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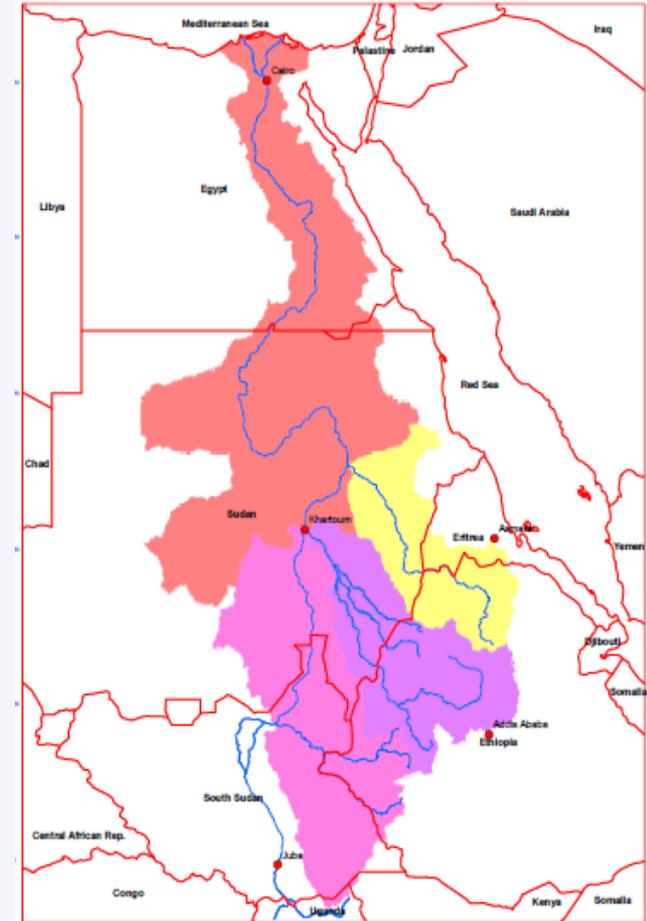
Title: Water Diplomacy and Cooperation in Eastern Nile Basin.

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Water Diplomacy in ENB

- ❑ **Main Objective**, To identify the potential of water Diplomacy that can play a role as a peaceful means for Cooperation in the Eastern Nile.
- ❑ **Specific objectives**, To identify the main challenges of water diplomacy in Eastern Nile.
 - To assess the type of water diplomacy practiced/exercised in the Eastern Nile
 - Analysing the role of multi-track water diplomacy that can influence track one
 - To compare lessons learned from other shared river basins water diplomacy approach that can be adopted for the Eastern Nile

