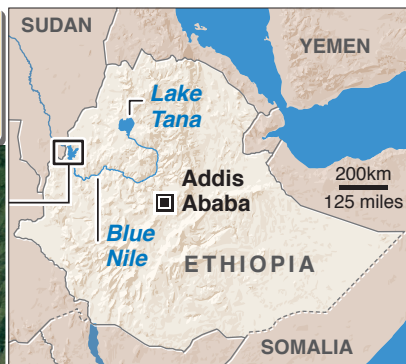


Nile dam negotiations make progress

Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan say they have reached a common understanding that paves the way for a breakthrough agreement on a massive dam project on the River Nile

Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD): Leaders of three countries have agreed to pursue "further technical discussions" on filling of vast reservoir behind dam



Blue Nile Contributes up to 85% of water that flows into River Nile

Reservoir: Ethiopia has said it would begin filling in July, even without deal being reached. Egypt and Sudan fear rapid filling could affect water supplies from Nile further downstream

— Maximum reservoir extent to be achieved under current level of dam completion

Dam under construction (Nov 2019 image): Ethiopia says it has achieved first-year filling target due to rainy season and water is already cresting dam

Centre spillway: Currently 70m above river bed (will be 150m when finished)

Reservoir

Turbine outlets

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16 power turbines will boost Ethiopia's electricity capacity by 10 percent

This section is now same height as rest of spillway