INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS

Created in 1994 to facilitate operational exchanges between BO

INBO’s REGIONAL NETWORKS

- North American Network of Basin Organizations (NANBO)
- Latin American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO)
- Brazilian Network of Basin Organizations (BNBO)
- EUROPE-INBO Group for WFD
- Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO)
- African Network of Basin Organizations (ANBO)
- Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organizations (CEENBO)
- Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO)

191 FULL MEMBERS or PERMANENT OBSERVERS in 81 COUNTRIES
« Water has no boundary »

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INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS
RED INTERNACIONAL DE ORGANISMOS DE CUENCA
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**Transboundary basins per continent.**

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**Two hundred and seventy six rivers, 156 lakes and hundreds of aquifers are transboundary ones.**
In Europe a majority of basins are transboundary ones!
International River Basins of AFRICA

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IN NORTHERN AFRICA
THE MAIN AQUIFERS ARE SHARED

EX: the Algerian hydrological basin Agency of the Sahara is mainly concerned by their management.
International River Basins of SOUTH AMERICA
International River Basins of ASIA

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What do we consider as a Basin?

the concept includes all SURFACE and Groundwater.
Transboundary aquifers
Areal extent of surface basins and aquifers sometimes differs radically.
Indeed, basins are the natural territories, in which water runs, on the soil or in the sub-soil, whatever are the national or administrative boundaries or limits crossed.

An overall approach should be organized on the relevant scale of basin areas of rivers, lakes and aquifers.
We cannot manage that we cannot measure!!

- **Integrated information and monitoring systems**, which are reliable, representative, harmonized and easily accessible, and specific research, **should be organized in each basin**...
Key Performance Indicators project

- Niger (ABN / NBA)
- Volta (ABV / VBA)
- Lake Victoria (LVBC)
- Nil (NBI)
- Congo (CICOS)
- Sénégal (OMVS)
- Gambie (OMVG)
- Okavango (OKACOM)
- Orange (ORASECOM)
- Lake Chad (CBLT / LCBC)

ACP-EU WATER FACILITY / ACTIONS IN ACP COUNTRIES
Development of IWRM performance indicators for African Transboundary Basins management
A clear legal framework must specify, in each country, the rights and obligations, the possible levels of decentralization, the institutional responsibilities of the different stakeholders, the processes and means needed for good water governance,
Many agreements were signed, in the past centuries, between riparian countries of transboundary rivers, to ensure:

- free navigation,
- the share of river flows,
- the prevention of floods,
- the building of hydropower dams.
But, today, there are still too few agreements, conventions or treaties, dealing with:

- pollution control,
- aquifers management,
and, a fortiori,
- the integrated management of shared river basins.
INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: MAIN BASIC FUNCTIONS

- International agreements
- Legislation - Regulations
- Standardization
- Authorizations for abstraction or discharge - Water policing
- Monitoring
- Follow-up of the environment and uses
- Warning and protection
- Planning
- Funding - Programming
- Investments
- Operation - Maintenance
- Research
- Training
- Information
Many riparian Countries in transboundary basins have created joint managing bodies .... sometime for decades.

Such International Organizations allow:

- better dialogue,
- exchanging useful information and warning,
- resolving potential conflicts,
- sharing benefits from better joint management and
- strengthening transboundary cooperation.

However, these institutions may be effective only if they have mandates clearly defining their tasks and responsibilities and if they have the necessary and sufficient human, technical and financial resources and their sustainability guaranteed.
INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

DEFINING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH:

- Multilateral organizations
- Central or federal government

Local authorities = states (Federation)
                 = municipalities
                 = villages

Large public regional planners

Water users: = community
             = individuals

Civil Society: = enterprises
               = researchers
               = NGOs

Joint Transboundary Basin Organization?

basin organizations?
DIFFERENT TYPES OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS:

- **Administrative Commissions, with or without permanent secretariat**, in which mainly participate representatives of the « ministries » concerned to coordinate their various projects on the same river or aquifer, to exchange information or data, formalized or not, on emergency situations in particular, to define common rules (navigation, etc.), and whenever necessary, to allocate the available resources between the categories of uses, the countries or regions, especially in periods of crisis or when regulation structures do exist, etc.,

- **Arbitration « Authorities »,** to which the interested « parties » refer for decision-making on the conflicts which arise; this is the case of the **Joint International Commission** (IJC) between the USA and Canada, for example.
DIFFERENT TYPES OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS:

- **Organizations taking charge of contracting large structuring or combined installations:** this is the case for navigation, flood control, the building of reservoirs, especially for irrigation, hydropower production, etc. These organizations, often created as public or private «companies» have usually the concession of community facilities for which they are responsible for their construction and long-term management, generally for providing services, raw water or by levying specific taxes.

- **«Agencies»,** which are in charge of carrying out tasks for medium-term planning and for collecting taxes on abstractions and discharges to finance or support the investments necessary for achieving the set objectives. In some cases, they can also be responsible for water policing, studies, data production or collection, etc.
DIFFERENT TYPES OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS:

• « **Basin Committees or Councils** », which gather, at the side of administrations, representatives of local authorities, economic sectors using water, the civil society, etc. They can be advisory or decisional, especially regarding planning, the definition of taxes, the allocation of available resources, etc.

• « **Associations, unions or consortiums** », of local authorities, users or NGOs, which are often spontaneously organized to solve a common problem or to have some influence in water management.

• « **Projects** », which are usually temporary for specifically implementing and action plan with specific financing.
The Rhine: an international river basin district

9 States involved
Austria
Belgium
France
Germany
Italy
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Switzerland
The Netherlands

185,000 km²
50 million inhabitants
Plenary assembly (PLEN)
Coordination Committee (CC)

Delegation Head

Strategy Group (SG)

Editorial Group

WG Flooding (H)
WG Water Quality / Emissions (S) incl. Groundwater (GW)
WG Ecology (B)
Expert Groups
  GIS
  Economy (E)

Secretariat

Riparian states*

*cf. Diagram 2: Expert coordination / Coordination of reporting
International Commission for the Léman Lake

Zone géographique concernée par la CIPEL
Organigrama de la CIPEL

Sous-commission technique

Comité opérationnel

Bureau

Conseil scientifique

Programme de surveillance

Pollutions domestiques

Pollutions agricoles

Pollutions industrielles

Renaturation

Méthodologie

Subvention à la déphosphatation

Collaboration F - CH en cas de pollution

Secrétariat permanent

Relations publiques

Vaud Valais Genève

International Commission for the Léman Lake
The Mekong River Basin

Characteristics:

Area: 795,000 km² (21)
Length of mainstream: 4,800 km (12)
Average discharge: 15,000 m³/s (8)

LEGEND

- International boundary
- Basin boundary
- River
- Upper Mekong Basin
- Lower Mekong Basin (MRC)
- Rank in the world
- Flow contribution

MRC Secretariat, 1999
CONCLUSION:

- Various combinations of responsibilities are possible,
- There is no system better than the others:
  - The results depend on:
    - A strong political will,
    - A long-term stability of the established mechanisms,
    - The efficiency of the management of each organization,
    - The available human and financial resources.
  
- The implementation of reforms can only be gradual,
- The real involvement of local authorities, users and collective interest groups in decision-making facilitates its « acceptability », an offer/demand adequacy and the establishment of new financing systems.
The International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), The Global Water Partnership (GWP), The French Development Agency (AFD), The GEF, UNESCO and UNECE,
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