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Editorial

The third quarter of the year was packed with activities for all the components of NTEAP.

A significant milestone was the completion of the basin wide stakeholder consultations on the contents and the target audience for the Nile River Awareness kit, currently under development. The climax of the consultations was the meeting held with the current Chairman of the Council of Ministers where he applauded the Nile RAK initiative and presented a greeting and welcome message to be included in the multi-media CD ROM.

Another historical event of paramount importance to NTEAP and to NBI at large was the team building retreat held in Sodere in Ethiopia, which brought together NTEAP staff from the entire basin. The retreat which was very successful, with practical proposals for enhancement of team spirit , was an opportunity for NTEAP to reflect on the achievements and challenges of the project so far, with a view to enhancing performance.

Other equally important activities during the quarter included the regional capacity building workshop for Local Micro-grants Coordinators held in Addis Ababa, the national water quality monitoring workshop for DRC Congo, held in Kinshasa, and the participation of NTEAP in the launch of the Confidence Building and Stakeholder Involvement (CBSI) Project in Entebbe, and the Applied Training Workshop in Kinshasa.

The quarter ended with the hosting of a World Bank Supervision Mission, yet another activity of importance to NTEAP, as it ensures the Project is on track.

The Level of activities is a manifestation of the efforts by NTEAP to achieve the project objectives.

Gedion Asfaw, RPM

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NILE COM CHAIR SPEAKS OUT ON THE NILE RIVER AWARENESS KIT (NILE RAK)



NILE RAK-POSITIVE INITIATIVE

The Current Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI), Honourable Professor Bikoro Munyanganizi, the Minister of State for Water and Energy of the Republic of Rwanda, has applauded the initiative by the Nile Transboundary Environment Action Project (NTEAP) of the NBI to develop an environmental awareness kit, the Nile River Awareness Kit (Nile RAK), to promote sustainable management of water resources within the Nile Basin. The multi-media CD –ROM is learning tool which will provide a knowledge base and training material to be used by regional, national, and local stakeholders to enhance understanding of natural phenomena and human activities impacting the Nile River basin.

This was during a consultative meeting held in his office on 18/8/05, in Kigali, Rwanda, attended by Mr. Joel Arumadri, the Knowledge Management Specialist of NTEAP, Ms Erin Johnson, Hatfield Consultants Ltd. Project Manager for Nile RAK Project, William Kemp the content developer from Strata 360, and Olivier Tsui the Remote sensing/GIS expert from Hatfield Consultants Ltd.

The development of the CD ROM is a collaborative partnership between NTEAP and Hatfield Consultants Ltd, a Canadian based firm. The project is led by Hatfield Consultants Ltd of West Vancouver Canada, in partnership with Strata 360, (Montreal Canada) and the Food Agricultural Organization and funded by the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), under the Tiger Initiative designed to promote sustainable development of water resources in Africa.

The CD ROM is expected to be launched in March 2006 during the meeting of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) Council of Ministers in Bujumbura, Burundi.

NTEAP is one of the seven shared vision programs of the NBI responsible for addressing high priority transboundary environmental issues in the basin. **Turn to page 3 for comments from the Nile COM Chair.**

Memorandum of Agreement for Micro-grant Projects in Sudan Signed

The signing of the Memorandum of Agreements between the NTEAP and ten local NGOs took place at the PMU Conference room on Sunday 2 October 2005. The ten projects ap-



proved by the National Steering Committee of the Micro-grants in Sudan carry a total budget of \$150,000 to be implemented over a period of one

year for afforestation, soil erosion mitigation and animal husbandry, among other projects.

Mr. Gedion Asfaw, the Regional Project Manager of NTEAP signed the MOAs on behalf of UNOPS

He congratulated the Grantees for developing sound proposals and said as pioneers their performance will play a big role in determining the continuity of the program and the expansion to other countries in the basin.

He therefore called for strict adherence to the Memorandum of Agreements and the accompanying rules.

