



**RESEAU INTERNATIONAL DES ORGANISMES DE BASSIN
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS
RED INTERNACIONAL DE ORGANISMOS DE CUENCA**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DAKAR (SENEGAL)
21 – 23 JANUARY 2010**

FINAL RESOLUTIONS

The 2010 statutory General Assembly of the International Network of Basin Organizations took place in Dakar in Senegal from 21 to 23 January 2010, at the invitation of the Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS).

The meeting was held under the auspices of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Senegal and honored with the effective presence of the President of the Senate, the President of the National Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Energy of the Republic of Senegal, as well as of the Minister for Energy and Water of the Republic of Mali, the Minister for Hydraulics and Sanitation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Vice-Mayor of Dakar and the High-Commissioner of OMVS.

The Assembly gathered 268 delegates, representing the Member Organizations, water administrations or observers from 41 Countries, as well as the representatives of several interested multilateral organizations and International Commissions or Authorities for transboundary basins.

The delegates thanked the Presidency of the Republic of Senegal, the Organization for the Development of the Senegal River and the City of Dakar for their warm welcome and the perfect organization of their Assembly and for the quality of the documentation distributed.

The Assembly renewed its thanks to the French Authorities for their financial support to the Secretariat since 1994, as well as to the Basin Organizations and Governmental Authorities of all the countries for having organized the Assemblies or Bureaus of INBO, ANBO, MENBO, LANBO, CEENBO, NANBO and EECCA-NBO, especially Brazil, Canada – Quebec, China, Colombia, Indonesia, Italy, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Sweden, Turkey, the Ukraine, Vietnam, Lebanon, etc., since last General Assembly in Debrecen (Hungary).

The General Assembly, in the unanimous vote of the represented Member-Organizations, approved, according to the statutes of the Network, the following decisions:

A - STATUTORY DECISIONS

A1 - ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The Assembly congratulated the Hungarian Authorities, and in particular **Mr. László Kóthay**, Hungarian State Secretary in charge of Water, for the way they have fulfilled INBO World Presidency since the Debrecen General Assembly in June 2007.

The Assembly unanimously nominated **Mr. Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug, an academic, a researcher, a former Minister and current High Commissioner of the Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS)**, as the **new INBO World President** until next General Assembly which will take place in 2013 in Brazil.

The Assembly awarded unanimously the title of «honorary INBO expert», for services rendered to the Network, to **Mr. László Kóthay, and to Messrs. Jacky Cottet, Walter Mazzitti, Victor Dukhovny, Pierre Roussel, Oscar Cordeiro, Ovidiu Gabor, Reginald Tekateka and Tamsir Ndyane.**

The Assembly wished to honor the memory of Mr. Ould ALY, INBO founder member, and first ANBO President, unfortunately deceased in 2007.

A2 – COMPOSITION OF THE LIAISON BUREAU

It also nominated the **members of the World Liaison Bureau** proposed by the national Authorities and Member Organizations concerned in each region (see ANNEX 1).

The General Assembly empowered the Liaison Bureau for designating, should the case arise, new members proposed by the Regional Networks of Asia, North America or of Russian Speaking Countries, when finally consolidated.

Mrs. Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison (France) and **Mr. Monsieur László Kóthay** are ex-officio members of the Liaison Bureau as former Presidents and **Mr. Vicente Andreu Guillo, President of ANA (Brazil), as next President in 2013**, as well as the representatives of the Permanent Technical Secretariats: **Mr. Jean-François Donzier** for INBO and EUROPE-INBO, **Mr. Dalto Favero Brochi** for LANBO, **Mr. Luis Firmino Pereira for MENBO**, **Mrs. Daniela Radulescu** for CEENBO, **Mr. Adama Sanogo** for ANBO and **Mr. Javier Ferrer** for MENBO, **Mr. Normand Cazalais** for NANBO and **Mr. Vadim Sokolov** for EECCA-NBO.

All the Presidents of the Regional Networks are also Members of the World Liaison Bureau.

