

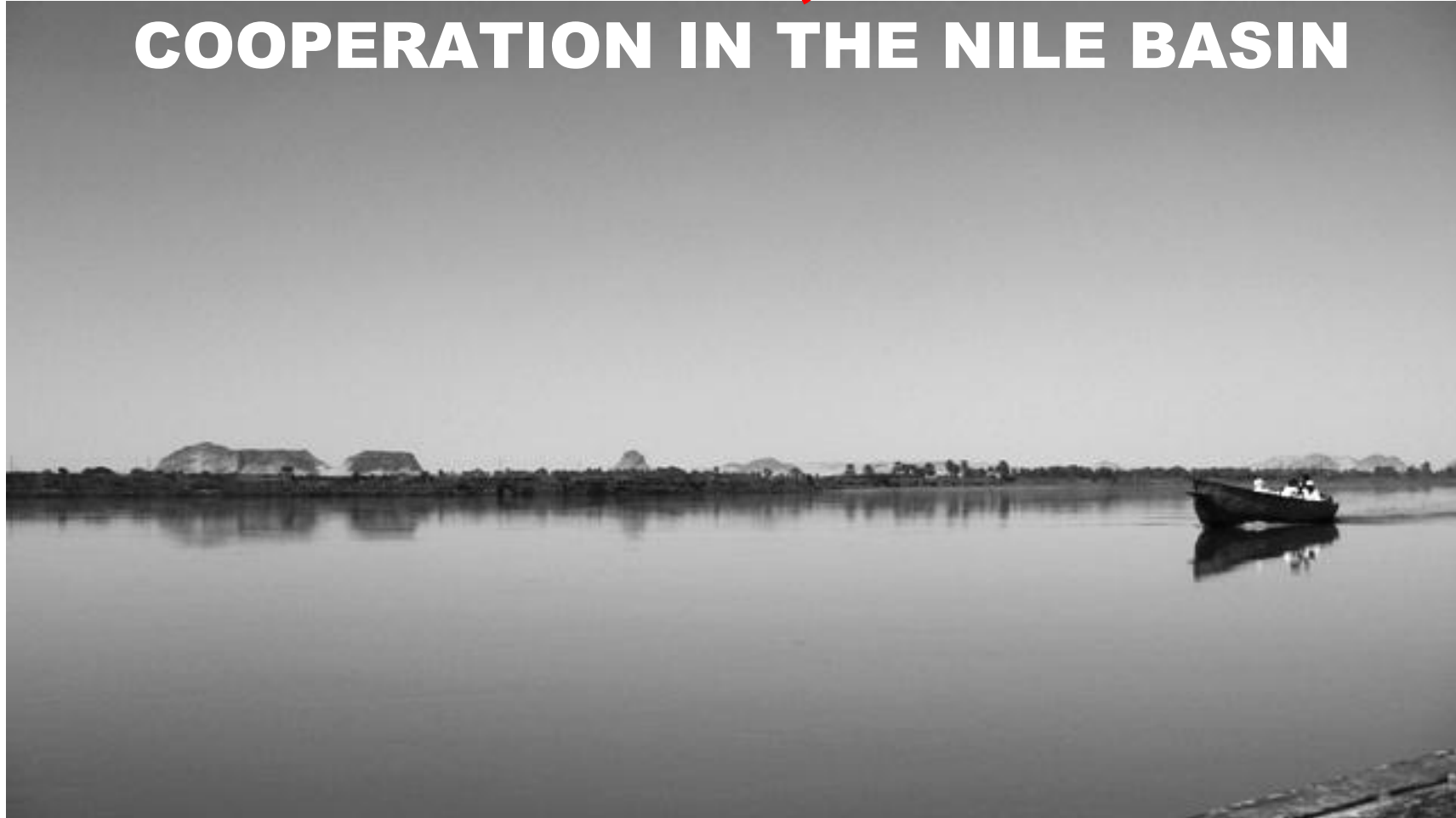


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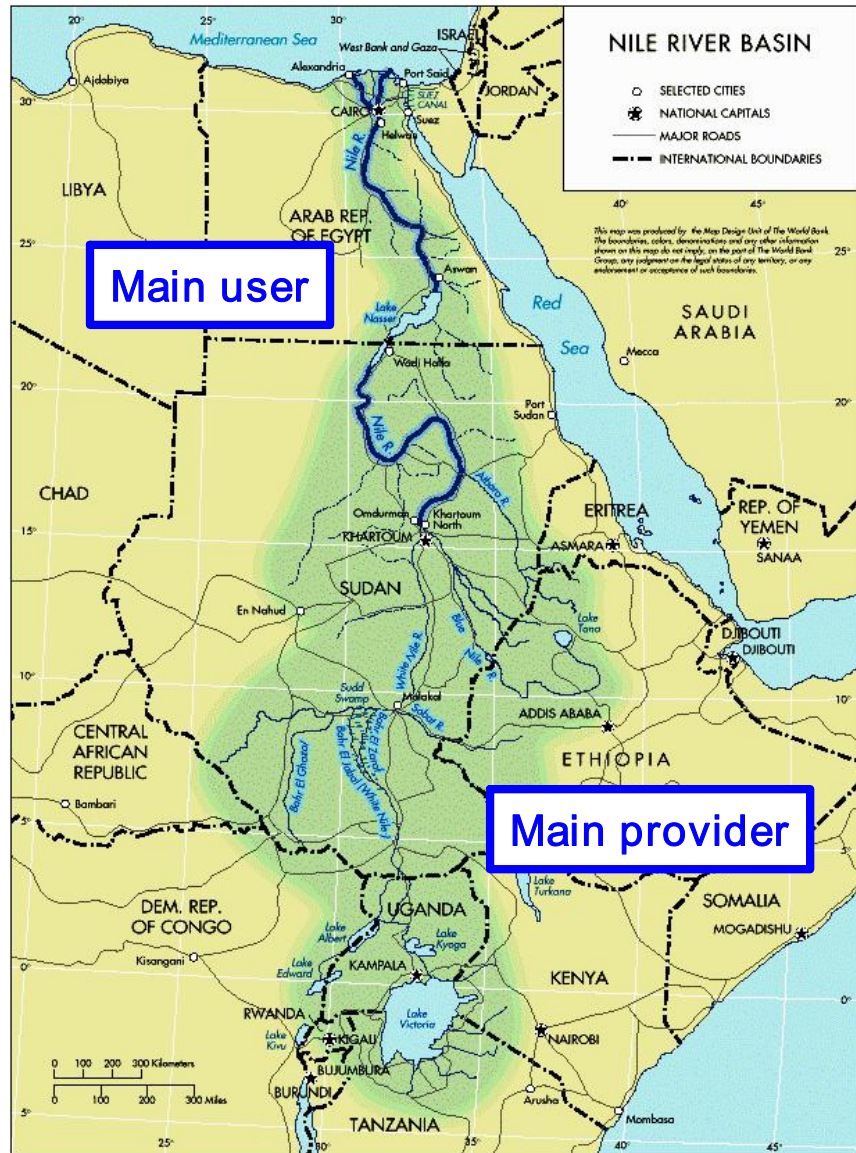
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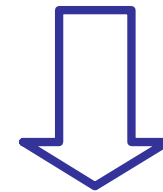
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# NILE – HYDROLOGY AND POLITICS



