

# Requisite conditions for Nexus gain in the Nile basin

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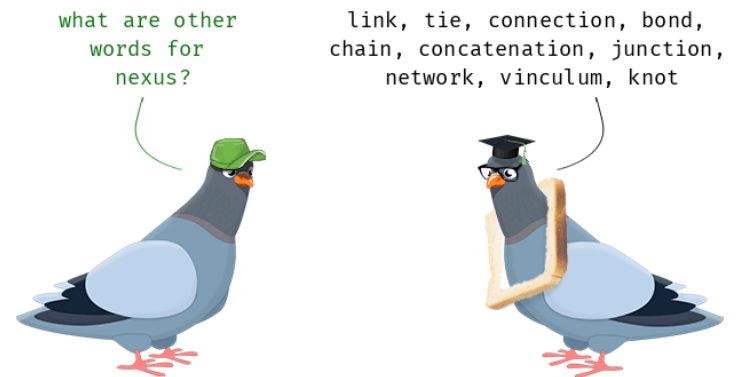
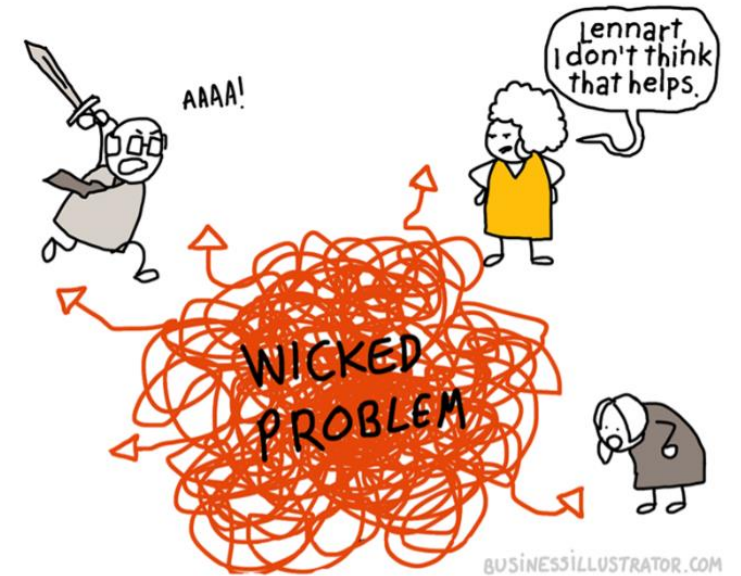
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# The case for a Nexus Approach

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- Limited resources
- Increasing population
- Growing question of equity
- Myopic endeavors
- Environmental degradation
- Climate change impacts
- SDG goals vs Planetary boundaries



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- A cartoon by S. Harris. Two men in suits are standing in front of a chalkboard. The man on the right is pointing at the board. The board contains the following text and symbols:
- Top left:  $\Delta$
  - Below  $\Delta$ :  $253 \sim 6.24$
  - Below that:  $2K^5$  and  $46$
  - Center: THEN A MIRACLE OCCURS...
  - Right side:  $\frac{P}{\gamma} \cdot \frac{.06511}{ms} \cdot \frac{1.0}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi}$
  - Below that:  $\pm \frac{-\pi}{345}$
  - Bottom right:  $\pm \frac{1}{2\pi}$
- The cartoon is signed "S. Harris" at the bottom.