A representative of GWP, the World Water Council and the President of the Organization Committee of the 6th World Water Forum of Marseilles respectively will also be invited to the Liaison Bureau meetings as well as representatives of the United Nations Agencies, executing water programs associating INBO, the European Commission, OECD or OSCE, in particular.

The President can also, if he wishes so, invite other representatives of multilateral organizations or donors, working with INBO, to the Bureau meetings.

The next Liaison Bureau meetings will be coordinated with the next events organized by INBO or the Regional Networks.

A3 – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The General Assembly reminded that a Management Committee was nominated (among the members of the World Liaison Bureau) to assist and support the President in his tasks, to represent him when he is committed elsewhere and participate in the Steering Committee of INBO Multiyear Action Plan.

In addition to the current President, this Committee is composed of the two former Presidents, the future proposed President as organizer of the next General Assembly and the Secretaries of INBO and of the Regional Networks.

A4 - APPROVAL OF THE 2007 – 2008 – 2009 ACCOUNTS OF INBO AND OF THE PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR 2010 OF THE PERMANENT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

The delegates examined the progress report and accounts of INBO as such, regarding its direct income and expenditure in years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

After hearing the progress and financial reports as well as those of the Statutory Auditor KPMG, the General Assembly approved:

- the yearly statement of accounts for 2007,
- the yearly statement of accounts for 2008,
- the yearly statement of accounts for 2009,

and the allocation of the results of these fiscal years to the new budget.

The General Assembly also approved the Auditor's special reports for the fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The General Assembly approved the renewal of the independent Auditor's mandate, already ratified by the preceding General Assembly of 9 June 2007, namely KPMG - 25 rue Hubert Curien - 87000 Limoges - France, represented by Mr. Henri Limouzineau, as incumbent, and Mr. François Lambert, as substitute, for a six fiscal year duration from fiscal year 2009, from 2009 to 2014, in accordance with the French legislation. This mandate will have to be renewed by the General Assembly in 2016 after the bureau in 2015.

They approved the cost estimates for PTS for fiscal year 2010 and empowered the World Liaison Bureau for approving the cost estimates for 2011 and 2012 and the final accounts for 2010 and 2011 at the end of the fiscal years. Those will be subsequently presented to the next General Assembly in 2013 for approval.

These budgets do not include the expenses directly borne by the members for organizing, or participating in, statutory activities or the possible new financing of projects that INBO could be granted with for the implementation of some general projects, included in INBO Multiyear Action Plan or in multilateral programs.

PTS will keep a watch on the international projects and programs that could concern INBO or its Members' objectives and responsibilities. It is empowered to submit offers in this field and sign the corresponding contracts on behalf of the President, should these offers be retained and benefit from bi- or multilateral financing. PTS will regularly report to the World Liaison Bureau.

It was reminded that within this framework, PTS has already signed agreements, on behalf of INBO, with the European Commission for the TWIN BASIN, WFD-Community and IWRM-Net, INECO or MELIA projects, in particular. In addition to those projects, there are the AWIS and « Performance Indicators » projects with ANBO, with financial support from the European Water Facility and British and French Cooperation.

The Assembly also renewed the International Office for Water's mission for a new four-year 2010-2013 period, for carrying out the tasks of the Network's Permanent Technical Secretariat according to the Convention signed in December 2003 between INBO and IOWater.

A5 – SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR 2010, 2011 and 2012

Only 32 Members Organizations paid their contribution in 2009, because most members indicated that they encounter difficulties either budgetary, or of public accounting rules, of currency exchange or modes of payment.

PTS is systematically studying with the concerned organizations the possible solutions to these problems, in particular to adapt to the constraining rules of Public Accountancy in some Countries.

The delegates decided that the **yearly subscription fee would amount to Euro 1,000 for 2010, 2011 and 2012, without any increase since 2006**, to cover the expenditures of the Network management, the publication of the « INBO Newsletter » and management of the www.inbo-news.org website as a priority.

