Thematic Process Session Proposal

Concluding session 4.3: Cooperation for Reducing Conflict and Improving Transboundary Water management

Thursday 16 April, 17h-19h
Daegu EXCO, room DEC_304
v.21.02.2015

1. Session

Reference theme*

- 1.1. Enough Safe Water for All
- 1.2. Integrated Sanitation for All
- 1.3. Adapting to Change: Managing Risk and Uncertainty for Resilience and Disaster Preparedness
- 1.4. Infrastructure for Sustainable Water Resource

- 2.1. Water for Food
- 2.2. Water and Energy
- 2.3. Water and Cities

- 3.1. Green Growth, Water Stewardship and Industry
- 3.2. Managing and Restoring Ecosystems for Water Services and Biodiversity
- 3.3. Ensuring Water Quality from Ridge to Reef
- 3.4. SMART Implementation of IWRM

- 4.1. Economics and Financing for Innovative Investments
- 4.2. Effective Governance: Enhanced Political Decisions, Stakeholder Participation and Technical Information

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- 4.4. Water Cultures, Justice and Equity
- 4.5. Enhancing Education and Capacity Building

Session type*

- Concluding Session (Design Group only)
- Issue Session (Session Group)

Joint Session with different processes

- Regional Process (please specify:  )
- Political Process (please specify:  )
- Science and Technology Process (please specify:  )

Session title* (please kindly use media-friendly language)

Concluding session 4.3: Cooperation for Reducing Conflict and Improving Transboundary Water management

Session description* (180 words, please kindly use media-friendly language)

Throughout human history, rivers, lakes and aquifers have served as important sources for human life and activities. Water is a resource without borders. Worldwide, there are 276 transboundary river basins and so far 608 transboundary aquifers identified by IGRAC center and the ISARM program. Climate change coupled with demographic and socio-economic trends are putting water resources under increasing stress. More than before, coordination among riparian countries is essential to strengthen a sustainable management and protection of transboundary water resources.

The final session of theme 4.3 aims at giving an overview of how we can get there. Key messages emerged from the 4.3 thematic sessions will be discussed and pave the way towards implementing cooperative mechanisms for a sustainable transboundary water management. How can water diplomacy be best conducted? How can existing international and regional legal instruments and data exchanges frameworks between riparian countries support that effort? How can we create and strengthen transboundary basin organisations and make sure they get sustainable funding? How can an inter-sectoral approach enhance a sound and efficient transboundary management of water resources?
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| 1     | 10 min                    | Welcoming speech and introduction to the theme 4.3 | - Mr. Lupercio ZIROLDO Antonio, World president of INBO, Governor of the World Water Council  
- Mr. Mark Smith, IUCN |
| 2     | 10 min                    | Recommendations from contributors of the regional process (Africa, Arab, Europe regions) | Mr. Arnould LEFÉBURE, International Scheldt Commission |
| 3     | 15 min                    | Panel of session coordinators on “Cooperation for improving Transboundary Water management” (sessions 4.3.3., 4.3.4., 4.3.6.) | - Ms. Liana Ardiles López, General Director of Water, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment  
- Mr. Kabiné KOMARA, High Commissioner, OMVS, Former Guinea Prime Minister  
- Mr. Charles BINEY, Executive Director, Volta Basin Authority  
- Mr. Christopher BRIGGS, Secretary General, Ramsar  
- Mr. Jean-Michel COMPERE, Water compagnie of the greater Liège area - CILE (Belgium)  
- Mr. Jean SCHEPMAN, Artois-Picardie Water Agency Basin Committee,  
- Mr. So SOPHORT, MRC CEO  
- Mr. Alfredo MAMANI Salinas, Autoridad binacional del lago Titicaca |
| 4     | 30 min                    | 1st roundtable on Cooperation for improving Transboundary Water management | - Mrs. Marian Patrick, Stockholm International Water Institute  
- Mrs. Chantal Demilecamps, UNECE Water Convention  
- Mrs. Astrid Hillers, Global Environment Facility (GEF) |
| 5     | 15 min                    | Panel of session coordinators on Cooperation for Reducing Conflict (sessions 4.3.1., 4.3.2., 4.3.5.) |                   |
| 6     | 30 min                    | 2nd roundtable on Cooperation for Reducing Conflict | - Mr. Arnold KREILHUBER, UNEP  
- Mrs. Tracy MOLEFI, ANBO |
### Session Objectives and Outputs

To synthesize conclusions and recommendations on the 6 priority issues of theme 4.3:

1. **4.3.1** Understanding and Implementing Water Diplomacy in a complex multi-level governance context
2. **4.3.2** International Water Law and basin-level agreements
3. **4.3.3** Mandate, structure and means for efficient Transboundary River and Aquifer Basin joint Organizations and the public participation
4. **4.3.4** Building trust: Facilitating data and Information exchange between the riparian countries in transboundary basins
5. **4.3.5** Sharing benefits of transboundary water management through enhanced intersectoral cooperation
6. **4.3.6** Investing in Transboundary Basin Management, it pays back: sustainable funding of TBM and common infrastructures

### Session Contribution

(How this session can contribute to the implementation roadmap)

The recommendations can be integrated for the revision of the implementation roadmap.

### Targeted Audience in Your Session

- Government/Local government
- International Organization
- Public Corporation
- Academia, Research Institute
- Industry (Enterprises, etc.)
- CSO (Civil Society Organizations, NGO)
- Others (Youth)

### 2.1 Session Convenor (Working group coordinator)
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- Global Environment Facility,  
- Green Cross International

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Expected number of Participants(room size)  
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- □ 50~100pax  
- □ 100~150pax  
- □ 150~200pax  
- □ More than 200pax  

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+ Theater Type  
- □ Classroom Type  
- □ Roundtable Type  
- □ Others  

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+ Yes  

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Date 11 December 2014

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