



Nile Basin Discourse (NBD)
Egypt National Discourse Forum
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Progress Report
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Executive Summary:

EgNDF through this reporting period had sustained its activities according to the general work plan of the NBD to get parties together for the sake of promoting two main goals. First, to register EgNDF as an independent organization and to be registered officially according to the Egyptian law; Second, to have more concrete cooperation and partnership with the NBI projects in Egypt to have more steps forward to guarantee the sustainability from both sides.

In parallel we have continued our M3 and M4 activities in low cost no cost tools to spread over the researches and studies results and outputs as well as recommendation for the Local Discourse Forums “LDFs” to enhance the positive impact of our efforts in the last six months and get the appropriate and ultimate goals of conducting such highly valued deliverables.

Actions Description:

1. National Steering Committee Meeting:

Date: 31-05-2008

Venue: EgNDF meeting room

1-1 Objectives of the meeting:

1. Holding large meeting for a strategic planning of the NDF (2008- 2010)
2. The discussion of the legal status of the NDF as an independent entity.
3. The Election of three representatives to attend the general assembly meeting of the NBD which will take place in Uganda, June 2008.

1-2 Meeting outcomes:

- Agreeing on holding an extensive meeting in order to develop a strategic plan for the National Forum.
- It was decided that the EgNDF will be legally registered as a Foundation under the name (**National Forum for Nile Basin**) with participants from the different LDFs to be considered as founders of this foundation.
- The election of the participants in the General Assembly meeting in Uganda. The three elected persons were “ Dr. Emad Adly – Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud – Mr. Raaouf Kamal”
- Discussing the outcomes of the local workshops to present the results and outputs of researches and studies conducted by the EgNDF in Sharkia and Minia and to set dates for the upcoming workshops all over the 17 LDFs. Qaliobeya, Alexandria and Qena were the first phase of schedule in the month June to be followed by the other LDFs accordingly.



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2. Consultative meeting to create a strategic plan for the National Forum:

Date: 28-30/06/2008

Venue: Aida Hotel- North Coast

2-1. Objectives:

- Discuss the achievements of the National Forum 2005 - 2008.
- Discuss the current status of both the NDF and NBD, especially after the cessation of funding ‘
- Development of the strategic plan of the NDF 2008 - 2010 built on what was achieved during the previous stages of the process

2-2. The Strategic objectives:

1. Contribute to the building of a national vision and policies for integrated water issues in Egypt.
2. Contribute to the building trust with Nile Basin countries and institutions to ensure the security of Egypt’s water.
3. Contribute to the capacity building by developing and sharing information and technical capacity as well as awareness of each sector of society.
4. contribute to raising the efficiency of managing demand and supply
5. Address the destruction of infringing on the river and its branches.

2-3. The final resolutions and outcomes of the workshop were as follows:

- The concentration on the “Bahr el Ghazal” project as well as confidence building between the Nile Basin Countries.
- Focusing on the combined agricultural projects among the Nile Basin countries and fulfillment of food security for the countries.
- Focusing on comprehensive and efficient management for the water sources.
- Consolidate the role of civil society in the management
- Focusing on negotiation role of the private sector
- Making use of the available financial programs (Small Grants programs and/or International water projects)
- The role of civil society is to complement and not compete with the role of the government.
- Sudan represents the key to development in Africa.
- to organize a workshop with the different political parties in Egypt and the media in the field of supply and demand.
- Enhancing the legal role of the forum in reviewing and reporting different legislations.
- fundraising campaign for the purpose of creating efficient sewage systems in local villages.
- Coordinate the efforts of the ministries concerned with the water issue.
- hold a general lecture, before the first of September to address the agricultural strategy for 2030 and ensure all the information is readily available.

Finally the closing speech thanked all the participants for attending and working towards making the workshop a successful one.



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3. Local workshops

4 local workshops were held during 19 May till 30 June the main goals of these workshops were to gather the LDFs from different governorates to exchange ideas, experiences and lessons learnt also to disseminate the outcomes and results of the 4 researches conducted by the National Forum in the areas of confidence building, beneficiary participation, Nile biodiversity, and the optimal use of water in agriculture These 5 workshop covered the whole geographic area of the NDF

- The first one was in Minia (North Upper Egypt Region) gathered the LDFs from Fayoum, Beni Suif, Minia & Asute
- The Second was in Sharkia (Delta Region) gathered the LDFs from Sharkia, Gharbiya, & Menofiya.
- The Third was in Qaliubiya (Greater Cairo Region) gather the LDFs from Cairo, Giza & Qaliubiya
- The fourth was in Alexandria (North Coast Region) gathered the LDFs from North Sinai, Behira & Alexandria
- The Forth was in Qena (South Upper Egypt Region), gather the LDFs from Sohag, Qena & Aswan.

The main attendance of these workshops was LDFs members, Local authorities, governmental representatives, farmers, representatives for Ministry of agriculture, Ministry of Water recourses and Media.

These local workshops witnessed the wide coverage from the local channels of the different regions; beside many important decisions were taken.