



Water Scarcity and Conflict Mitigation in the Nile Basin: An African Perspective

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Abstract

The Nile Basin, spanning across multiple African countries including Guinea, is a significant source of fresh water for millions of people and supports extensive agricultural activities. However, the basin faces challenges related to water scarcity, which can escalate into conflicts over resource allocation. The research employs both qualitative and quantitative methods, including interviews with key stakeholders such as government officials, community leaders, and local farmers, along with secondary data analysis of official reports and academic literature. The study utilizes a comparative framework to assess the applicability of different conflict mitigation strategies across various sectors within the basin. Analysis revealed that climate variability significantly impacts water availability in Guinea's part of the Nile Basin, leading to fluctuating crop yields and increasing competition among users for limited resources. This pattern is particularly evident in agricultural areas where irrigation systems are predominantly used. The findings suggest a strong correlation between climate-induced water scarcity and escalated tensions within communities reliant on small-scale farming practices. The study concludes by recommending the integration of adaptive management strategies into existing policies to enhance resilience against future water shortages. Recommendations include developing comprehensive early warning systems for droughts, promoting sustainable water use through education campaigns targeting all sectors, and fostering collaborative platforms between different stakeholders to facilitate equitable resource distribution in times of scarcity. Nile Basin, Water Scarcity, Conflict Mitigation, Guinea

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