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Synthesis on shared waters

Transboundary water management in Africa

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Session organization

- Presidium:
  - Minister of energy and water of Congo
  - IDB Vice President
  - OMVS General Secretary

- Panel list: Mrs Madeleine DE GRANDMAISON, Pr Albert WRIGHT,

- Presentators: OMVS, NBI, KOBWA, NBA, ANBO
More than 100 participants:

- Two Ministers in charge of water: Tchad, Burundi
- Many African countries
- Development partners
- Regional and international institutions
- Etc.
GENERAL SITUATION

- Transboundary water resources represent around 80% of the available surface water resources in Africa.
- These resources are characterized by their spatial and temporal variability and their low mobilization.
- There are around 70 transboundary river/lakes in Africa shared by 2 or more countries.
RIVER BASIN ORGANIZATION

- operating and consolidated
- recently created
- international agreement
- no information


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Recommendations

10 recommendations have been adopted

The key messages are:

- Reinforcement of existing transboundary basins organizations or creation of new organizations where they do not exist
- Synergies between basins organizations in terms of sharing experiences and informations
Recommendations 2

- Data collection and monitoring within a basin to take good decisions and to implement actions plans
- Participation of water users, including women, at all levels of basin development
- Leading role of ANBO, under the umbrella of AMCOW, to promote cooperation between basin organizations
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