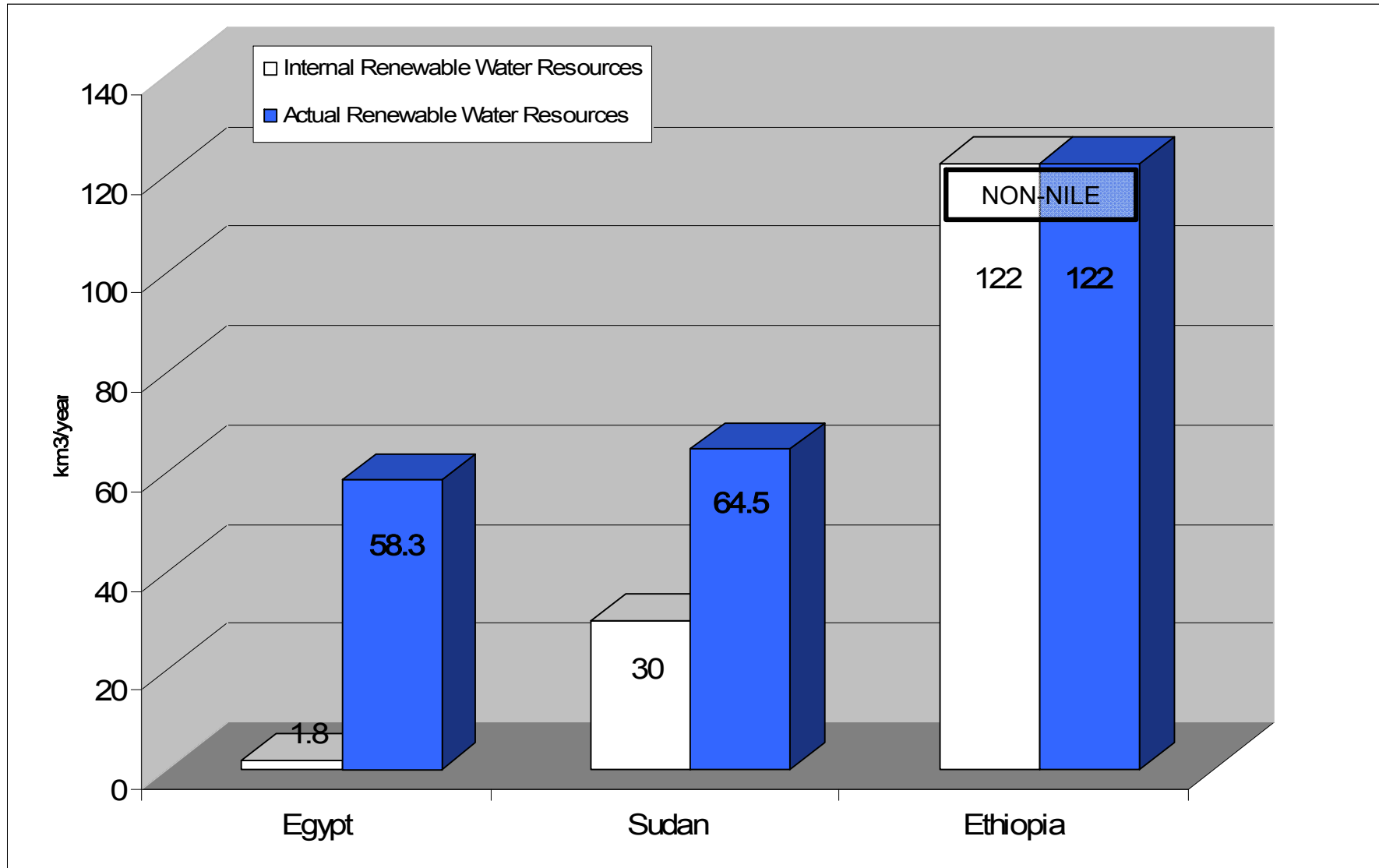
## NILE RIVER BASIN

- 1 River
- 2 sub-Basins
- 10 riparians
- Unequal contribution
- Unequal utilisation