The signing was witnessed by the Micro-Grants Lead Specialist, Mr. Amir Baker, the M&E Lead Specialist,



Ms. Intisar Salih, the National Micro-Grants Coordinator for Sudan, Ms. Ishrag Dirar, the NSC Chairperson and the Deputy Executive Director of the Sudanese Environmental Conservation Society, the host NGO for the Micro-Grants Program in Sudan, Prof. Souad Suliman.

Amir Baker- Micro Grants LS

Sudan admitted to RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands – reports Environment and Development Newsletter

Sudan has been admitted to RAM-SAR Convention on Wetlands . In its issue No.2 of August 2005, the Environment and Development Newsletter reported that Sudan was formally admitted to RAMSAR on 7th May 2005 after 24 years of effort.

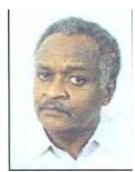
The ratification coincides with the world-wide celebrations of the World Environmental Day. The High Council for Environmental & Natural Resources



organized a briefing forum on the 5th of June 2005, at the Agricultural Bank of Sudan bringing together a number of experts and researchers concerned

with the issues of wetlands. The forum discussed a number of important issues, including Al Dindir National Park, Acacia Woodlands and Mangroves Woodlands in the coastal areas.

The Minister for Environment & Physical Development Gen. Al Tijani Adam Al Tahir stressed the great attention the State is paying to the important ecological issues, particularly wetlands environments, as wetlands represent safe shelter for birds and wildlife.



He called upon all the relevant sectors to join efforts in the formulation of national plans and strategies and in translating them into concrete realities.

On his part, Dr, Nadir Awad, Secretary General for

the High Council of Environment and Natural Resources (HCENR) explained that the national celebrations of the World Environmental Day this year focused on RAMSAR Convention and the issues of wetlands in Sudan, highlighting the important role of wetlands in the conservation of biodiversity and their economic and socio-cultural values in

terms of water supply, energy, wild-life wealth, shelter for bird species, entertainment and tourism. He called for the conservation and sustainable exploitation of these resources at a time when they are facing a number of threats such as pollution and over exploitation, which result in environmental degradation and smaller wetlands, consequently decreasing biodiversity and loss of important water resources.

This is indeed an encouraging development as it will support the efforts of the Nile Basin Initiative in the conservation of wetlands which are important ecosystems in the Nile Basin, both as home to biodiversity and regulators of water flow to the Nile system.

The NTEAP is greatly indebted to his Excellency, Gen. Al Tijani Adam Al Tahir, for his continued support and his invaluable contribution at the launch of the NTEAP Project in 2004.

Gedion Asfaw, RPM

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Regional Water Quality Monitoring Reports Discussed

ater quality and environmental experts from Burundi, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania, DRC, Rwanda and Uganda assembled in Novatel Hotel, Bujumbura, Burundi, from 19 – 21st July 2005, to discuss the water quality monitoring baseline initiatives for the Nile basin.



The meeting was opened by his Excellency, Ambassador Albert Mbonerane, Minister for Land Management,

Environment & Tourism of the Republic of Burundi. The Regional Water Quality Monitoring Report discussed was presented by an International Consultant, Mr. Ralph M. Jackman.

The report, which is a summary of the water quality monitoring initiatives in the nine countries, was extensively discussed, and adopted, along with the individual National Water Quality Monitoring Baseline reports.

Highlights of the workshop include, consensus on basin wide transboundary water quality monitoring stations, classification of analytical facilities, designation of national focal laboratories, designation of regional reference laboratories in Entebbe and Cairo and the identification of current and potential pollution threats to the Nile.

The workshop also underscored the diversity between the countries with regard to their capacities to undertake transboundary water quality monitoring.

During the same quarter, NTEAP participated in two National Workshops in the DRC. One organized by the Applied Training Project, held between 13 – 14th September, 2005, to assess the Institutional capacities for training, opened by the Minister for Higher Education and Universities, and a national workshop focusing on water quality monitoring and enforcement practices in DRC, opened by the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources, Hon. Anselme Anerunga.