The Regional Networks, within their statutes and those of INBO, decided to set their own yearly subscription fee at a reasonable amount, which would be added to the one paid to the PTS for INBO.

The delegates reminded the Member-Organizations that the payment of this subscription fee is important to develop the Network's activities and requested that the members pay their fee promptly or inform the Liaison Bureau of any encountered difficulties.

The Permanent Technical Secretariat (PTS) opened an INBO bank account (in Euro and USD) at the « Société Générale » Bank in Grasse (France) to collect these dues.

A6 – STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The General Assembly was pleased with the success achieved by INBO, since the adoption of the new statutes in 2000, regarding its activities and its international recognition, especially within the framework of its Associated Program with GWP, which later became INBO Multi-year Action Plan, in the 3rd, 4th and 5th World Water Forums of Kyoto, Mexico and Istanbul and in the creation and development of the Regional Networks.

The Assembly was pleased with the unquestionable success of the « **INBO Newsletter** » publication and of the **Website**: <http://www.inbo-news.org>.

It decided to continue in this way, within the multi-year communication plan presented by PTS, especially with the publication of the « INBO Newsletter » in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

It stressed the great advantage for the Member-Organizations of contributing to « INBO newsletter » by timely sending their articles to the PTS and expanding the Website by providing any interesting information.

It recommended that the Member-Organizations **immediately inform PTS of any change in their electronic mail address (E-mail)**, in order to facilitate contacts and the dissemination of the information inside the Network, especially by way of the new « **E-INBO electronic newsletter** ».

The Assembly underlined the great interest of publishing “Briefs”, such as that on basin development and management, jointly published in 2008 with the “International Water Management Institute” and the GWP - Global Water Partnership, and of course “Handbooks”, such as the “INBO/GWP Handbook on integrated management by basin”, which is a great success... already translated into nine languages!

This Handbook was officially presented during the World Water Forum in Istanbul in March 2009.

The drafting of a second Handbook on transboundary river basin management to be launched in 2010 with GWP and UNESCO was well received, as well as the publication, associating INBO with the Water Academy, BRGM and UNESCO, of a guidebook on transboundary aquifer management, financed by the French Development Agency.

The implementation of the European Water Framework Directive and the UN Convention on transboundary water management in Europe, called Helsinki Convention, are also significant topics for the mobilization of the Network members concerned, within the enlarged European Union or in any other Country which would be interested. It is also the case of the United Nations Convention on the uses other than navigation on the international rivers (21 May 1997). This Convention did not yet come into force, but its main provisions are already part of international law. Finally, the Resolution A/RES/63/124, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, offers to the States the framework for joint management their transboundary aquifers.

The Assembly was pleased with the development of the Euro-Mediterranean Water Information and Documentation System (SEMIDE/EMWIS) to disseminate information on basin management in the Mediterranean, within MENBO in particular, as well as the project for a water information system with the voluntary Countries of this area, and with the progress of the African Water Information and Documentation System (SADIEau/AWIS), managed by ANBO.

It proposes that, using these real and successful experiences, INBO get involved and support any initiative that would lead to the setting up, in the long term, of Water Information and Documentation Systems promoting the sharing and access to reliable, updated and consistent data, especially in Latin America and Central Europe, in the Caucasus and Central Asia in particular, within the corresponding components of the European Water Initiative and actions supported by the Secretariat of the convention on international waters of the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

The Assembly also wished that the lessons learned from the project on Performance Indicators for Integrated Management in African transboundary river basins (KPI) developed by ANBO and its partners in 10 pilot African River Basins, thanks to financial support from France and the European Union, could be widely disseminated to be adapted to the situation of all the basins which would wish so.