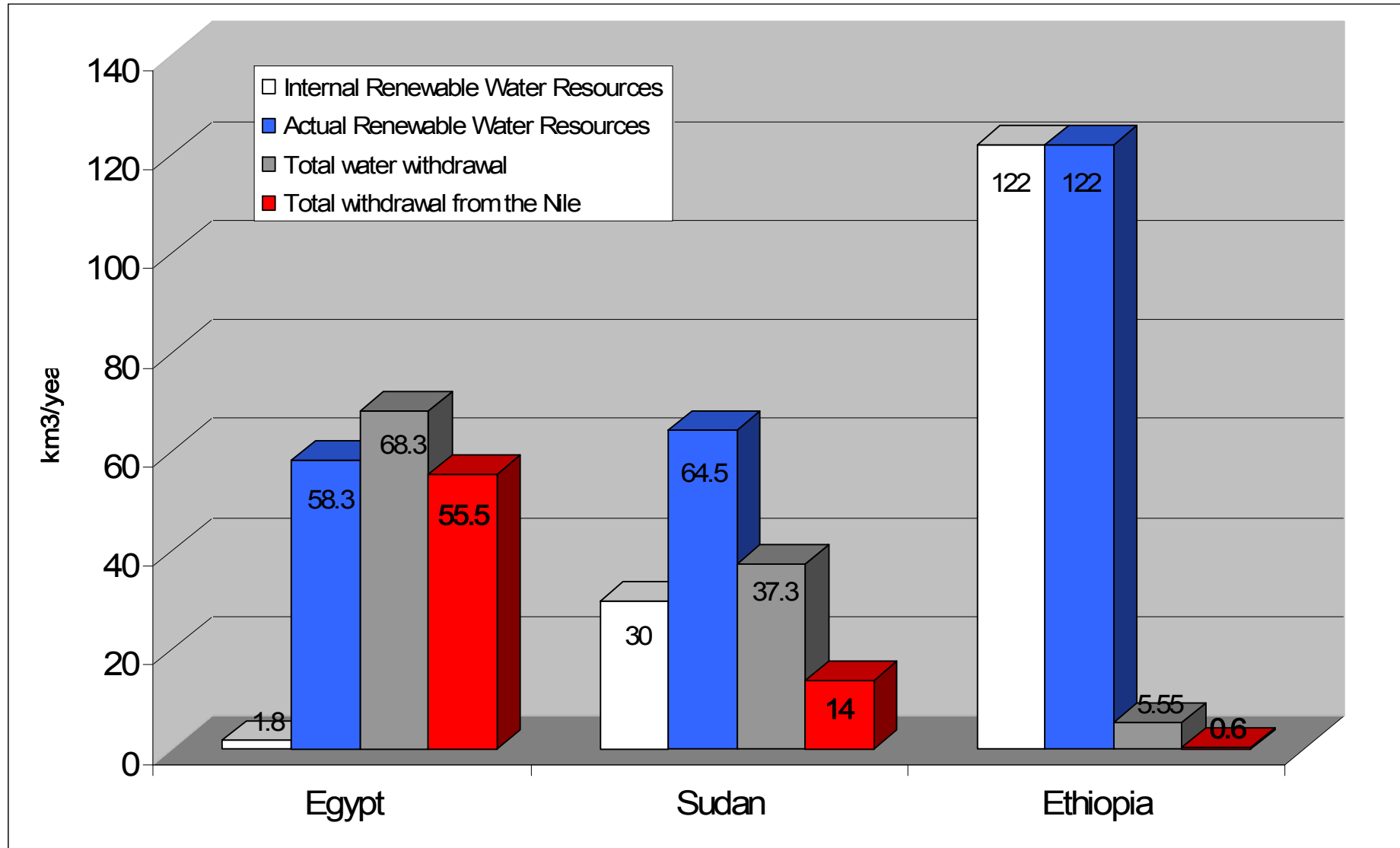


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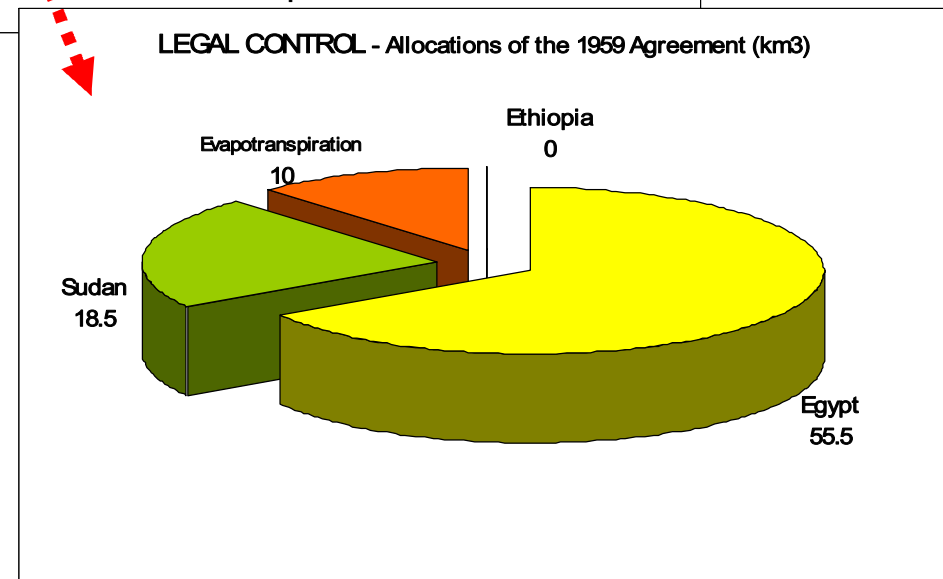
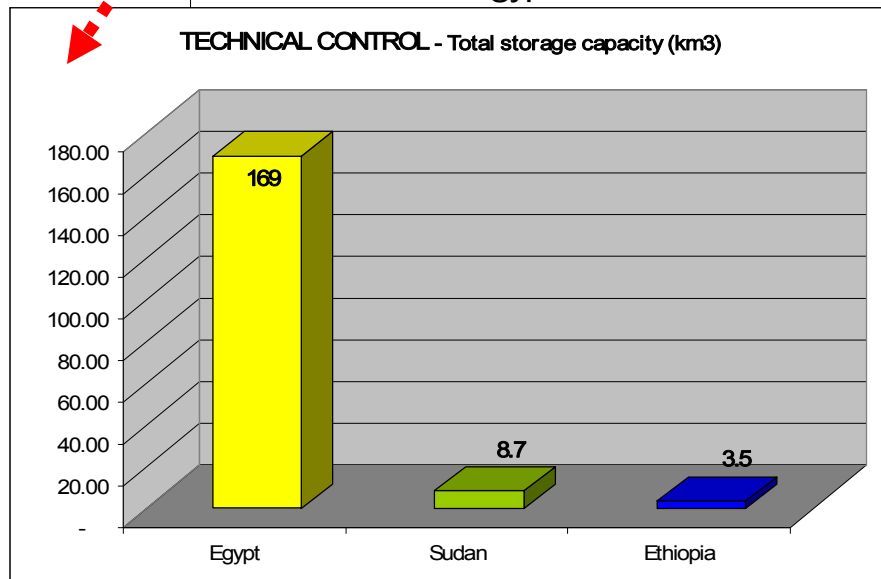
