

A Human Rights Perspective to the Blue Nile Challenge

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A. Specifics of the Human Rights Approach

- I. Human dignity as the starting point
- II. Distinguishing between rights and needs
- III. Strengthening the individual's perspective
- IV. Group or peoples' rights as an addition in the African context
- V. Human rights and the ecosystems approach

B. Relevant Human Rights Aspects to the GERD project

- I. Potential human rights implications of hydro dams in general and the “Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)” in particular

- II. A specific focus on economic, social and cultural rights
 1. Right to an adequate standard of living (food/housing/water)
 2. Right to health
 3. Right to energy?
 4. Other candidates?

B. Relevant Human Rights Aspects to the GERD project

- III. Relevance of so-called “third generation“ rights
 - 1. Right to development?
 - 2. Right to environment?
 - 3. Right to disposal of natural resources?

- IV. Human rights and extraterritorial obligations

C. Conclusions

- I. Human rights and conflict resolution
- II. The merits of distinguishing basic rights and basic needs
- III. A plea for intra- and interdisciplinary work
- IV. Perspectives