

REPORT FROM THE 2nd INTERNATIONAL SOCIOHYDROLOGY CONFERENCE, TOKYO, JAPAN

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Background

Attending the 2nd International Sociohydrology Conference in Tokyo, Japan, was superb and very inspirational. The conference served as a hub which brought together the diverse community of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers from various disciplines across the world.

I had the opportunity to join a field trip where I saw how a river was diverted to irrigate more than 10,000 Ha of rice using a simple gravity system.

As an early-career researcher, I met people in person, including Prof Sivapalan, who is a renowned Professor in the field of water management and one of the founders of the new area of study called sociohydrology.

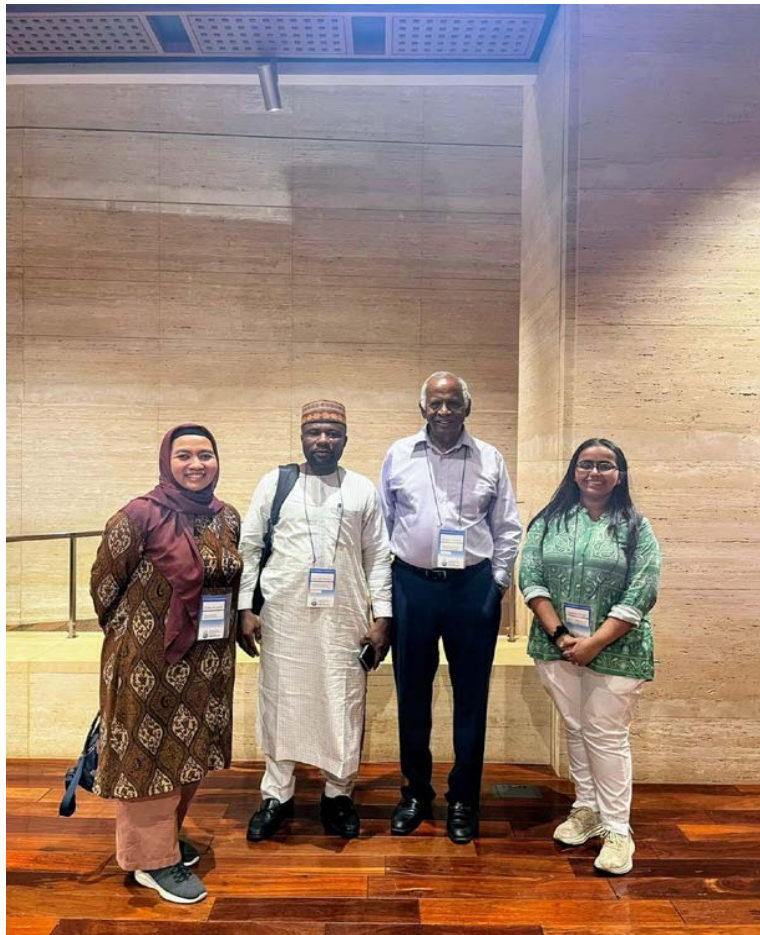
In addition, my presentation on the effect of upstream human activities (specifically reservoir construction and management) on downstream disaster (flooding event), considering Tiga and Challawa Dams (upstream) as well as Hadejia-River Valley (downstream) as the case study, arouses interest by the diverse community of researchers.

Connecting with fellow SYSTA awardees (Vicky, who is Indonesian and Apporva, who is Indian) and veterans in the field has expanded my appreciation for the global relevance of the interdisciplinary field of sociohydrology and water management. I left Tokyo stimulated, connected, and motivated to contribute to this new and evolving field of human-water coevolutionary dynamics.

I am incredibly grateful to the IAHS and the organizers of the SYSTA Award for the opportunity to participate in such an International Water Conference in Tokyo, Japan.

Thank you.

Engr. Dr. Nura Jafar Shanono



With Vicky, Apporva and Prof. Sivapalan



Presentation of SYSTA awards to Nura (Nigerian), Vicky (Indonesian) and Apoorva (Indian)



At a Japanese Restaurant with Apoorva and Vicky



With some University of TOKYO Students



While responding to Questions after my Presentation



During the SYSTA Award Presentation



With a Professor from Thailand



After receiving the Award