

Cooperation in transboundary waters

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More than half of world population depends every day on water resources shared among several countries. It is crucial to organise the joint cooperation and management of these resources at scale of transboundary basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers, with the support of efficient transboundary basin organisations.

Numerous examples of good practices of integrated management of transboundary water resources exist in the world. It is necessary to take advantage of this experience and to promote the instruments and management systems which are well working through existing basin organisations.

Content

17:00-17:20 The good practices developed in the context of basins: Chad lake, Congo, Mekong, Niger, Senegal, Volta rivers and Sahel aquifer basins

- **Presentation of the good practices guide:** AFD- OIEau, Christophe Brachet
- **Examples of innovative tools for decision support:** FFEM, Janique Etienne

17:20-18:20 The good practices and the tools applied into the basins

- **Niger Basin Observatory: shared vision and groundwater resources:** ABN, Robert Dessouassi
- **Dealing with the issues and stakes of groundwater resource management in Volta basin within the ABV Observatory:** ABV, Jacob Tumbulto
- **Model of planning and taking into account of the relations surface and ground waters in Chad lake basin:** CBLT, Mamane Chaibou
- **Concerted management of transboundary aquifers: links among surface water and groundwater:** OSS, Abdelkader Dodo
- **Case studies:**
 - ◆ Congo (CICOS): monitoring and planning
 - ◆ Case of Senegal (OMVS): great work sharing
 - ◆ Case of Mekong: Hycos project
 - ◆ Case of Nil

18:20-18:30 The joint management of a transboundary aquifer, between France, the Flemish region and the Walloon region: Commission internationale de l'Escaut, Arnould Lefebure

18:30-18:40 The transboundary cooperation in Poland focused on environment conservation and flood protection: Commission internationale de l'Oder, Piotr Baranski

18:40-18:50 The stakes of water management in conflictual context: Jourdain basin: EGIS EAU, Gert Soer

18:50-18:55 Study on cooperation project management in 7 transboundary basins: OXYO

18:55-19:00 Conclusions

Key Questions for debate

Which are the good practices in management of transboundary surface and ground water resources?

Which are the practical lessons learned from the experience of the transboundary basin organisations in water management?

Which tools are available to help making decision in the context of transboundary basins?

Which are innovative tools allowing a better monitoring of water resources?

How to overtake the difficulties in cooperation on transboundary basins?

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