The objectives of the workshop were to strengthen networking between

Comments from the Nile COM Chair, during Nile RAK consultative meeting on 18/8/05

This initiative around the Nile River must help reduce the level of poverty for all populations of the Nile Basin.

All our efforts to defeat poverty and pursue sustainable development will be in vain if environmental degradation and natural resources depletion continue unabated.

UN Secretary General, Kofi Anan

In the past, water use was not a problem in the south; but it was already a problem in the north. Today, with population growth, increased demand for food, and increasing demand for development, the south increasingly needs to use aquatic resources for its development. In most countries in the south, water, which is an important resource, is also a factor leading to soil degradation. While we need to reduce poverty, we also need to ensure proper management of this resource while protecting the environment.

Water use for agriculture, for energy production, and for human consumption is essential.

We need to ensure fairness in the sharing of this resource by the ten countries in the Nile Basin.

I believe that is the main point of any cooperation among all ten countries, to share this resource equitably.

Joel Arumadri - KMS LS, NTEAP



water sector actors, discuss water management challenges and mainstreaming of NTEAP activities into national plans.

Both these Workshops were graced by the presence of the Executive Director of the NBI, Mr. Patrick Kahangire.

Also present were the RPMs for ATP and CBSI, Dr. Canisisius Kanngire and Mr. Gordon Mumbo respectively.

John Omwenga- WQM LS

NTEAP HOLDS ITS FIRST TEAM BUILDING RETREAT

The Nile Transboundary Environment Action Project (NTEAP) of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) held a team building retreat for all the NTEAP staff in Sodere Resort Hotel, 120 Km south east of Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, from 19th-21st September 2005. Sodero Resort is of historical significance to NTEAP because it is the venue where the NBI Shared Vision Projects, including NTEAP were discussed and planned way back in the 1990's.

The overall objectives of the retreat was to enhance team spirit and reflect on the achievements and failures of NTEAP in implementing regional and national activities of the various components since 2004, with a view to charting the way forward to enhance performance.

The retreat was attended by all staff of the Project Management Unit, National Coordinators, Local Micro



SODERE SPIRIT: NTEAP Staff and Teambuilding facilitators outside Sodere meeting room

Grant Coordinators and a representative of United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS). The retreat was opened by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) member for Ethiopia Mr.Mekonnen Leulseged, who in his remarks said the NTEAP being one of the first projects to be implemented has demonstrated exemplary roles in the implementation of other SVP projects.

He said the achievements can be further improved and consolidated through team work and cooperative efforts. In his conclusion he said the office retreat was the first of its kind in bringing together professionals in the environmental sector in the basin, to discuss ways and means of improving performance.

In delivering his welcome speech the Regional Project Manger Mr. Gedion Asfaw, stressed the need for team



work in achieving project outputs.

The retreat facilitated by very experienced, highly educated personalities, with highly respectable civil status had a mix of fun, capacity building and realistic assessment of the requirements to enhance and sustain team building within NTEAP.

In addition to other achievements of the retreat, the NTEAP staff added a new word "Atamo" a participatory way of applause through clapping in a particular pattern, to their vocabulary. 'Atamo' became the dominant phrase throughout the retreat for any positive achievement and it extended to the social evenings at Sodere camp fire and at a traditional restaurant in Addis Abeba at which the staff enjoyed and chatted in a very friendly atmosphere.

The team building workshop came out with proposals to enhance team building within NTEAP, code named "Sodore Spirit", for enhancing and sustaining team spirit within NTEAP. The report is expected to be used by other sister projects in the Nile Basin Initiative, the Secretariat and the development partners as a learning tool.

Joel Arumadri - KM, Lead Specialist



NTEAP

NTEAP Recognizes the contribution of the outgoing NTEAP PSC Chairman, Dr. Nadir Mohammed Awad



The Management and Staff of NTEAP wish to recognize the exemplary guidance the NTEAP has enjoyed from Dr. Nadir Mohammed Awad, during his

tenure as the Project Steering Committee Chairman of the National Environment Action Project (NTEAP). His contribution towards the achievements of NTEAP have been tremendous and invaluable.

