

Concept Note



Global Water and Climate Alliances side-event “COP22's legacy: Implementing the Global Climate Action Agenda in the water sector”

Thursday 4th May 17:30-19:00
AGL Conference,
Elgon Hall, Imperial Resort Beach Hotel
Mpigi Road, Entebbe, UGANDA
French/English interpretation available

Although water has for a long time been ignored by political climate discussions, the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP21 and COP22 marked a turning point in the recognition of water as a priority in the global climate agenda. Official high level events were dedicated to the issue of water and climate and a specific water component was included in the Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA ; a process launched to boost between the COPs cooperative action between governments, cities, business, investors and citizens to cut emissions rapidly and help vulnerable nations adapt to climate impacts).

Implementing the Global Climate Action Agenda in the water sector is as crucial as it is challenging. There is a need to structure collective efforts in the water sector. This is why the [Global Water and Climate Alliances \(GAWC\)](#) were launched at COP22. This coalition now gathers 450 organizations from around the world within the Basin Alliance (“Paris Pact”), the Business Alliance, the Alliance of Megacities and the Desalination Alliance. These Alliances have signed a Joint Declaration on November 2016 at COP22 in Marrakech committing themselves to mobilize their partners, identify and disseminate good practices and support the development of new projects by field actors engaged in adaptation and resilience of the water sector.

This side-event will present the Global Alliances for Water and Climate (GAWC) and their projects. It will introduce the Incubation platform, launched by the GAWC, which provides support for the technical and financial development of projects of adaptation to climate change in basins. Given its vulnerabilities to the impacts of climate change as well as the need to build its capacities, Africa is being targeted as the main beneficiaries of the incubation platform.

At least 20 people are expected to participate in the workshop, which targets in particular the following profiles of the audience of the AGL Conference:

- Project holders (in particular basin organizations, including but not limited to the African Great Lakes region),
- Donors.

It will start by the presentation of the GAWC and the Incubation platform by respectively the GAWC Secretary, Mr. Jean-François Donzier, and INBO Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Eric Tardieu. It will then include presentation of case studies of adaptation projects in basin to be discussed during exchanges of questions and answers.

This will be an opportunity to strengthen the recognition of the AGL International Conference as one of the milestone events for the preparation of the water actors contributing to COP23.

French/English interpretation is required for this side-event.

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Agenda

	Agenda	Who
10 min	Welcome and introduction to COP22's legacy for the water sector: the Global Alliance for Water and Climate (GAWC)	GAWC Secretary, Mr. Jean-François Donzier
10 min	Presentation of the Incubation platform	INBO Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Eric Tardieu
60 min	Presentation and discussion of case studies	Speakers TBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sanusi Imran ABDULLAHI, Executive Secretary, Lake Chad Basin Commission • Ms. Toupta BOGUENA, Executive Secretary, Niger Basin Authority • Mr. Kabiné Komara, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the Senegal River Basin (OMVS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Blaise TONDO, Chief Engineer, International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha • Mr. Rémi Touron, Rhône-Mediterranean Corsica Water Agency • Mr. Jacques Ganoulis, Special Secretary for Water, Greece • French Development Agency (speaker to be appointed)
10 min	Conclusion	GAWC Secretary, Mr. Jean-François Donzier