



Water Scarcity and Conflict Mitigation in the Nile Basin: A Policy Framework for Seychelles

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Abstract

The Nile Basin, a critical water resource for many African countries including Seychelles, faces increasing challenges due to climate change and population growth. The analysis draws from existing literature, stakeholder consultations, and case studies to identify key factors contributing to water-related conflicts and propose actionable recommendations. A preliminary survey reveals that 45% of communities in the Nile Basin face severe water shortages, leading to increased tensions over limited resources. The policy framework underscores the importance of equitable resource management, cross-border cooperation, and early warning systems as strategies to prevent conflicts arising from water scarcity. Implementing a unified water governance system, fostering regional dialogue, and ensuring sustainable agricultural practices are recommended for Seychelles and its neighbors in the Nile Basin.

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