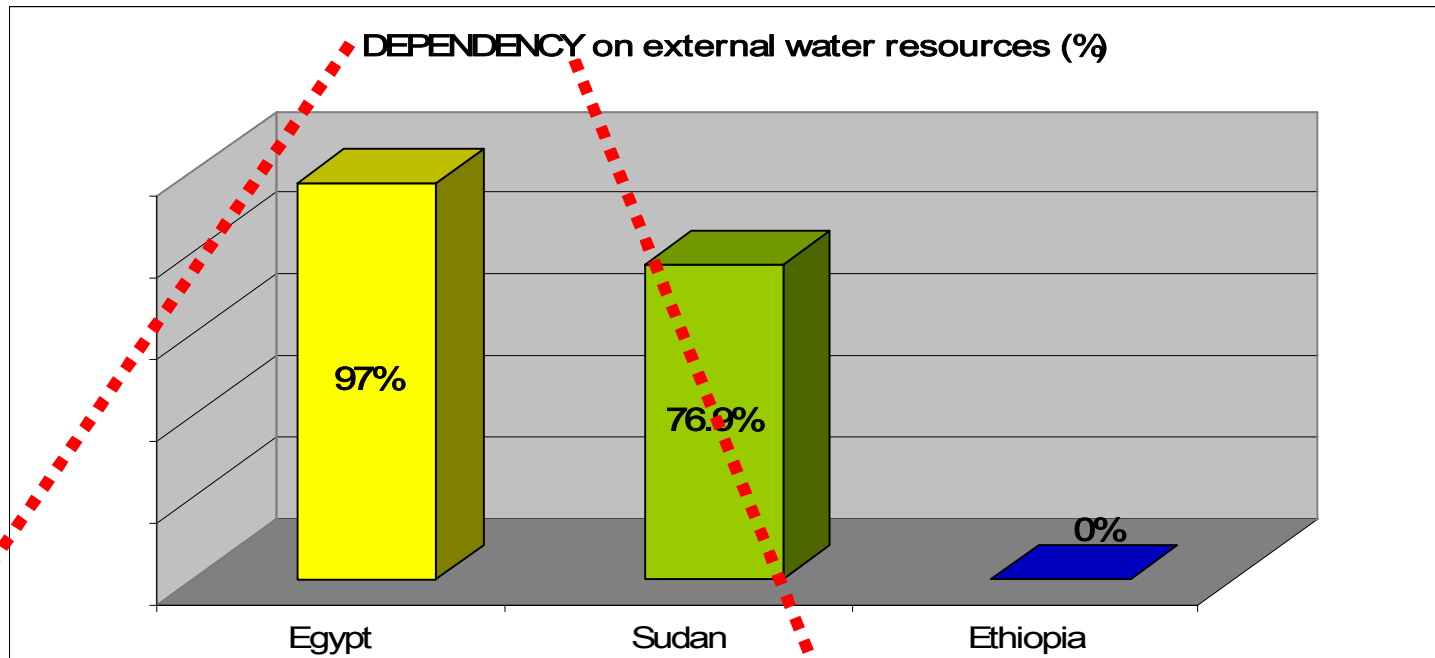
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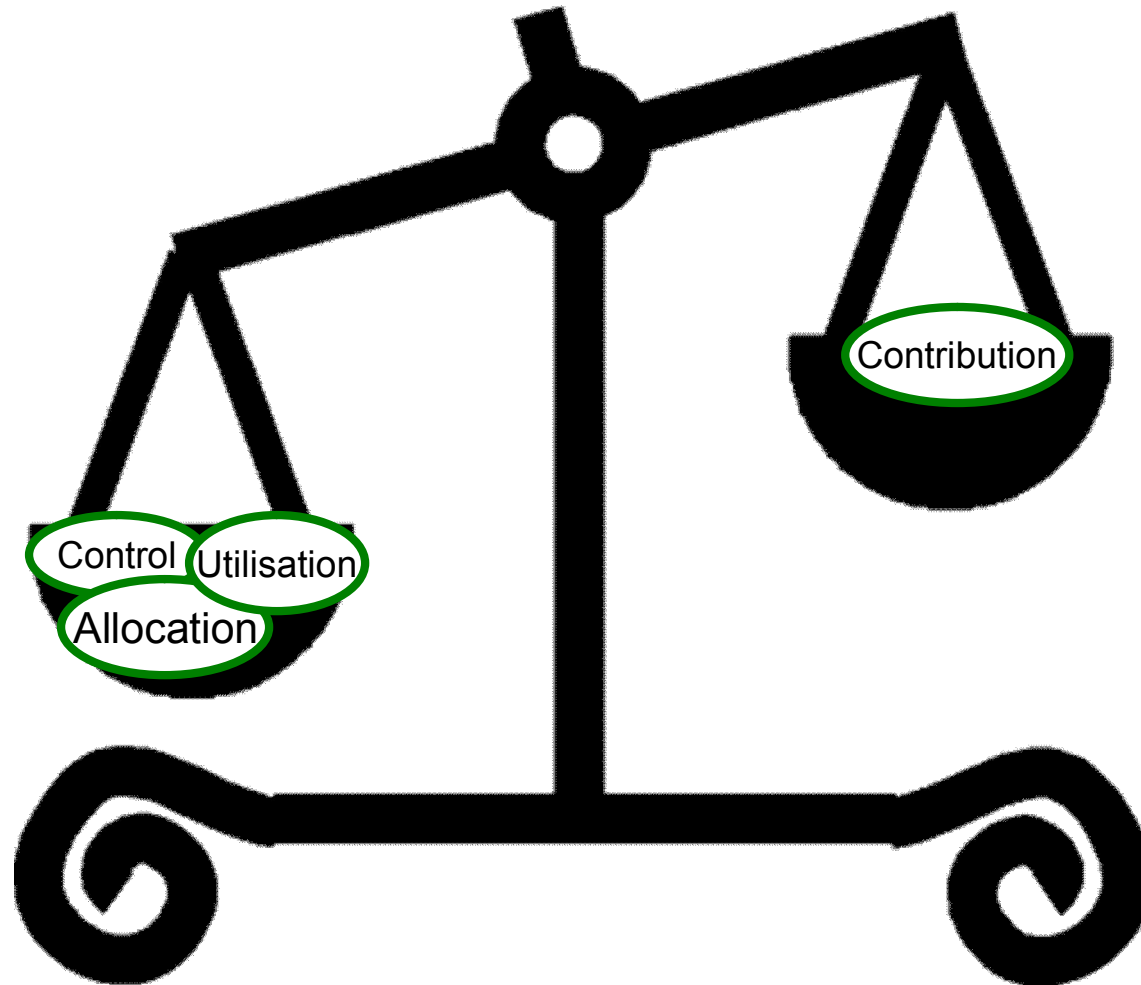
