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The Nile Project Announces its Inaugural Class of Nile Fellows

The Nile Project is excited to announce the participation of 24 exceptional student leaders in its inaugural class of Nile Fellows. **The Nile Fellowship** is a unique 12-month leadership program designed to support young, visionary, and action-oriented students from Nile Basin universities with the tools they need to affect sustainable and long-lasting change in their riparian communities. During the 2016-17 academic year, the Nile Project is partnering with six universities in Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

From a total pool of 200 applicants, the Nile Project selected 24 fellows from Cairo, Aswan, Bahir Dar, Kampala, Nairobi, and Dar es Salaam. Hailing from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds, the selected students are united by a drive to work together to solve the shared challenges of the Nile Basin.

“In the Nile Project, we use our musical collaborations to inspire dialogue, learning, and action. I believe that our University Program will magnify this impact by connecting young changemakers and innovators across the basin,” said Mina Girgis, Nile Project CEO.

During their fellowship, these environmentally-minded changemakers will set up Nile Project chapters on their respective university campuses. Along with the chapter members they will recruit, Nile Fellows will partner with six local communities on innovative projects addressing food sustainability challenges in the Nile Basin.

Over the next twelve months, these young leaders will hone their leadership, communication, and organizational skills while learning about the cultures and ecology of the Nile Basin. They will receive mentorship from professionals and will use design thinking tools to develop innovative solutions to development challenges. They will also be given the opportunity to prototype and test these solutions in partner communities. The fellowship program will begin with a weeklong Nile Gathering that will take place in Aswan, Egypt between 18 and 24 December 2016.

2017 NILE FELLOWS:

ASWAN, EGYPT

Esraa Galil - English Literature

Mouhamed Rabie - Electronics and Communication Engineering

Raghda Gomaa - Communications and Electronics Engineering

Ziad Mahgoup - Law

BAHIR DAR, ETHIOPIA

Derbew Tefera - Political Science

Melaku Tarekegn - Environmental Engineering,

Wudu Mulat - Civil and Water Resource Engineering

Yared Ayalew - Political Science and International Studies

CAIRO, EGYPT

Mahmoud Youssef - Economics

Mai Bayomi - Architecture

Mai Sholkamy - Political Science

Mohab Mohamed - Biotechnology and Agricultural Sciences

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

David Elisha - Water Resources Engineering

Justine Robert - Geography

Mwanaid Mwazema - Finance

Samwel Stephano - Education of Geography and Literature

KAMPALA, UGANDA

Aaron Acuda - Environment and Natural Resources

Hamidu Isabirye - Agriculture

Joanita Babirye - Urban and Regional Planning

Mbabazi Ester - Computer Engineering

NAIROBI, KENYA

Billy Chunge - Political Science and Communication

Janet Langa - Electrical Engineering

Lorretta Kade - Land Economics

Piranto Mosiany - Range Management

To find out more about the [2017 Nile Fellows](#), click [here](#)

For more information about the [Nile Project University Program](#), click [here](#)

Partner Universities:

Cairo University
Aswan University
Bahir Dar University
Makerere University
University of Nairobi
University of Dar es Salaam

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