



NBD Information sheet

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The Nile Basin includes the majority of Rwanda's land area, so development in the basin is of critical national importance. Various developmental and environmental challenges are faced in the basin, including deforestation, soil erosion, loss of sustainable water courses, and conflict over land and water. The Rwanda National Discourse Forum (RNDF) seeks to address these issues and to promote sustainable development by assisting constructive engagement of civil society in the NBI, and also supporting poverty reduction activities in Rwanda.

Cooperation with Nile Regional Programmes

The RNDF has developed increasing cooperation with several NBI projects. Its strongest involvement is with the NBI NELSAP (Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program) Kagera project. Collaboration in awareness-raising and media work has been agreed with the Capacity Building and Stakeholder Involvement (CBSI) program, and the RNDF has been included in discussions on how to improve the Micro Grants program of the Nile Transboundary Environmental Action Program (NTEAP) which supports small-scale environmental projects. Studies have been commissioned on stakeholder participation in NBI projects, and to produce guidelines for community involvement in power development and trade on the Rusumu and Ruzizi rivers.



Raising Awareness

The RNDF has set up a resource centre with material covering a wide range of development and natural resource issues. It has held public debates that have been covered on radio, TV and in the newspapers, and promotes Nile issues with posters, monthly newsletters and brochures. Discussions with media houses have led to greater uptake of Nile issues by the media. The RNDF also takes part in public events such as World Water Day, and in workshops with government such as one which highlighted the benefits of rainwater harvesting.

Local Environmental Actions

The RNDF members carry out many community environmental protection and sustainable development activities such as tree planting, composting and waste treatment. The RNDF hopes to obtain funding for field projects on food security and clean water, and to train its members in new areas such as climate change adaptation.

The RNDF has its own website at www.nbdfwanda.org.rw

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