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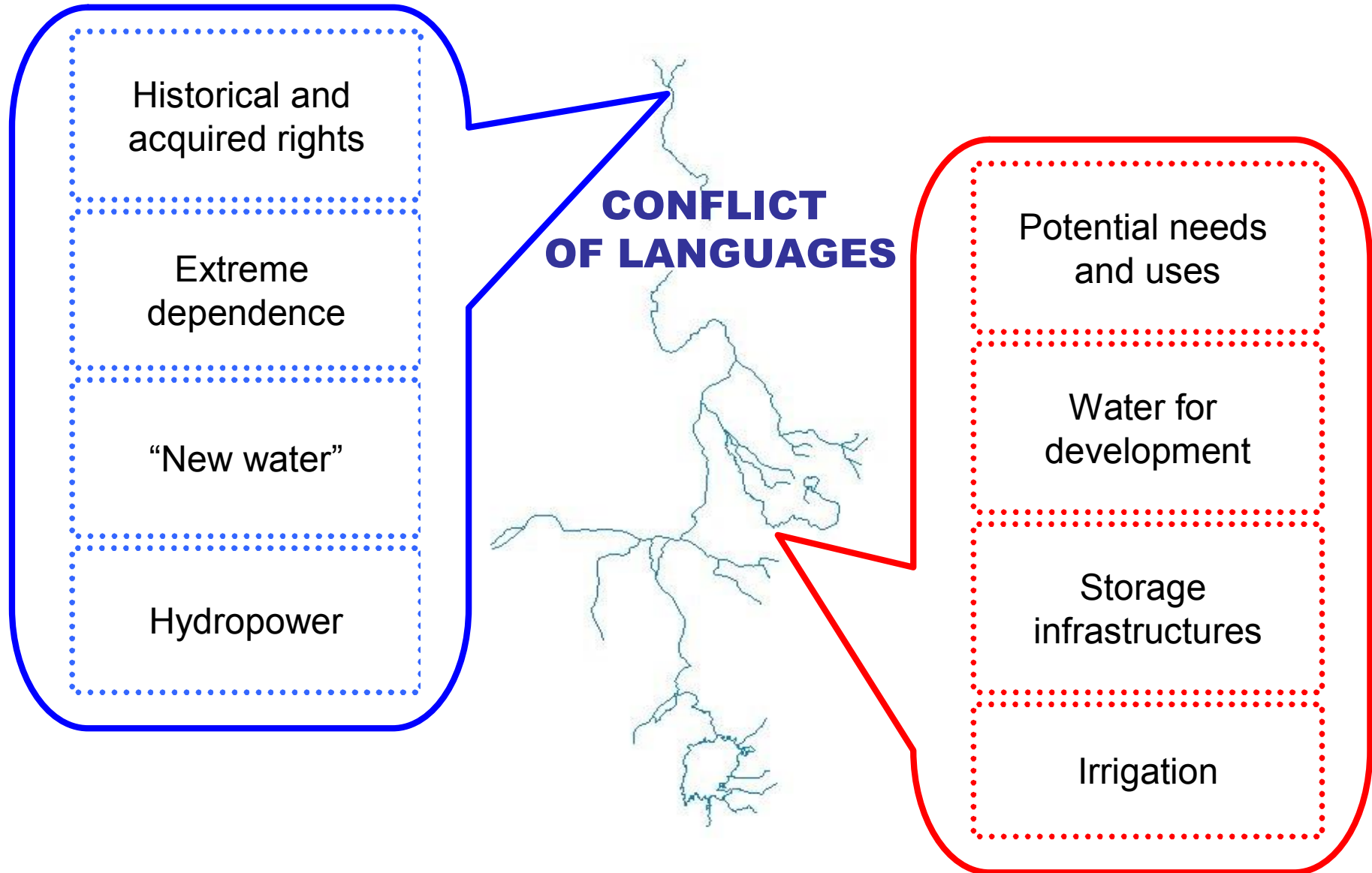
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# INEQUALITIES = CONFLICT?

