

## **The Nile Basin Decision Support System Best Application Award**

### **Entebbe**

#### *Announcement call for submission of abstracts on DSS applications*

The NBI Secretariat (Nile-SEC) is glad to announce the competition for ‘Best NB-DSS Application’ for 2016.

The competition aims to promote the use of the DSS in the NBI countries and 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 three best applications will be recognized with Best DSS Application Award 2016.

In connection with the award process, the Nile-SEC invites interested DSS users to take part in the competition.



## **Nile Basin Initiative**

### **NBI Secretariat (Nile-SEC)**

**Water Resources Management Department (WRMD)**

**NB-DSS Best Application Award 2016**

# **Call for NB-DSS Applications**

**13 September 2016**

**The Nile-Sec Announces the Competition for Best DSS Application Award. Submissions by individuals as well as groups from Nile Basin countries are acceptable.**

**The deadline for submissions of extended abstract is 15 October 2016.**

**Submission of model/database and report by 31 January 2017.**

**Notification of winners by around 31 March 2017.**

**Please see attached guidelines for submissions.**

Main Objective	To acknowledge, grant and support the NB-DSS users for growing applications, 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 countries 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 Best Application Award: the process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 October 2016: the applicants should submit an extended abstract of 5 pages 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.</li> <li>- 30 November 2016: short-listed submissions will be notified and required to submit full DSS application documentation</li> <li>- 31 Jan 2017: shortlisted candidates submit full documentation on the DSS application; full documentation includes a technical report (about 15 – 20 Pages), the DSS database backup (with models, data, results)</li> <li>- 31 March 2017: best 3 applications are announced</li> <li>- Top three candidates may be requested to give presentation on their application in a regional workshop of DSS uses.</li> <li>- The top three (3) applications will receive the categorical award during the workshop. NBI will cover the necessary costs.</li> </ul> <p>Send all documents to the Nile Secretariat by E- mail: <a href="mailto:swamala@nilebasin.org">swamala@nilebasin.org</a> and copying <a href="mailto:fmashingia@nilebasin.org">fmashingia@nilebasin.org</a>; and <a href="mailto:aseid@nilebasin.org">aseid@nilebasin.org</a>. Full list of applications submitted will be compiled and disseminated.</p>
Criteria for Evaluation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The DSS application is carried out by the expert or group of experts; i.e. no consultant or advisor was involved.</li> <li>2. The application is real-life case.</li> </ol>

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|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. The case contributes to Nile Basin Water resources management issues.</li><li>4. The case is unique, not repeated or reproduced.</li><li>5. The case contributes to NB-DSS demonstration, policy support, expansion, and enhancement.</li><li>6. Significance, professionalism, and innovation.</li></ol> |
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