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Subject: 2nd Expert Group Meeting on "New Directions in IWRM implementation in Basins, Sub-basins and Aquifers", 25-26 June 2007, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

Dear Mr Donzier,

The Secretariat of UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP) is very pleased to inform you that the 2nd Expert Group Meeting on "New Directions in IWRM implementation in Basins, Sub-basins and Aquifers" will be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, on 25-26 June 2007.

As you may know, the plan for the Sixth Phase of the IHP (2002-2007) comprises Focal Area 2.4 dealing with approaches for Integrated River Basin Management. As part of the execution of this task, we have envisaged the formulation of an updated framework for practice guidelines, reflecting fresh approaches and incorporating some issues and angles that might have been neglected in the past.

The 1st Expert Group meeting, held on 11-13 July 2005 at UNESCO Paris engaged in this task, produced a report with specific recommendations for the preparation of the practice guidelines. The expected outputs of the 2nd Expert Group Meeting include defining the structure and content of the framework for practice guidelines. With this in view, we would truly appreciate your participation in this expert group meeting, to discuss management, technical and scientific experiences and to identify promising directions on methodologies for IWRM implementation in basins, sub-basins and aquifers. Please find attached a tentative agenda for this meeting.

We would be very pleased if you could participate in this meeting or designate an expert of INBO that could represent the institution.

I am looking forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

J.A. Tejada-Guibert
Deputy Secretary of the International Hydrological Programme

2nd Expert Group Meeting
"New Directions in IWRM implementation in Basins, Sub-basins and Aquifers"
UNESCO Headquarters, Room XIV, 1 rue Miollis, 75015 Paris
25-26 June 2007

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

Monday 25

- Opening and brief presentation of IHP-VI and IHP-VII. Presentation of participants (estimated: 30 min.)
- Overview of IWRM-BSA UNESCO Guidelines project: objectives, scope, and methods presented by the coordinator of the activity or Tejada-Guibert (estimated: 30 min.)
- Presentation of the activities and work of the new participants (estimated: 5 min. each)
- Comments and review of the State-of-the-Art (previously circulated among the participants)
- Validate the gaps and priorities identified in the 1st EGM, as summarized on point 1 (Work Plan Elements).
- Define a structure for the Framework report, including its main content

Tuesday 26

- Working Groups focusing on different items of the recommendations for the Framework: discussion, and attribution of responsibilities for drafting specific components
- Establish a follow-up workplan, with specific deadlines
- Outlook channelled through key events leading up to the next 5WWF 2009
- Link with IHP-VII (2008-2013)
- Debriefing