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Quarterly Bulletin  
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*We are thrilled to welcome you to the first quarterly edition of the Cooperation in International Waters in Africa Program (CIWA) Bulletin. You will learn about inspiring efforts that are underway on transboundary water cooperation in Africa. You will also find the latest news about CIWA's role assisting riparian governments in strengthening climate resilience through cooperative water resources development and management, and about opportunities to join CIWA's efforts.*

*We invite you to learn more about our program activities in our [English](#) and/or [French](#) website and to interact with us through [Twitter](#) for more information and exciting stories across Africa.*

*Warm regards,  
Erwin De Nys and Ai-Ju Huang.*

## IN FOCUS: CIWA GENDER CAMPAIGN



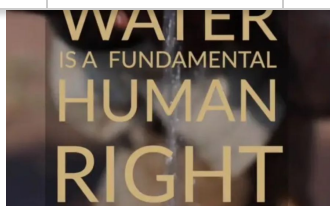
As we mark the International Women's Day on March 8, 2021, we focus on Gender and Social Inclusion. Learn more about our **#WaterSheroes** campaign by clicking [here](#). You can also follow us on [Twitter](#) for exciting and inspiring stories on Gender and Social Inclusion. These stories will run from March 1 - 31, 2021.

## WHAT'S BUZZING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS?

**Learn About CIWA  
in a Short Video**

**Building Climate  
Resilience**

**Harnessing Lake  
Chad's Potential**

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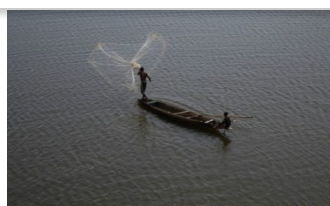
Would you like to know more about CIWA? Watch our Identity Video to understand how CIWA contributes to transboundary water management and cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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## CIWA Annual Report



Download our Annual Report FY 20 and take a look at the achievements the program has catalyzed in Sub-Saharan Africa. The report is available in English and French.

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Interested in finding ways to reverse ecosystem degradation? Watch our video on how we are helping institutions and communities plan better, and to be swift in responding to natural occurrences.

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## COVID-19 Response



Learn how the Bank's emergency support operations is helping over 100 developing countries save lives and detect, prevent, and respond to the pandemic.

[Read](#)

Interested in the role of knowledge in resilience building? Watch our video on how we are supporting LCBC to generate, share and manage knowledge for sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient growth.

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## After Pandemic, Put Women First



Read the thought provoking blog by Melinda Gates and David Malpass that urges leaders to put women at the center of the strategy while rebuilding post-pandemic economies.

[Read](#)

## WHAT'S NEW IN TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION?

[Towards a More Sustainable Future in the Sahel Region](#)

[ENTRO new Executive Director assumes office](#)

Dr Salih Hamad Hamid Omer (Sudan) has

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investing in human capital and women's and girls' empowerment; and Infrastructure, by developing connectivity. (Blog by Axel van Trotsenburg)

Basin water resources issues. (Story by Nile Basin Initiative)

### [Transboundary water cooperation a key way to achieve SDG 6](#)

Water scarcity and pollution is increasing worldwide as a result of the rising economic demands for water, population growth and rapid urbanization. Read more on why transboundary cooperation is key to achieve SDG 6. (Story by UNECE)

### [PRO-WASH webinar on Operation and Maintenance of WASH infrastructure \(Free!\)](#)

This four-part series will share lessons learned from USAID partners on innovative advances in operation and maintenance (O&M) of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure. (Story by USAID and SADC-GMI)

## WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

### [Enhancing Niger Basin's Ecosystem through Modeling and Improved Decision Making](#)

Managing water resources and sharing the benefits is vital for development of the Niger Basin region. CIWA is working with the Niger Basin Authority (NBA) and supporting governments to improve water resources development and sustainable management of the Basin, including finding ways to reverse its ecosystem degradation.

### [Comprehensive Understanding of Water Resources Helps to Preserve Lake Chad](#)

Lake Chad is the fourth largest lake in Africa. Read our blog on how we are promoting an evidence-based approach to help arrive at decisions around shared water resources in this basin. These decisions alleviate poverty, build climate resilience, and mitigate fragility, conflict, and violence while protecting and preserving the precious resources.

## EAST AFRICA

### [Nile Day 2021: Rethinking Regional Investments in the Nile Basin](#)

NBI in collaboration with the government of Uganda commemorated the Nile Day 2021 on February, 22. The Nile Day provides an opportunity for Basin citizens and friends of the Nile to come together to celebrate the benefits of Nile cooperation and to exchange experiences, views and ideas on topical issues related to the cooperative management and development of the common Nile Basin water.

### [Nile Day 2021: NBI and NBD Sign a 5 Year Partnership \(MOU\)](#)

A 5 year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between NBI and NBD. The MOU was signed during the Nile Day 2021 celebrations. It is effective from 2021 - 2025 and reaffirms the collective responsibility and common goal of both parties to work towards improving the livelihoods of the people of the River Nile Basin.

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

### [SADC-GMI Success Stories Book on](#)

### [Sustainable Groundwater Access Can Build](#)

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The stories in this book aim to convey the importance of groundwater and interventions implemented by the SADC-GMI from 2016-2020.

Groundwater used sustainably can provide potable water to an estimated 40% of SADC inhabitants currently lacking access to safe drinking water and sanitation services.

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION! UPCOMING EVENTS

[Ready to 'WOW'? Register for the Water Online Week!](#)

Mark your calendars for **March 22-26** and *register* for the Water Online Week organized by the Water GP, GWSP and 2030 WRG. Themed, **'Water, Climate, Action,'** this forum will showcase best practices that advance the agenda in water for health, water for economic delivery and jobs, and water for climate transitions - in energy, cities, transport and food systems.

[Want to know how we are "Still Breaking Silos?"](#)

World Water Week 2021, to be held on **August 23-27**, will be exceptional! CIWA is leading a session titled, **"Still Breaking Silos - Climate Action and Water Across Sectors and Boundaries."** Keep a look out for details on this Session that will highlight why embracing multiple water values across sectors and boundaries is vital for responding to shared risks.

### SNEAK PEAK AT CIWA IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA

 **Erwin De Nys**  
@ErwinDeNys1

Approximately 60% of [#Somalia](#) is arid or semi-arid with uneven & irregular availability of water resources. To address this, [#CIWAprogram](#) provides support to the Government of Somalia on water resources development options for Juba & Shebelle basins.



 **Maria A Sotomayor**  
@masotomayor

Join us for the launch of the Southern Africa Drought Resilience Initiative (SADRI) to learn about SADRI and other related efforts to build [#droughtresilience](#) in the region [bit.ly/3byxAb1](https://bit.ly/3byxAb1) | February 25 | with [@IWMI\\_](#) [@FAO](#) [@UNCCD](#) [@WorldBankWater](#)

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