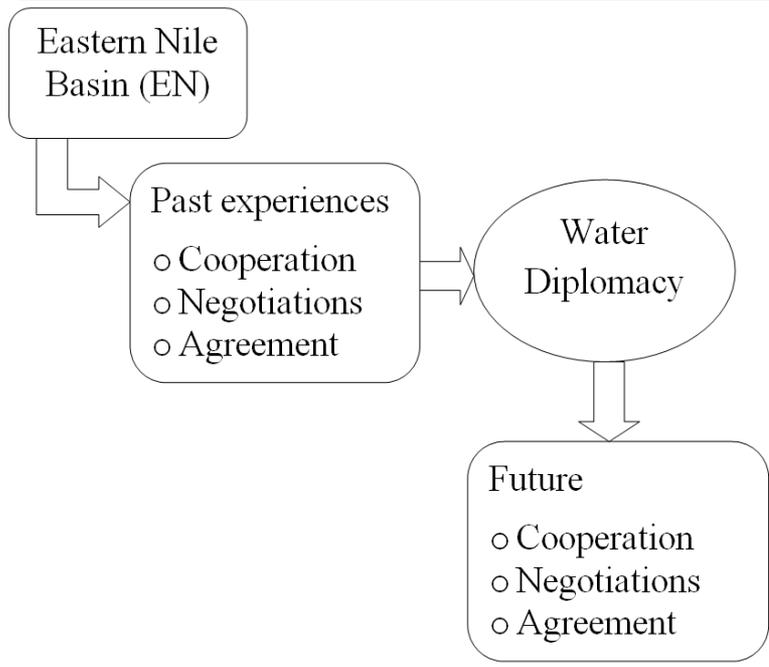


Study area: 4 Sub basins, 4 countries with more than 70 Millions

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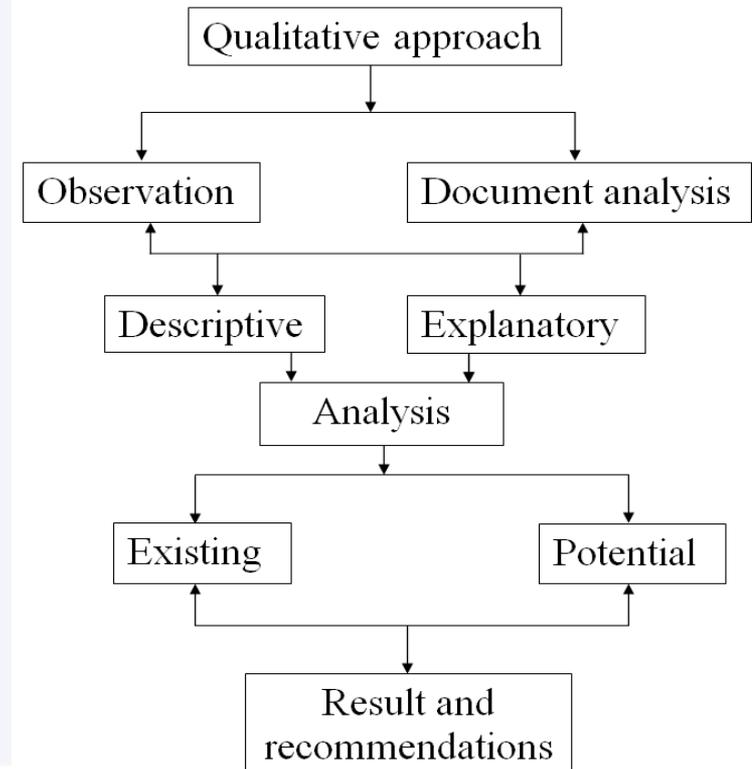
- I. The other riparian countries are not bound by the Past agreements (1929,1959) b/n Egypt and Sudan.
 - II. The water diplomacy approach practiced in the region is mainly on the satisfaction of countries' interests and positions.
 - III. Non significant role of society and other stakeholders in influencing the decision-making process.
- Water Diplomacy** focuses on establishing novel solutions, It might be useful in managing complex water networks among the sharing stakeholders. **(In-Formal Track II to support Formal \Track I);**

Methodology & Analysis



□ Analysis: The Comparative Analysis of:

- Water Diplomacy in the Eastern Nile Basin and Other River Basins
- Eastern Nile past and current experiences



□ **Methodology:** The study mainly used a mixed approach method which is qualitative and survey. (primary & secondary data)

Content	Jordan	Mekong	Rhine	Senegal	Eastern Nile
Locations	Arab island – Mediterranean sea	Southern Asia	Western Europe	West Africa	East and North Africa
Shared countries	Israel, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan	China, Myanmar, Vietnam, Laos, People's Democratic Republic, Thailand and Cambodia	Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands	Guinea, Mali, Senegal and Mauritania	Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan and Eritria
The role of civil society	Civil society, the Arava Institute of Environmental Studies (AIES), Middle East Desalination Research Centre (MEDRC), Eco-Peace	No significant role	Civil servants, non-state actors	Civil servants, non-state actors	No significant role
The strategy	Society interaction and stability	Coordinated development of the river	Side payments	Benefit-sharing	Not reached on Agreement
Challenges	The unilateral development of the Jordan river which causes competition and increased the existing tension between Israel and Arab	The upstream countries are cooperating based on equality and sovereignty and territorial integrity	The Dutch opted for a freeze on the average chloride load which is not accepted by the upstream countries	There is no significant challenge for the time being since the upstream country (Guinea) joined lately	Countries focusing on water allocation rather than benefit-sharing

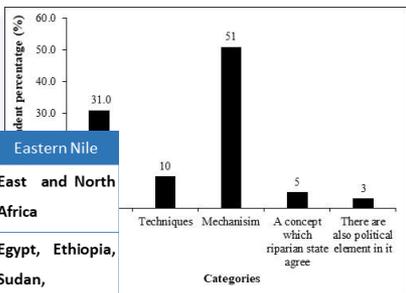


Figure: Respondents opinion on the understanding of water diplomacy/hydro-diplomacy.

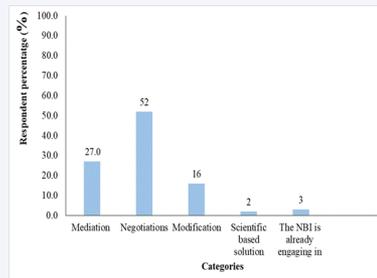
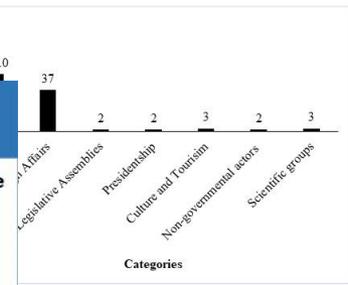


Figure: The recommended water diplomacy approach in the context of Eastern Nile

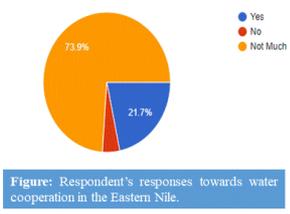


Figure: Respondent's responses towards water cooperation in the Eastern Nile.

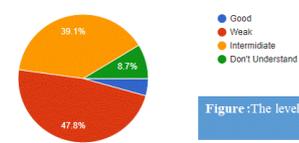


Figure: The level of water diplomacy in the Eastern Nile River Basin.



Conclusion and recommendations

- Water diplomacy that has been practiced does not address the interests and demands of all the riparian countries, which led the riparian countries to pursue unilateral development of the Nile Waters.
- The finding of the study would recommend that the Nile Riparian Countries exert efforts to enhance the:
 - Understanding of water diplomacy,
 - The role of the civil society and other stakeholders in the region.
- The establishment of a permanent commission with a mandate of addressing: All technical, social, and political issues in the basin and carry out the implementation of the treaty and benefit-sharing projects



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