

## 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum: Thematic Process Issue Sessions – Reporting Template

<b>Thematic Session 4.3.6 Reporting (v.20 April 2015)</b>	
Session Title	4.3.6. Investing in Transboundary Basin Management, it pays back: Sustainable funding of TBM and common infrastructures
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1. The goal is to increase our success in implementing and scaling solutions for this issue. What are considered to be the <b><u>most critical enabling conditions</u></b> to achieve this success? (See examples in Annex 1)	<p>Transboundary Integrated Basin Management is a key issue for sustainable development and peace.</p> <p>It needs to be financed on a long term, financing both :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transboundary Basin Organisations (TBOs) themselves;</li> <li>- Concrete measures included in the Basin Management Plans.</li> </ul> <p>Creating common infrastructure is the best achievement of Transboundary Basin Management.</p> <p>Political will from Governments is the most critical enabling condition in order to implement adequate legal, institutional, financial framework and instruments, jointly with the dynamism of RBOs in exchanging experience and good practices.</p>
2. What are some key <b><u>global</u></b> action ideas from your discussion that can help make the efforts to implement and scale solutions for this issue more successful?	<p>Public funds are too limited in many countries, in order to support, alone, financial needs. Alternatives need to be implemented, starting with the contribution of water users, intersectoral solidarity but also innovative mechanisms (regional, public-private partnerships, etc.). Existing experience needs to be better shared and divulgated. New initiatives are crucial to expand the field of solutions.</p> <p>Few institutions have succeeded in conceiving Common Infrastructure involving various countries. Nevertheless, existing models are operational, replicable and bring much added value. More communication is needed in order to foster their replication.</p>
3. What are some key <b><u>local</u></b> action ideas from your discussion that can help make the efforts to implement and scale solutions for this issue more successful?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop number of Transboundary Basins where polluter pays and user pays principles are smoothly implemented</li> <li>• Test and promote innovative financial mechanisms, based on existing studies realized in various transboundary organizations, including Public-Private Partnership in some cases</li> <li>• Promote successful experiences, OMVS in particular, for developing common infrastructure between various countries; capitalize on political, legal, institutional, economic, social &amp; environmental points of view</li> </ul>
4. Based upon the outputs from this session, how could the <b><u>Implementation Roadmap</u></b> be further strengthened?	<p>The implementation roadmap could be further strengthened with inclusion of the action ideas mentioned above and a greater focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The definition and financing and implementation of a serie of specific projects aiming at implementing these local actions,</li> </ul>

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