



## International Clean-up for the Nile

**“Waters have no borders”**

### What is the Nile Coalition

Initiated by VeryNile, and support by One Earth One Ocean (OEEO), the Nile Coalition was launched on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Nile Coalition is formed between Nile basin countries to symbolize and initiate concrete steps towards solving the problem of solid waste pollution in the Nile. The Coalition will ensure that members unite, bringing intention and resources together for this environmental cause. The Coalition of country representatives will be a driving force to placing Nile protection on our nations’ agendas as well as mobilize public support and encourage unity and concrete action across borders and governments.

#### Mission:

- Raise awareness on protecting the environment through youth and population engagement.
- Take concrete actions to prevent pollution from reaching the Nile.
- Take concrete actions to remove solid waste from the Nile.

#### Vision:

- Bringing together 11 countries of the Nile basin, united to take concrete steps towards the protection of the river from environmental challenges.

### What was accomplished

The Nile Coalition was launched on September 18<sup>th</sup> (World Cleanup Day) with an event to clean and plant trees along the river Nile, starting from Burundi, up until Egypt. This event happened simultaneously throughout 5 initiatives in 4 countries: Egypt, Rwanda, Uganda, and Burundi.

#### Key achievements:

- 4 countries
- 5 initiatives
- 130 volunteers involved
- 2238 kg removed from the Nile
- 3955 trees planted along the Nile

### International Clean-up for the Nile

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, the 6 members of the Nile Coalition will join hands again to clean and plant trees along the Nile Basin. With the support of other countries around the world, we will be able to raise awareness on the matter of plastic pollution in our waters, as well as send our message that our waters have no borders.

### Members of the Nile Coalition

#### OEEO:

Initiator of the International Clean-up for the Nile, and main supporter for the Nile Coalition.



#### VeryNile:

Initiator and coordinator of Nile Coalition

Activities: Clean-up around Qursayah island (removal of all visible pollutants)

Location: Giza

Volunteers: 25-30

#### Association Burundaise pour la protection de la Nature (ABN):

Activities: Plastic waste removal from the waters as well as planting 500 trees along the river shores.

Location: Nile Source in Rutovu, Southern Burundi.

Volunteers: 150

#### Uganda Junior Rangers:

Activities: Clean-up of lake's shore while diving to remove ghost nets from river floors.

Location: Lake Victoria, Jinja

Volunteers: 100

#### Greenwatch:

Activities: Day one: Training for primary school students on the importance of a clean and healthy environment, on the importance of tackling plastic pollution in our waters, and planting of 50 trees within school premises.

Day two: Clean-up to collect waste material in and around the banks of the pier.

Location: Ripon Pier, Lake Viktoria, Uganda

Volunteers: 25

#### RRI:

Activities: Planting of 1,000 trees along the river shores. And community awareness workshops will be held and will establish local agents to work in collaboration with the local government to secure the watershed ecosystem.

Location: lake Ruhondo, Northern Rwanda

Volunteers: 50

#### Banner idea:

WATERS HAVE NO BORDERS



Logos of joining orgs. will be added to the banner of course.