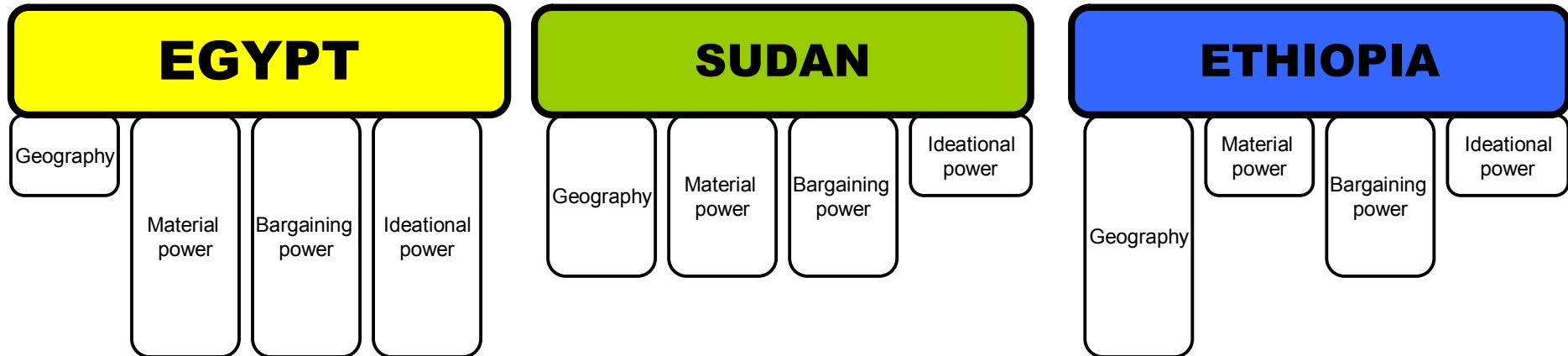


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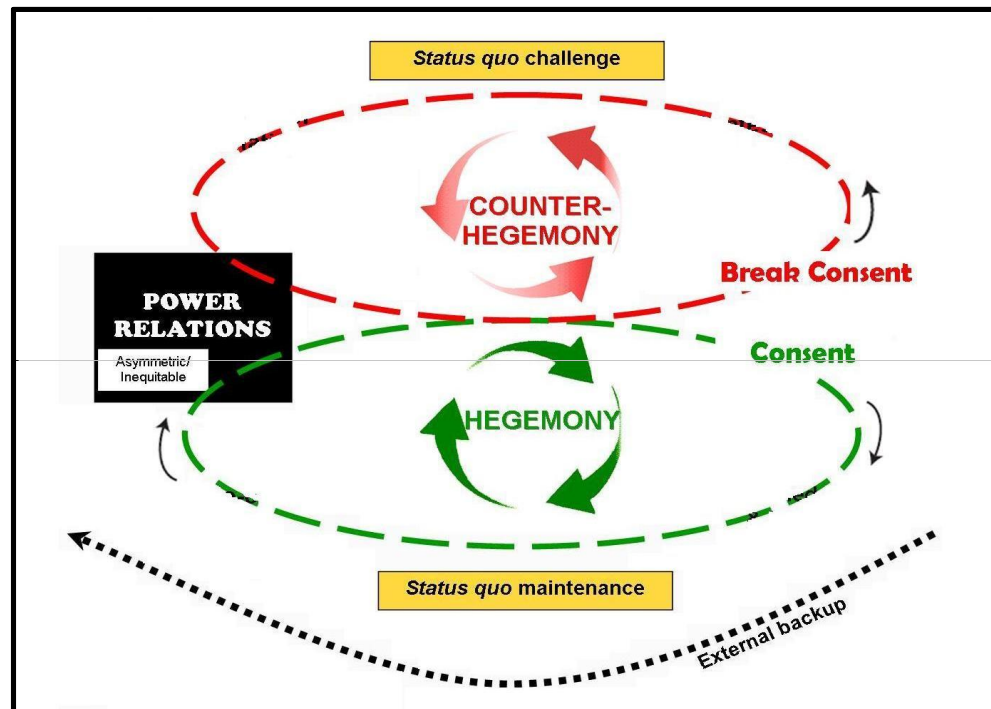