However NTEAP will continue to seek his assistance and support whenever there is opportunity.

Dr. Nadir is the outgoing PSC Chairman for the NTEAP. He holds a PhD in Range and Wildlife Management and was the Secretary General of High Council of the Natural Resources and Environment since 2000...

NTEAP Welcomes the new PSC Chairman



The NTEAP would like to extend a warm welcome to the new NTEAP Project Steering Committee Chairman Dr. Saadeldin Ibrahim,

who is taking over from Dr. Nadir Awad, the outgoing Chairman.

NTEAP looks forward to a continued support from the new PSC Chairman.

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Best Practice- Sumve landscape, in Mwanza, restored to original scenic beautyreports Mwanza Environmental Newsletter

Ten years ago, Sumve ward, in Kwimba district, Mwanza, had all its hill tops, particularly the restricted Nyabutuyu hill tops seriously degraded as a result of indiscriminate cutting of trees for charcoal, firewood and building materials, overgrazing, poor cultivation practices, and lack of sufficient conservation measures. This resulted into severe shortages of firewood, erosion on the hill slopes and reduced agricultural production.

Recently the Ward passed a bye-law aimed at controlling environmental degradation. The bye-law put emphasis on tree planting around homesteads, borders of farmlands and forest preservation.

Strict enforcement of the bye-law by the Councilors and the law enforcement has resulted into the regeneration of the native "Ngitire" tree species. The trees are now a common feature on all hill tops and almost in each household, much to the relief of Sumnve Ward residents, as they can now gather firewood just in the neighbourhood.

The people themselves are keeping the hilltops under constant surveillance, and anyone found tampering with the preserved vegetation cover is liable to a stiff fine, and failure to pay the fine results into alienation from the community.

This has resulted into improved living conditions in in Sumve as they now have supplies of firewood from the nearby gardens, which they are only allowed to harvest once a week.

The enactment of the law was hailed by the residents as a 'timely reminder on the importance of conserving the environment'.

It is reported that Mwendesha Ma-

gata, an elderly man who has been earning a living through making hoe handles, is delighted at seeing the Sumve landscape restored, although he was unable to continue with his business as a result of the ban on tree cutting.

Mhoyelwa Masalu, a traditional healer from Mwashilalagi village, is also reported to have said the strict enforcement would increase the population of trees which provide herbal medicine. She said the medicinal plants had become rare as a result of human activities including wanton cutting and bushfires.

The Sumve initiative is an excellent example of best practice by affected communities which other communities need to emulate.

Joel Arumadri - KM LS NTEAP

NBI Launches "nilebasin.org" E-mail Domain

The Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) has launched a corporate e-mail domain "nilebasin.org" to be used by all projects of the NBI. This will strenghten riparian cooperation and coordination through a common platform for communication.

The Nile Transboundary Environment Action Project (NTEAP) has created user accounts for all NTEAP staff, including the Micro-grants Coordinators and National Project Coordinators to kick start the use of the new email domain. The new email accounts take the format of the initial of the first name combined with the surname, written in full, as one word, followed by "nilebasin.org"

Regional Project Manager's e-mail account is: gasfaw@nilebasin.org

We therefore request our stakeholders to take note of these developments.

"nilebasin.org" up and running"

The full list of the new staff e-mails is obtainable on the NTEAP website "www.nileteap.org". NTEAP management therefore wishes to thank the NBI Executive Director.

Mr. Patrick Kahangire for enhancing communication in the basin through the establishment of a common com-

munication platform and introducing yet another icon of identity in the Nile basin.

The NTEAP congratulates the NBI Se-

cretariat and the communications and IT staff for their hard work and the achieved results.

Joel Arumadri - KM Lead Specialist



Basin Countries Endorse The Nile RAK Project.

