

# 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

## Expression of Interest for Topic-sessions

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The Secretariat of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum is currently in the process of requesting information from prospective session conveners regarding their intention to organize topic sessions at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in March 2006. This information will facilitate our task in building the program for the Forum together with participants.

In order to focus the debate, sessions should address issues concerning both one framework theme, which attempt to represent the most important global water challenges, and one or more crosscutting perspectives, which reveal five major processes which have been seen to exert important influence over local processes.

Topic-sessions must fulfill the following criteria:

1. They should encourage multi-stakeholder dialogue
2. They should discuss potentially different points of view
3. They should involve different type of activities aimed at producing concrete outputs
4. They should include the presentation of local actions by local actors. The local actions will be selected from the database to illustrate the topic of their session (please note that if you are proposing a new local action, you should register it on the website in advance).
5. They should include an expert panel to oversee proceedings

In addition, potential topic-sessions might include some or all of the following activities:

1. Debate around the key Forum documents.
2. Keynote speeches.
3. Role playing among different stakeholders.
4. Short film presentations.
5. Virtual dialogue.
6. Using the Water Expo and Water Fair to share information on relevant technologies and cultural manifestations.
7. Any other ideas. Innovation in this field will be particularly appreciated.

At the Forum, there will be approximately 150 sessions lasting approximately 100-120 minutes each. Any organization interested in organizing a topic-session at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum should fill in the following form before August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. After this date, a long list of potential session conveners will be produced, from which the 150 conveners will be selected. Filling in this form does not therefore guarantee you a topic-session at the Forum, but does guarantee that your request will be considered. The final decision on topic-session conveners will be made by the beacons, regional committees and Forum Secretariat.

Please note that session conveners will be selected from those organizations that have previously organized preparatory meetings for the Forum, be they Local Workshops, Thematic Meetings, Regional Meetings or Virtual Workshops. Should you be interested in filling in the "Expression of interest in organizing topic-sessions" form, please first register your preparatory meetings at [www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx/home/how02.asp](http://www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx/home/how02.asp), [www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx/home/how03.asp](http://www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx/home/how03.asp) or [www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx/home/how04.asp](http://www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx/home/how04.asp).

From July 15<sup>th</sup>, regular updates of the draft list of potential session conveners will be posted on the 4<sup>th</sup> Forum website. The results of the final selection of session conveners will also be posted once this selection is made.

## Expression of interest form

### 1.-CONTACT INFORMATION OF POTENTIAL CONVENER(S)

Convening Organization(s) **EURO- INBO (European Basin Organizations for the Implementation of the European Framework Directive)**

Head(s) of organization (President, CEO, etc.) **Mr. Benoît LUTGEN**  
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### 2.-TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (please select one)

I. ,

II. **Professional associations**

### 3.- INFORMATION ON THE ORGANIZATION'S INCORPORATION

Year of incorporation **2003**

Objective of the organization:

**To enrich the common strategy for implementing the WFD, through exchange of experiences, training programs and twinnings between European Basin Organizations**

Has your organization previously convened a session at a World Water Forum? **NO**

### 4. CO-CONVENING ORGANIZATIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

(1) Name of organization: **INBO (International Network of Basin Organizations)**  
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(2) Name of organization: **CONFEDERACION HIDROGRAFICA DEL JUCAR**  
 Contact person: **Mr. Teodoro ESTRELA MONREAL**  
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(3) Name of organization: **MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
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(4) Name of organization: **INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR WATER**  
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(5) Name of organization: **ADMINISTRATION NATIONALE APELE ROMANE**  
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(6) Name of organization: **PARCO NAZIONALE DEL GRAN SASSO E MONTI DELLA LAGA**  
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**5. FRAMEWORK THEME AND CROSSCUTTING PERSPECTIVE(S)**

Framework themes. (please select one)

**2.- Implementing Integrated Water Resources Management**

3.- Crosscutting Perspectives. (please select one or more).

**A.- New Models for Financing Local Water Initiatives.**

**B.- Institutional Development and Political Processes.**

**C.- Capacity-building and social Learning.**

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A		X			
B		X			
C		X			
D					
E					

**6.- GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS OF THE SESSION.**

A. Please select ONE of the regions from below (Obligatory)

**EUROPE**

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7.- TITLE OF THE PROPOSED SESSION.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE: STATUS, CHALLENGES & PROSPECTS**

8.- OBJECTIVE

1. Present status of implementation within the Hydrographic Districts
2. Consultation procedures of general public
3. Preparation of "management plans": processes, procedures and agenda
4. Exchange of data
5. Prevention and protection against floods and droughts

9.- TITLE OR NAME OF LOCAL ACTION(S) TO BE PRESENTED DURING YOUR SESSION (AT LEAST ONE OF THESE ACTIONS SHOULD ALREADY BE IN THE DATABASE OF LOCAL ACTIONS ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FORUM WEBSITE, AND SHOULD BEAR THE SAME NAME AS ON THAT WEBSITE)

- After our initial call for proposals launched early 2005, the selection process of the most relevant case studies is presently under way among the partners and members of INBO network. Some of these are already available online through our website [www.inbo-news.org](http://www.inbo-news.org). Local actions will be selected in order to cover a broad range of issues, from sub-basin management at the grassroots level to joint management of large transboundary rivers as well,

10.- EXPECTED OUTPUTS OF THE SESSION

1. To take stocks of successful experiences implemented under the topics listed in §8 above
2. To find ways to disseminate these experiences and, if possible, to create awareness about them among the Ministers and multilateral financial institutions who will attend the Forum and the Ministerial conference

12.- EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (please note that around 10,000 participants are expected at the Forum, and that session rooms range from 80 to 1100 participants)

300

13. PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED SESSION (CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS, VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS, RESEARCH, STUDIES etc.)

In order to prepare this session and to mobilize its members, INBO has already organized several large regional preparatory meetings in 2005, among which:

- ① From 23 to 25 May in Marrakech (Morocco) for the Mediterranean basin, with MENBO General Assembly,
- ② From 29 September to 1 October in Namur (Walloon region - Belgium), with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Group of European Basin Organizations for the Implementation of the Framework Directive,

In liaison with the Council of Europe, the International Secretariat for Water and Solidarity-Water-Europe, INBO will also be a partner in the week devoted to the citizen's approach to water management, in Strasbourg (France), from 17 to 21 October 2005