



PRESS RELEASE

11th World General Assembly of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)*

"For Participative and Innovative Basin Management"

30 September – 3 October 2019
Marrakech (Morocco)

While water security is a major issue that affects socio-economic development on a global scale, enhancing the role of national and transboundary basins as effective water resources management unit will be at the core of the exchanges during the **INBO World General Assembly (WGA) to be held in conjunction with the "Marrakech International Summit on Water Security", from 30 September to 3 October 2019 in Marrakech.**

More than 300 participants from 65 countries, including more than 10 Ministers in charge of water management, will meet to share their knowledge and experiences and thus contribute to the development of practical and effective solutions to achieve a true water security.

Indeed, on all continents, water resources are encountering increasing pressures related to economic activity, population growth and urbanization. Added to this are the intensity and frequency of extreme hydrometeorological phenomena resulting from climate change.

In this context of quantitative and qualitative tensions, how can we ensure, on the river basin scale, sustainable access to water resources of enough quantity and quality for the health of human beings and ecosystems on which our societies depend?

INBO recommends an unprecedented dialogue and mobilization of all stakeholders to meet these many challenges. Because water concerns agriculture, energy, transport, conflict prevention, diplomacy, migrations, poverty reduction, food security, etc.

INBO WGA in Marrakesh, open to all INBO members and permanent observers, as well as to all water administrations interested in / concerned by Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), will therefore organize its work around these major strategic issues to allow all participants to strengthen their skills and actions.

For 4 days, speakers with varied profiles (Ministers, managers of Water Agencies and River Basin Organizations, representatives of UN specialized agencies: UN Water, UNECE, UNESCO...), coming from all continents will hold round tables and workshops on the following themes:

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- "Integrated water and energy management for food security and sustainable development";
- "The challenges of adapting water to climate change in river basins";
- "Knowledge, innovation and information sharing in the water sector";
- "Hydro-diplomacy, international and transboundary cooperation for water security";
- "Funding of water security".

Technical visits to the Menara and the Water Museum will close this meeting. The detailed programme is accessible [here](#)

INBO wishes to make this WGA and the results of its work an important step in the process of preparing the 9th World Water Forum planned in Dakar in March 2021, on the theme of "Water security for peace and sustainable development".

This INBO initiative is part of its [2019 - 2021 action plan](#) aimed at contributing to the implementation of solutions that will lead to guaranteeing water security worldwide, the cornerstone of sustainable development.

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