Hon. Bikoro Munyanganizi, Nile COM Chair, provides Welcome Message for Nile RAK



Right to left: Bill Kemp, Hon. Bikoro Munyanganizi, Joel Arumadri, Erin Johnson, Emmanuel, Oliver Tsui

he initiative by the Nile Transboundary Environment Action Project (NTEAP), of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI), to develop an interactive awareness CD ROM on the resources of the Nile River, their use. highlighting the associated transboundary environmental issues, commonly known as the Nile RAK, has been embraced by the nine countries currently participating in the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI). The endorsement came through a basin wide consultation with NBI stakeholders. The consultation which started in April 2005 was completed in August 2005.

The objectives of the consultations with the stakeholders were to seek approval of the initiative, seek consensus on the contents and gather contents (reports, case studies, photos, video clips etc). During the consultations meetings were held with



NRAK consultations in progress

steering committee members (PSC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members of the NTEAP Project, group sessions attended by the various NTEAP working group members, the merepresentatives of educational establishments, institutions in the environmental sector, research organizations, institutions employing earth observation technologies;

in particular remote sensing technologies, among others.

The consultations were carried out jointly by NTEAP, represented by Mr Joel Arumadri the Knowledge Management Specialist, and the Nile RAK Project Team, comprised of Erin Johnson, Bill Kemp and Oliver Tsui from Hatfield Consultants Ltd.

The highest political support for the



NRAK stakeholder in Mwanza

initiative was received from the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of NBI Honourable Professor Bikoro Munyanganizi, the Minister of State for Water and Energy of the Republic of Rwanda. The consultative meeting with Minister took place on 18/8/05 in his office in Kigali, Rwanda. The Minister presented a greeting message to the visiting team to be included in the CD ROM as welcome message.



Hon. Odette Kayitesi

An equivalent level of support was received from the Minister Land Management, Environment and Tourism, the Republic of

Burundi, Hon. Odette Kayitesi in a meeting held in her office with Mr. Joel Arumadri, the NTEAP Knowledge Mangagement Lead Specialist, Mr. Ronald Okuonzi, NTEAP Finance and Adminstaration Lead Specialist and Mr. Audace Ndayizaye, the NTEAP National Project Coordinator for Burundi.

She applauded the initiative and said it was a brilliant idea. She pledged her full support for the Project and was happy to learn that the tool kit will be launched in Burundi.

The project is led by Hatfield Consultants Ltd of West Vancouver Canada, in partnership with Strata 360, (Montreal Canada) and the Food Agricultural Organization and funded by the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), under the Tiger Initiative designed to promote sustainable development of water resources in Africa.

The CD ROM is expected to be launched in March 2006 during the meeting of the NBI council of Ministers in Bujumbura, Burundi.

NTEAP is the project of NBI responsible for addressing high priority transboundary environmental issues in the basin.

Joel Arumadri- KM, LS NTEAP

Second Regional Micro-grants Capacity Building Workshop, 22nd—24th Sept 2005, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

A ddis Ababa was the host to the second regional Micro-grants capacity building workshop which took place from 22nd–24th September, 2005. Participants assembled from across the basin to participate in the three day gathering which was held at the Ethiopian Red Cross Society Training Institute.

Dr. Tewolde Berhan Gebre Egziabehere, the Director General of the Environmental Protection Authority delivered a keynote speech in which he reiterated the importance of community level conservation projects to the wellbeing of the Nile basin.

Mr. Gedion Asfaw, the Regional Project Manager, chaired the workshop and presented two papers on the NBI, the environmental threats and opportunities for mitigation, in the Nile basin.

The workshop was intended to equip participants with knowledge on the Nile Basin threats and the opportunities in the Micro-grants component to

address some of them. Community development techniques, project cycle management, and development and management of mitigation activities and the means to monitor them were



among other things discussed.

Participants developed outlines of project proposals using the knowledge and information provided to them during the workshop.

Practical field experiences in implementing similar environmental, community based, development activities in Uganda and Ethiopia were presented

by two NGO's in Ethiopia and the GEF Small Grants Coordinator in Uganda.