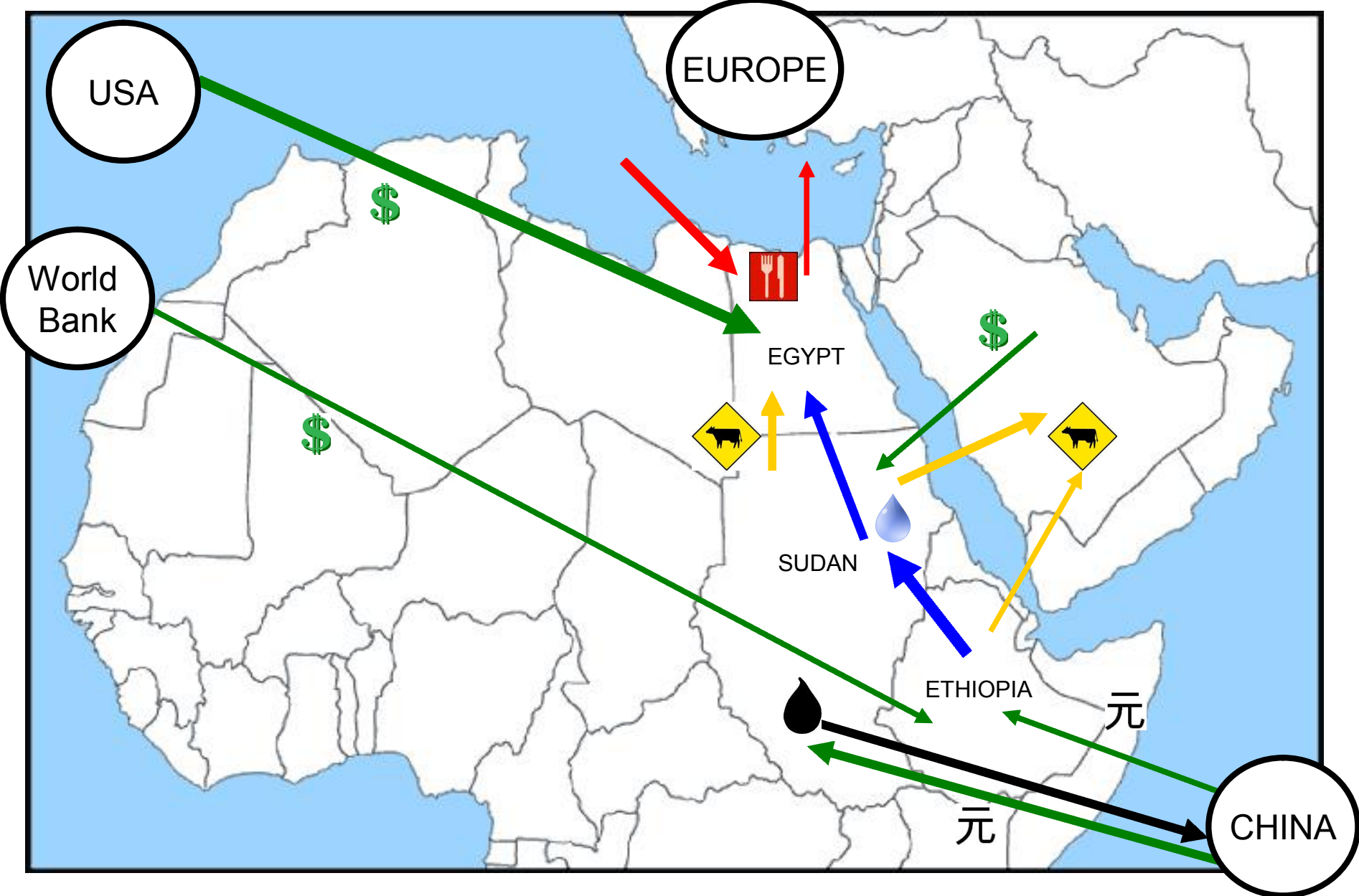
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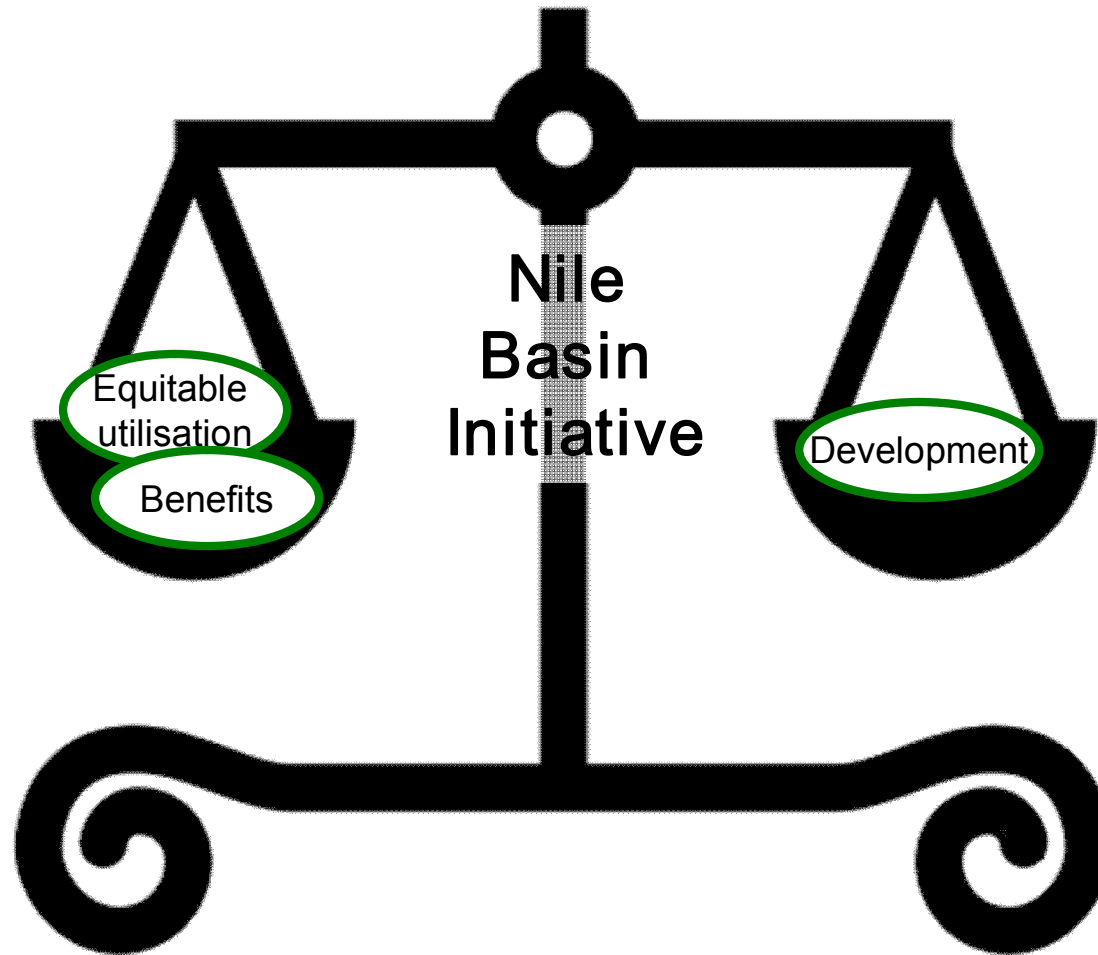
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# GEOPOLITICS ARE CHANGING!



# COOPERATION = EQUITY?



# CURRENT COOPERATION IN THE NILE BASIN

## NILE BASIN INITIATIVE



- Since 1999
- Multilateral cooperation
- Goal: Project-by-project
- “Benefit-sharing”
- Godfather: World Bank
- Economic integration

## COOPERATIVE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT



- Since 1997
- Goal: New Nile Treaty
- Equitable Utilisation + No harm
- “Water-sharing”
- Constructed Ambiguity
- Nile Basin Commission = Funding



Thanks for your attention!