



Press Release: Signature of a Technical Agreement between Italy – Ministry of Planning and Public utilities - Water and Environmental Sanitation – DDR Commission

Yesterday – April 3rd, 2018 – at the Ministry of International Cooperation, the first Technical Agreement for the realization of water infrastructure in Blue Nile has been signed between the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation represented by its Director Vincenzo Racalbuto, the Commissioner General of DDR H.E General Salah Alyai and the Ministry of Planning and Public Utilities, Abdedlmoneim Alnezir. The ceremony took place in the presence of H.E the Italian Ambassador Fabrizio Lobasso, H. E Hussain Yassen Wali of Blue Nile and H.E Idriss Suleman, Minister of International Cooperation.

The signature of the Technical Agreement – in the framework of the Emergency Project funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation - is a mile stone in the future implementation of projects ensuring functional and reliable supply of safe water to communities in Eddamazin and boreholes and water schemes in El Roseries, where the demand of water has increase in the last years of almost 5.000 cubic meter per day.

To guarantee clean water, hygiene and sanitation is our commitment in Sudan - in line with SDG #6 - since we started our cooperation 20 years ago - added the Italian Ambassador Lobasso - and today we are witnessing an important step in a region in the path of a complete reconciliation and where it is possible to increase the Italian efforts. Our partnership with local Authorities in Blue Nile will facilitate the establishment of a harmony and peaceful environment.

The General Commissioner underlined that this Technical Agreement will be implemented in areas where DDR Commission has at present 16 projects for a total of 4 Million Euro , including Italian projects and therefore we must be proud of this important intervention package tackling more than 50.000 persons.

The Blue Nile Wali recalled that the foreseen projects will support peace and productivity in some areas as Dindero where a number of headers and livestock live. In the same way, the Minister of International Cooperation stressed the need to advocate to work jointly in order to fill the gaps in water supply and the necessity of the construction of two dams in Dindero and in Magaza.

At the end of his intervention, he welcomed the Italian liability in Sudan in priorities sectors such health, migration, wash and poverty alleviation and fruitful the Italian way of cooperation through the establishment of deep net between partners and institutions.