Other presentations were made by the National and Local Micro-grant Coordinators of Egypt, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda focusing on the methodology used to develop the respective National Action Plans (NAPs), the contents, and the challenges faced in the development process.

Mr. Ary Bobrow, the Portfolio Manager of the NTEAP's executing agency (UNOPS) presented a paper on finance and administrative procedures related to the Micro grants.

The Workshop was a learning process for the countries who are yet to prepare NAPS and an opportunity for social and -cultural interactions

Amir Baker—LS Micro-grants

NTEAP Supports Regional Training of Trainers Workshop

NESCO Chair in Water Resources in Sudan in collaboration with NTEAP organized a training of Trainers Workshop in integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM). The training program was designed to provide capacity building in the different aspects linked to the multidisciplinary IWRM fields,

The Nile Transboudary Environmental Action Project supported participation of host institutions from the basin countries. This is in line with capacity building program of NTEAP for host institutions.

The training which took place from 17th-21st September 2005, in Khartoum, the Sudan, was graced with the

presence of Vice Chancellor of Omdurman Islamic University, a representative of the Ministry of Irrigation and the Chairman of UNESCO in Water Resources, Professor Abudulalah, among other dignitaries.

The UNESCO Chair stressed the need for greater efforts to overcome obstacles and constraints in the field of the water resources management in or-

der to achieve our goals in sustainable socio-economic development and better livelihood for our societies. He thanked the NTEAP for their technical and financial support.

Representing the Regional Project



Manager, Mr. Amir Baker, the Micro-grant Lead Specialist highlighted the importance of regional capacity building in water resources and environment management.

Abdelsalam A A- NPC Sudan

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NTEAP Applauded by H.E the Minister of water Resources & irrigation

The Arab Republic of Egypt Ministry of Water Resources & Irrigation The Minister

Attention: Dr. Ithar Kalil

NTEAP National Project Coordinator

Dear Dr. Ithar Khalil,

Subject: Your Letter Dated 15/08/2005

I was very pleased to receive your letter dated 15/08/2005 and the enclosed report on the NTEAP celebrations of the World Environmental Day.

I would like to thank you and express my deep appreciation for your efforts and wish

you permanent success.

Mahmood Abu Zeid

Minister for Water Resources & Irrigation

A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OE WATER RESOURCES OF EGYPT; The World Environment Day (WED) was celebrated in all of the NBI countries albeit on different days and ways.

National Project Coordinators in all of the NBI countries came up with innovative and country relevant ways of celebratating the day focusing on Nile Basin issues.

The NTEAP will feature the WED celebrations in the NBI countries in this and other issues of the newsletter.

Dr Ithar in Egypt coordinated the WED celebration which included youth competitions, boat trips,::etc. The event was noticed by

the Minster of Water Resource, His Excellency Dr Abu Zeid and issued a thank you letter to Dr Ithar for the outstanding WED she was able to organize and conduct. We at the NTEAP are proud of the achievement and would like to thank the Minster for his continued support and interest in the work we do in Egypt.

This indeed is good news for all of us.

Gedion Asfaw, RPM



Date: 1/09/2005



NEWS FLASH

- ↑ 12-14 Dec 2005, Third NTEAP Steering committee meeting, Khartoum, Sudan.
- 8-15 Nov 2005, The 9th ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP9) to the Convention of Wetlands (Ramsar 1971), Kampala, Uganda
- 16-18th Nov 2005, WRPM Project Launch, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 8-10 Dec 2005, ATP Steering Committee meeting, Cairo, Egypt
- 31 Oct-4 Nov 2005, World Lake Conference, Nairobi, Kenya.6/9/05,
- 21st –23rd, Nov 2005, Third meeting of the Regional Water Quality Working group, Entebbe, Uganda.
- 6th Sept., 2005, The Confidence Building and stakeholder Involvement (CBSI) Project launched in Entebbe, Uganda.
- 24th-30th Sept. 2005, NTEAP World Bank Supervision Mission.