Image credit: Sidney Harris

# Requisite conditions for Nexus gains

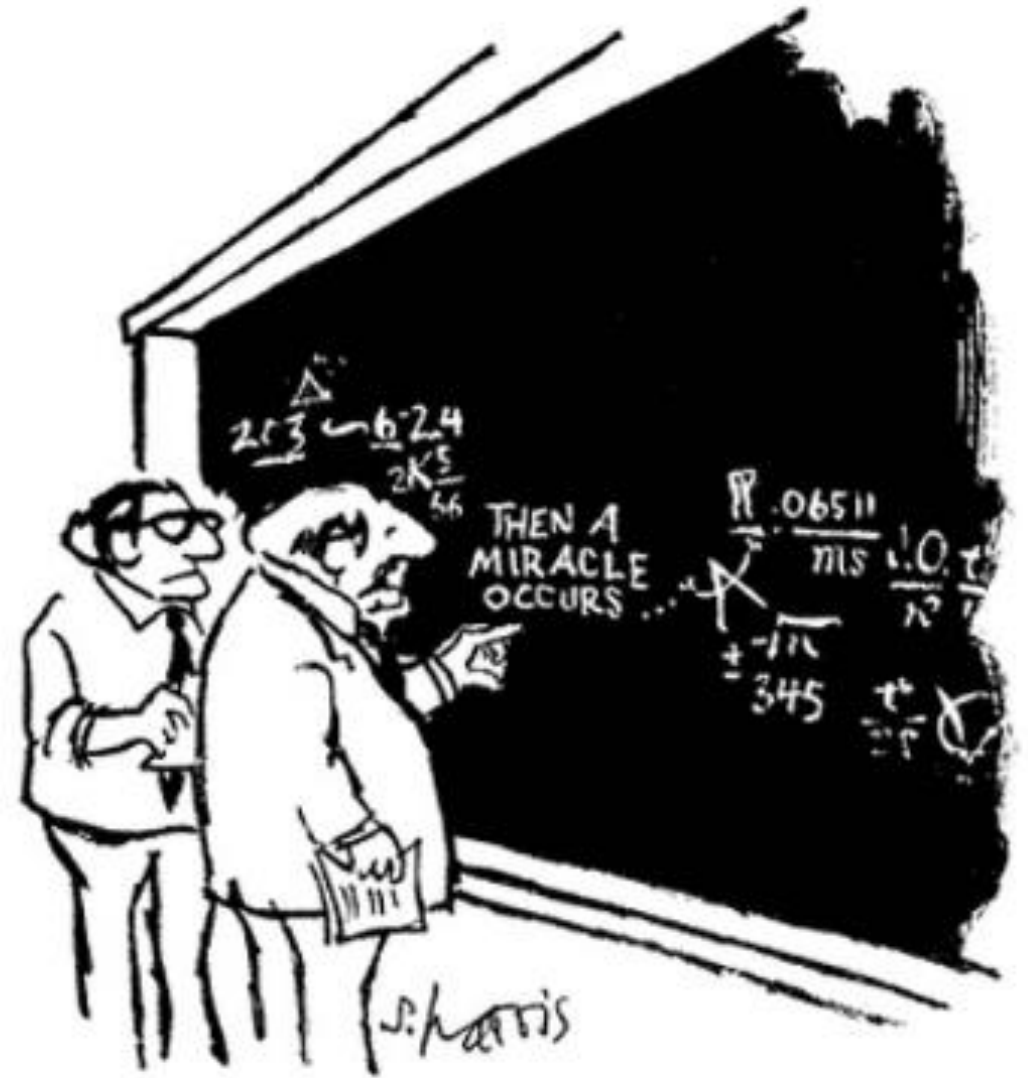
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- Theory of change: backwards planning from the big goal to intermediate and current changes
  - Agree on the big goal
  - Intermediate steps: technical/ scientific, management/governance
- Nexus can not happen in a vacuum
  - Reciprocal data sharing
  - Harmonized policies across scale
  - High levels of trust and collaboration.....which are markedly missing in the Nile
- Some requisites
  - Agree on the starting point AND the big goal
  - System level gains
  - Trust building: Multitrack diplomacy
  - Working on broader context: lessons from other basins
  - Harmonizing water paradigms, policies, governance across scale
  - Science and governance/ policy feedback loop
  - Measured intervention of external stakeholders: understanding the political economy and incentives of actors

# Final points

- These requisites are big asks, in the context of the Nile basin.
- But without them no public buy in to the Nexus approach
- And hence necessary conditions for Nexus Gains

**Thank You!**



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

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