He will receive the Alumni Award on 20 October 2016, during the Opening of the Academic Year and Alumni Day ceremony at UNESCO-IHE. The award is given annually to an alumnus/alumna who has proven to be a role model for other water professionals, by demonstrating their outstanding contribution to water management practices.

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### **Ethiopia says Nile dam will go ahead regardless of impact study**

Construction of Ethiopia's controversial Grand Renaissance Dam on Nile River will go ahead whatever the findings of an environmental impact report agreed with Egypt and Sudan, the government said Wednesday. "This study cannot

affect construction of the dam. Construction of the dam will continue," Mutuma Mikasa, minister of water, irrigation and electricity, told a news conference. He spoke after returning from a meeting in the Sudanese capital Khartoum, where two French engineering firms signed a contract to conduct an environmental impact study in the presence of top diplomats from Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan.

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### **Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan sign final contracts on Nile dam studies**

Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan have signed the final contracts for the long-awaited technical studies on the impact on downstream countries of a giant dam that Ethiopia is building, Egypt's state news agency MENA reported. The signing that took place in Sudan's capital Khartoum on Monday was made with French consultancy firms BRL and Artelia, as well as British law firm Corbett, which will carry out studies on

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the potential impact of Ethiopia's Grand Renaissance Dam on the flow of the Nile.

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### **Regional powers back studies on impact of Ethiopia's Nile dam**

Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia commissioned studies into the environmental and economic impact of a \$4 billion dam on the Nile that Addis Ababa aims to make the centre piece of its bid to become Africa's biggest power exporter. The 6,000 MW Grand Renaissance Dam, situated close to Ethiopia's border with Sudan, and being built by Italy's largest construction firm Salini Impregilo, is due for completion next year.

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### **French firms to gauge impact of Nile dam project**

Two French engineering companies formally signed a contract in Sudan on Tuesday to conduct environmental impact studies on Ethiopia's Grand Renaissance Dam project on the river Nile, officials said. Artelia and BRL were chosen late last year to carry out technical studies on the project after a meeting of top diplomats from Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan. BRL director general Gilles Rocquelain told AFP after the contract was signed in Khartoum that the studies would begin after two months and "take 11 months to complete".

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### **Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia sign agreement to conduct technical studies on Grand Renaissance Dam**

Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia signed an agreement on Tuesday tasking French consulting companies BRL Ingenierie and Artelia with conducting feasibility studies on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), state news agency MENA reported. The three



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countries' irrigation ministers and Egypt's ambassador to Sudan were present at the signing in the Sudanese capital Khartoum. In line with recommendation from the 10-member International Panel of experts established by the three countries, the feasibility studies will include an assessment of the dam's environmental, socioeconomic and ecological impacts.

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### **Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia sign final contracts on dam technical studies**

Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia have officially signed the final contracts for the technical studies to be conducted on the Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, Aswat Masriya reported on Tuesday. The contracts were signed on Tuesday by the three nations and the two French consultancy firms conducting the studies and an English law firm overseeing the legal arrangements. The documents were signed in a ceremony at a hotel in the Sudanese capital Khartoum.

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### **Egypt, signs final contracts for GERD consultation offices, left with ambiguous consequences**

Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia signed on Tuesday the final contracts for the consultation offices appointed to conduct technical studies on the implications of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) on countries downriver. In a signing ceremony that took place in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, the three delegations signed the final contracts with two French

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consultation companies, Artelia and BRL, that will be responsible for the technical studies and UK-based company Corbett & Co. that will be responsible for the legal affairs.

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### **Siaya's Lake Kanyaboli: A beauty enclave faces peril**

[...] The 1,000-hectare Lake Kanyaboli, is one of the three components that make up the phenomenal Yala Swamp complex. The other two features are wetlands in the delta of the Yala River and Lake Sare, one of several outlets of the Yala River into Lake Victoria. [...] However, all is not well for the lake, the swamps and the entire ecosystem. Environmentalists have sounded the alarm that the water levels in the three metre deep Kanyaboli is slowly receding, thanks to human activities and a harsh climate. The nearby swamps are being burnt at a fast rate by people seeking farming land and to remove fish hiding beneath the vegetation. Sitatunga, an animal in the antelope family, is not safe either. It is hunted heavily for food.

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