Entirely devoted to the large strategic topic of "**the necessary adaptation to the consequences of Climate Change on the hydrological cycles in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers, either local, national or transboundary**", the Assembly of DAKAR adopted the recommendations presented at the end of **the five round tables on:**

- **Institutional frameworks for action of Basin Organizations,**
- **Prevention and management of the extreme climate phenomena of floods and droughts,**
- **Monitoring, water information and warning systems,**
- **Formulation of basin management plans and action plans of the basin organizations and their financing,**
- **Participation of local authorities, water users and the public.**

It mandated the President and PTS to ensure their wide dissemination to the Members and to the interested International Cooperation Organizations, especially with their publishing on the Network website.

INBO will prepare a paper on the adaptation to climate change in basins to be presented at the 6th World Water Forum in Marseilles in 2012.

Moreover, the Summit of the Bi and multilateral Cooperation Institutions allowed the participants of the Dakar Assembly to discuss with these organizations of their vision of the programs for adaptation to the effects of climate change in the basins, which it will be essential to work out very quickly to face the new global challenges of water management.

INBO Member Organizations reiterated their wishes of a coordinated international initiative of the Bi and multilateral donors which would focus the Official Development Aid on **Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) projects supported by the creation and strengthening of Basin Organizations.**

To define their orientations, these projects could rely on the outcomes of the projects financed by the European network of managers of industrial research applied to IWRM. Indeed, the partners of IWRM-Net, European project coordinated by IOWater, launched a call to projects at the end of 2009 of which one of the topic is the impact of climate change on water management. The results are operational orientations from which basin organizations could benefit.

B - PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL NETWORKS

The General Assembly was much pleased with the progress reports of the Regional Networks of Basin Organizations (RNBO), created within INBO:

The Latin-American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO) was dynamically fostered with the Brazilian Network of Basin Organizations (REBOB). The President is **Mr. Edgar Alfonso Bejarano Méndez, Director of CAR Cundinamarca (Colombia)** and the Secretary is **Mr. Dalto Favero Brochi, Executive Secretary of PCJ Consortium (Brazil).** The next General Assembly will take place in July 2011 in Colombia.

The African Network of Basin Organizations (ANBO) has just held its last General Assembly on 19 January 2010 in Dakar. The previous Assembly had taken place in Johannesburg in South Africa in March 2007. The **Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS)** is taking care of its Secretariat. Its new President is **Mr. Réginald Tekateka, President of AMCOW-TAC.**

The Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO), is continuing its activities as an association under Spanish law and the **Jucar River Basin Authority** is taking care of its Secretariat. MENBO has held two General Assemblies since 2007, in Rome, and in Beirut in 2009 as well as a statutory meeting in Sibiu in 2008. Its President is **Mr. Fadi Comair, Director General of Water and Electric Resources of Lebanon** and the secretary is **Mr. Javier Ferrer of the Jucar River Basin Authority.** The next General Assembly of MENBO will take place in Oporto in Portugal in 2011.

The "EUROPE - INBO" Group of European Basin Organizations for the implementation of the European Water Framework Directive, created within INBO after the international meeting of Valencia in November 2003, held its plenary sessions in Krakow in Poland (2004), Namur in Wallonia (2005), Megève in France (2006), Rome in Italy (2007), Sibiu in Romania (2008) and in Stockholm in Sweden (2009). Its President is **Mrs. Ann-Louise Mansson, Swedish Water Director**, and INBO PTS is taking care of its secretariat.

In 2008, after the meeting in Sibiu in Romania, the EUROPE-INBO Group drafted a progress report on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive in the European transboundary basins, which was submitted to the European Water Directors and the European Commission in November 2008.

In 2009, the EUROPE-INBO Group prepared the chapter dedicated to basin management included in the regional report for Europe presented at the World Water Forum in Istanbul.

The next “EUROPE - INBO” meetings will be held in September 2010 in Megève, jointly with the third International Conference on Water in Mountains, then in Oporto in Portugal, simultaneously with MENBO General Assembly. A specific meeting is also considered in the Ukraine.

The Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organizations (CEENBO) is continuing its activities in close relationship with “EUROPE - INBO”, as an association under Rumanian law. **Mr. Petr Kubala**, Director of Povodi Vltavi, Czech Republic is its President and **APELE ROMANE National Company** takes care of its secretariat, managed by **Mrs. Daniela Radulescu**. It fosters the implementation of the European Water Framework Directive in the area.

