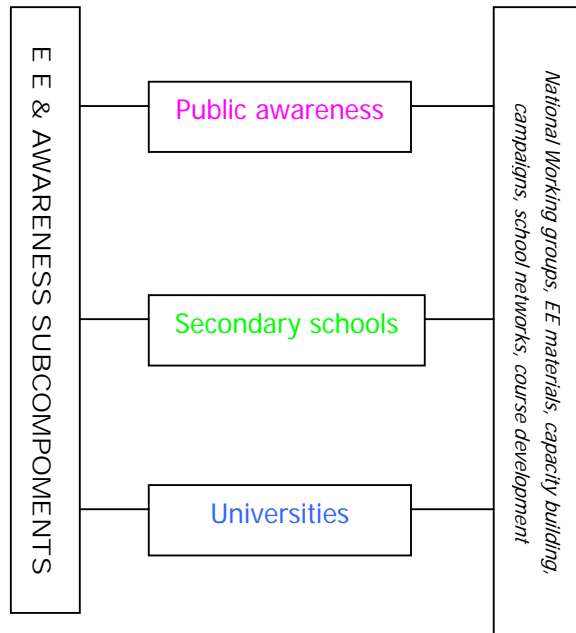


**Environmental Education Component
within the Nile Transboundary
Environmental Action Project.**



The NBI countries include Burundi, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda
*Eritrea currently participates as an observer and stated her intention to participate fully soon.



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NILE TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PROJECT



ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION AND
AWARENESS COMPONENT

*Changing attitude and behaviour,
of the Nile Basin communities*



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The Environmental Education Component

The Nile Transboundary Environmental Action Project is one of the eight projects under the Nile Basin Initiative Shared Vision Program (NBI-SVP).

The Environmental Education and awareness component within the Nile Transboundary Environmental Action Project is funded by GEF/UNDP. This five years program became operational in March 2004.

The Objective

The component will focus on creating awareness on the River Nile environmental threats, while stimulating behavioural change at three levels; the general public, the schools and tertiary institutions of learning.

The Main activities

The component is aimed at enhancing awareness on the nature of environmental inter-relatedness within the Nile basin and effects on communities. It will focus on developing or strengthening transboundary partnerships and networks of environmental education and awareness practitioners. This will be achieved through; building practitioners' capacities, introduction and building transboundary cooperation and demonstration (through pilot activities) the feasibility of developing and delivering a variety of environmental education and awareness programs at basin-wide level. To achieve this, the component intends to intervene at three main levels:-

1. Public information and awareness (outreach)

The outreach sub-component will:-

- Support the development and delivery of transboundary environmental awareness campaigns in each Nile riparian country.
- Facilitate regional training for EE & A practitioners on the development and delivery of programs and materials.
- Develop transboundary EE & A materials in various languages.

- Facilitate regional briefs for media editors and journalists and organise exchange of environmental journalists between the Nile riparian countries.

A variety of delivery mechanisms will be used including; nature clubs, schools, universities, churches, mosques, etc and media – Television, Radio, Newspapers and Web pages.

2. Secondary Schools



Source: schoolsonline.org

This subcomponent will:-

- Establish an electronic network of selected schools within the basin.
- Teachers' trainings including exchange tours.
- Support transboundary environmental projects within schools.
- Organise Nile Transboundary Environmental Education award scheme.

3. Universities and other research institutions

This subcomponent will support exchanges of university-level environmental education professors, other researchers and students between the Nile riparian countries. Main activities include:-

- Facilitate faculty and student exchanges among basin universities

- Facilitate the development of a university-level course on one or more Nile transboundary environmental issues.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE

Every person has a role to play in influencing behavioural change.

As an NGO, Civil society, Youth/women group, churches, mosques, scout movements, etc.

- Join a National Environmental Education and awareness working group in your country.
- Apply for a grant (Micro-grant) to enable you to carry out environmental education activities within your area.

A teacher, student or parent

- Inform us on the willingness to have your school networked.
- Initiate environmental clubs within schools and start a school demonstration site.

A professor, researcher or university student

- Inform us about your research, training module or curriculum on Nile issues.
- Doing research work on Environmental Education on Nile issues as a partial fulfilment of a degree program, let us hear from you.

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