

Your Excellencies,

Dear Colleagues,

First of all, I would like to thank the Government of Tajikistan and the UN Agencies for inviting my organisation at this very important Conference in Dushanbe.

INBO has been created in 1994 as an open network with the objective to support the creation and the strengthening of Basin Organisations everywhere in the world.

Today our network regroups 190 members and observers organisations in 69 countries.

INBO is a Network of Regional Net in Africa, Asia, Latin America, North America, Western and Central Europe, EECCA, the Mediterranean.

On the basis of the field experiences of our members we are now able to make some recommendations:

Clearly the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers appear to be the best territories to organize sound water resources management whenever they are transboundary, national or local. We have to consider not only surface water but also aquifers, wetlands, estuaries, and linked costal water. Not only water quantity but also water quality, risk management and protection of aquatic ecosystems.

A strong water information and monitoring system is needed to favour exchanges of data and create confidence between all the partners concerned by water issues in the basin.

These partners, governmental administrations, local authorities, economical sectors, NGOs etc. have to be associated in the decisions making:

The experience shows that the creation of Int. Commissions countries or councils is very useful to favour discussion confidence and commitments.

It is of prime importance to agree between all interested parties on a common vision for the future in the basin – which will be the basis for the elaboration of a basin management plan to fix the objectives for both the medium and long-term.

This basin management plan will be after implemented by programs of measures or actions.

We need money for the functioning of basin organization for investment and the functioning of water utilities. Certainly the 3T rule in is the only way to find basin management on the basis of taxes at national, local or basin level, tariffs and transfer for hydroelectricity or inland navigation for example.

To conclude:

- INBO strongly supports of course the necessity to have special water segment in the next Rio +20 conference.
- INBO, jointly with UNESCO, OECD, UNECE is coordinating the preparatory process on basin management and transboundary water issues for the next World Water Forum to be held in Marseilles France.

I invite you to participate and join us in this process as the Marseilles Forum will be a step on the way to Rio.

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