The Network of International Commissions and Transboundary Basin Organizations, the President of which is **Mr. Mohammed Salem Ould Merzoug**, High-Commissioner of OMVS, and whose secretariat is taken care of by INBO PTS, played an essential part in the preparation of the official sessions of topic 3.1 on “Basin management and Transboundary Cooperation”, jointly organized by INBO and UNESCO during the last World Water Forum in Istanbul in March 2009.

The new North-American Network of Basin Organizations (NANBO) was created on the initiative of the Richelieu River Basin Committee - COVABAR in Quebec, during the constitutive Assembly of its partners from Canada, Mexico and the USA, which was held on 15 October 2009 in Quebec (CANADA) where it established its head office and its secretariat. Its President is **Mr. Hubert Chamberland**, President of COVABAR.

The Network of Russian-speaking Basin Organizations of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA-NBO) also held its constitutive meeting, chaired by **Mr. Victor Dukhovny**, in Moscow on 11 and 12 December 2008. Its provisional secretariat is taken care of by **SIC - ICWC in Tashkent**.

The General Assembly encouraged the continuation of close relations, already well started, with the **Regional Asian Network of Basin Organizations (NARBO)**, created with the support of Japanese Cooperation and the Asian Development Bank.

The Assembly also wished for closer relations between the INBO Regional Networks and the corresponding “Regional Water Partnerships of GWP” (RWPs) in the same geographical areas, to work together to the implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) on the particularly suitable geographical scale of river basins.

C - INBO MULTI-YEAR ACTION PLAN

It was reminded that the previous INBO General Assemblies of ZAKOPANE and QUEBEC had approved the overall framework of the **Associated Program « assistance with the creation and development of basin organizations over the world »** jointly prepared by GWP and INBO. This program was the subject of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by INBO and GWP in June 2003.

Within the calls for proposals of the European Union referred to in above A4§, INBO PTS has presented significant offers since 2003, which led to financing agreements

with the European Commission with joint financing from bilateral Cooperation, in particular for the TWIN BASIN (objective 1. Twinning arrangements), WFD-NET and IWRM-Net, "Performance Indicators - KPI", INECO and MELIA (objective 3. Training and Research) and AWIS (objective 4.) projects, etc.

The use of MELIA projects and the continuation of part of the consortium currently materialize in the form of the MELIA-MIRA working group created within the H2020 program. This working group should deal with the gathering and analysis of the existing scientific and technical sources of information related, in particular, with the problems of pollution removal in the Mediterranean. The collected information and the analyses carried out should be included in the identification of gaps and thus facilitate the implementation of the program.

INBO is also a member of the Strategic Orientation Group, managed by the European Commission, for the implementation of the Framework Directive.

INBO obtained the "Special Advisory Status" from the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

As regards the World Bank, in addition to an enquiry involving the Basin Organizations, INBO was entrusted, via PTS, with audits or projects on institutional reforms of Transboundary Basin Authorities, in Niger or Senegal in particular.

INBO also directed the seminar on the management of African transboundary basins organized by the African Water Facility (AfDB) in October 2009.

The Assembly wished that new initiatives be taken as regards capacity building and training for executives and technicians of basin organizations as well as for representatives of water users in basin committees or councils.

For such a purpose, an initiative for creating an "INBO Academy" will be launched in 2010 to organize training courses addressed to executives of Basin Organizations or of their partners, by favoring exchanges of good practices between counterparts and the transfer of outcomes of research.

The "INBO Academy" will propose remote training (e-Learning) in particular, thanks to "live" courses on the Internet, and to recorded sessions, a formula which allows great flexibility of training adaptation to the staff's needs and constraints.

