

The Second Nile Basin Decision Support System User Community Workshop

Entebbe, 2 – 3 October 2015

First announcement call for submission of abstracts on national DSS applications

The NBI Secretariat (Nile-SEC) is glad to announce that the 2nd DSS User Community workshop will be held 2 - 3 Oct 2015 in Entebbe, Uganda.

The workshop aims to introduce the community to the features of the new DSS v2014.5, to exchange experiences on applications of the DSS so far, address challenges in the use of DSS, and to discuss how to strengthen the use of the DSS. The occasion will also be used to recognize those members of the community who present the best DSS applications cases. A tentative agenda is given below:

Tentative Agenda:

Friday 2 Oct 2015

9:00pm – 10:30am	Opening, Introduction to New DSS Features
11:00am – 12:30pm	Country Presentations – Status of DSS Use
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Country Presentations – Status of DSS Use (cont'd)
3:30pm – 5:30	Working Session: Finalizing the UC guidelines

Saturday 3 Oct 2015

9:00am – 10:30am	Presentations on DSS Application Cases
11:00am – 12:30pm	Presentations on DSS Application Cases (cont'd)
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Discussion: How to strengthen the Use of NB DSS
4:00 pm – 4:30 PM	Award ceremony for best DSS applications
4:30pm – 4:45pm	Closure

In connection with this workshop, we are calling for all user community members to submit their application cases as per the attached call. This is a competitive process and winners will be invited to present their cases in the workshop. Nile-SEC will cover the costs.



Nile Basin Initiative

NBI Secretariat (NBI Sec)

Water Resources Management Department (WRMD)

NB-DSS Award 2015

Call for NB-DSS Applications

14 July 2015

The Nile Secretariat Announces the First 2015 Call for DSS Applications. Submissions by individuals as well as groups from Nile Basin Countries are acceptable. An expert group will evaluate the submissions and select the top three winners.

The deadline for submissions is 14th August 2015.

Please see attached guidelines for submissions.

Main Objective	To acknowledge, grant and support the NB-DSS users for growing applications, informative case studies, and profound contribution to Nile Basin Water Resources Management; document and promote DSS use and applicability as well as strengthen the NB-DSS user community.
Eligibility Conditions	All Residents of the Nile Basin Initiative Can Apply. The award can be granted to individuals as well as groups.
Maximum Number of Applications	No limits are set in terms of the number of national and transboundary DSS application cases submitted for the award. The Nile Secretariat will select the best one and advise the applicants. DSS cases that are not running for the award will be also recognized, documented, and published.
NB-DSS Award: the process	The applicants should submit <i>one page</i> (fact sheet) that contains a full description of the DSS application. Description given should concisely cover the background information, location and particulars of the site, problem definition, assumptions made, datasets used, methodology and scope, modeling results, interpretation and outputs. Short-listed submissions will prepare and <i>present</i> the DSS application case during the DSS User Community Regional Workshop. The top three (3) applications will receive the categorical award during the workshop. NBI will cover the necessary costs.
How to Apply?	Send the <u>one page</u> (Fact Sheet) to the Nile Secretariat by E-mail: melshamy@nilebasin.org and copying egetahun@nilebasin.org ; and aseid@nilebasin.org . Full list of applications submitted will be compiled and disseminated.
Criteria for Evaluation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The DSS application is carried out by the expert or group of experts; i.e. no consultant or advisor was involved. 2. The application is real-life case. 3. The case contributes to Nile Basin WRM. 4. The case is unique, not repeated or reproduced. 5. The case contributes to NB-DSS demonstration, policy support, expansion, and enhancement. 6. Significance, professionalism, and innovation.