Review of "A Comparative Study of International EIA Guidelines and the Nile Basin Countries EIA Experience"

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General Comments:

This is primarily a descriptive paper, but interesting nonetheless. This paper reviews "the EIA legislation in the Nile Basin Countries in comparison with international legislation and guidelines with emphasis on EIA practices." This paper also makes some important recommendations.

My overall assessment is that this paper would make an important contribution to the "study of environmental impact assessment" (EIA) in an international context, as well as informative reading for the audience of *The European Scientific Journal* if some revisions are undertaken by the author(s).

Specific Comments:

a) **There is need for a better "Introduction" (pp. 1-2). Why is it important to look at this research topic (EIA guidelines)? To learn what? Be more specific. Also, there is room here for a stronger rational/justification of both the research topic and the study areas (The Nile Basin Countries). Also I recommend a more in-depth "literature review" in this area of research. To what extent this study fills gaps in the literature?**

b) **"Conclusions and Recommendations" (p. 8). Interesting (short) section. However, there is room here to expand on "recommendations." The balance of description and interpretation must be shifted toward the latter. Expand this section with "avenues for further research."**

c) **Note/Editing: a) add more sources to the "introduction" of this paper; Figure 1 (Mason 2005) – Add author to the "references" section/missing; bottom of page 2 "...a baseline Study is..." – should be "study"; Add "2.1" Summary of World...["2.2" is missing]; Add sources used to build Table 1. Add sources/bottom of Table 1; page 6 – "....the Above statement..." – should be "above"; page 7 – "During implementation stage,??????" Sentence is incomplete!; page 7 – "...process And..." – should be "and". In some some editing is need for this article.**