A pilot "Web-training" is programmed in March 2010, in collaboration with the European Center for River Restoration - ECRR, on the expected benefits of the ecological restoration of rivers. This module will allow validating the training tools. It will be held in three 2-hour sessions programmed over 3 weeks. The material necessary to participate is limited to a traditional microcomputer and an Internet connection.

The Aquamadre project aims at increasing awareness on the fundamental role of rivers and basins for Life. In 2011, in collaboration with INBO, this project will organize the first International Meeting on "Men and Rivers" to increase experience sharing on river basin management.

More traditional training courses could also be organized, especially in the great events of the network (General Assembly, meeting of the Regional Networks), according to partnerships which could be created with bi or multilateral cooperation organizations for this purpose.

Beyond that and in the future, the Assembly draws the attention of the bi and multilateral Cooperation Agencies to the interest of the **label projects** included in its **INBO multi-year ACTION PLAN**, and wish that these projects can be financed as a priority within the consolidated actions that the donors carry out for Integrated Management and better

governance of water resources over the world (IWRM), at the suited geographical levels, which are river basins.

Field actions of **INBO Action Plan** could be **jointly implemented by INBO Regional Networks and GWP “RWPs”** in each region of the world. In particular, the already very close cooperation between INBO/ANBO and the African “RWPs”, initially the “GWP/WATAC”, will be reinforced to jointly work to support the “National Dialogues for Water”, and especially their components on river basin management and management of African transboundary rivers and aquifers.

D - INBO PARTICIPATION IN THE 6th WORLD WATER FORUM

The Assembly wished that INBO continue the thinking started in the World Water Forums of The Hague, Kyoto, Mexico and Istanbul and propose its own « vision » on the evolution of water management during the coming years, with the prospect of the 6th WWF in Marseilles in March 2012.

The General Assembly proposed to the organizers of the 6th World Water Forum that INBO organizes preparatory work on « the creation and strengthening of Basin Organizations over the World and transboundary cooperation » in collaboration with the other relevant and representative organizations concerned, UNESCO and FAO in particular.

The Assembly mandated the World Liaison Bureau for preparing INBO participation in the 6th World Water Forum of Marseilles and for also planning active partnerships with the organizers of specific events on this occasion. It entrusted Messrs. Guy FRADIN and Victor DUKOVNY, as Governors of the World Water Council and Members of INBO World Liaison Bureau, and JF DONZIER from PTS, to ensure a permanent liaison with the Marseilles Forum organizers.

The General Assembly entrusted the Liaison Bureau with the study of the additional diary of international events in which INBO could officially get involved in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

E - APPROVAL OF THE « DECLARATION OF DAKAR »

The General Assembly unanimously approved the « **Declaration of Dakar** », appended to these final resolutions.

It requested the Presidents and Permanent Technical Secretariats of INBO and of the Regional Networks and the members and observers of the Network to ensure its wide dissemination in any event and to all the organizations concerned.

It wishes that this « **Declaration of Dakar** » contribute to the preparation of international initiatives that aim to promote Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) at the level of river basins.

F - NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2013

The Assembly gratefully received the invitation of the National Water Agency – Agência Nacional de Aguas (ANA) and of the Brazilian Authorities for hosting the 9th INBO General Assembly in Brazil in 2013.

Drawn up in Dakar – Senegal on 22 January 2010.



Represented countries:

SOUTH AFRICA – ALGERIA - GERMANY – BELGIUM -BRAZIL - BURKINA FASO -
CAMBODIA – CANADA - CHILE – CHINA - COLOMBIA – SPAIN - ESTONIA - USA –
ETHIOPIA - FRANCE + (MARTINIQUE – GUADELOUPE) - GHANA – HUNGARY - ITALY –
KENYA - LESOTHO – MALI - MOROCCO – MAURITANIA - NIGER - NIGERIA - UGANDA
– PANAMA - PARAGUAY - CONGO RC - CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - SENEGAL –
SERBIA - SWEDEN – SWITZELAND - TAJIKISTAN – CHAD - TUNISIA – TURKMENISTAN
- UZBEKISTAN – VIETNAM - ZAMBIA