

Ten memos on collaboration between journalists and researchers in the Nile basin

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1. What unites is more important than what divides the two professions: both aim at representing the world.

**2. For an accurate representation,
data and sources are key.**

3. Joint training facilitates mutual understanding and relations building

4. Our understanding of water and rivers is shaped by popular culture (education, religion, cinema, songs, poems,...)

5. Facts and emotions cannot be separated. Which emotions do we want to elicit with our facts?

6. Our representations of a river like the Nile are often caught in the “nation trap”

7. Creativity happens at the margins of big debates and mainstream narratives.

8. Both journalism and research can be rather extractive practices: the need for accountability and participation

9. The importance of consuming together the stories that we produce to acknowledge the existence of different perspectives

**10. The importance of relations:
communication, community,
commons.**