

## Call for papers: Nile governance past, present... and future?

It is our pleasure to invite you to submit an abstract for an exciting Special issue for the International Journal of Water Governance ([ijwg.eu](http://ijwg.eu)) on Nile governance past, present and future. The SI ties in with but is not exclusive to participants of the successful Nile4Africa 2020 workshop held at Leiden University in mid-February 2020. You are most welcome to submit by 10 July 2020, a 150-word Nile-related abstract.

Although the Nile is an indispensable resource for the people, its governance has not been well designed and implemented on national and regional levels. Inside national territories, different challenges impede the livelihood of populations such as droughts, floods, deforestation, land degradation and water pollution. But at the transnational level, disagreement about allocation of the Nile's water brings distrust and confrontation between the upstream and downstream countries as upstream use affects downstream opportunities. Land and water acquisition (grabbing) appears to contribute to these tensions. Are there ways out for a sustainable Nile future?

This Special Issue of the open-access International Journal of Water Governance ([ijwg.eu](http://ijwg.eu)) follows up from the Nile 2020 workshop held at Leiden University in February 2020, explores bottlenecks and avenues to sustainable development and environmental justice within the complexities of transboundary governance.

Contributions from both social sciences, natural sciences and/or interdisciplinary domains are welcome. Please indicate clearly your manuscript's link with (land and) water governance.

Two types of manuscripts are welcomed:

- Research manuscript (8000-10000 words all-in): will be rigorously peer reviewed like an academic article. Both conceptual and empirical contributions are welcome.
- Essay / Science-policy note (3000-5000 words): will be lightly peer-reviewed for accuracy and undue biases

The SI is to appear in 2021, when our (peer-reviewed, open-access) journal will have migrated from Erasmus University to Wageningen University.

We envisage the following timeline:

Deadline for abstracts	10 July 2020
Decisions on abstracts conveyed to authors:	20 July 2020
Deadline for revised abstract if necessary:	10 August 2020
Full article submission	10 November
Decision after reviews	1 February 2020
Full article Revision	15 March 2020
2 <sup>nd</sup> revisions if needed	15 May 2020
Publishing	Summer 2021

Please submit to [ijwg-editors-SI-2@googlegroups.com](mailto:ijwg-editors-SI-2@googlegroups.com). Publication of approved papers will be free of charge for individuals.

We are greatly looking forward to your contributions - or otherwise to keeping in touch with you; please spread the word to potentially interested colleagues.

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