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WATER AND ADAPTATION TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE Global Climate Action Agenda





INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS Created in 1994 to facilitate operational exchanges between BO



INBO's REGIONAL NETWORKS



<u>188 FULL MEMBERS or PERMANENT OBSERVERS</u> in 82 COUNTRIES





Paris Pact on water and adaptation to climate change in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers

We, representatives of governments, international organizations, donors, national and transboundary basin organizations of rivers, lakes or aquifers, local authorities, of the civil society and companies, support the integration of fresh water into the Global Climate Action Agenda, especially for initiating or strengthening necessary adaptation actions in the basins of rivers, lakes, aquifers, large wetlands as well as coastal areas.

GENERAL STATEMENT

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Climate change is already affecting and will increasingly affect the quantity and quality of freshwater and aquatic ecosystems, especially through the intensity and greater frequency of extreme hydrological events, such as floods and droughts, as well as the increase in ocean level, which threaten security, economic and social development and the environment

We recognize that adaptation actions should be undertaken without delay to minimize the impacts of climate change on the populations' health and safety, on economic development and the environment, considering the importance of the protection of water-related ecosystems.

The basins are natural areas where water flows on the surface and in the subsoil: they are the relevant territories for organizing water resources management.

In order to ensure more effectiveness, these actions to adapt to climate change should thus be implemented at the level of river, lake and aquifer basins, through a joint, participative, integrated and sustainable water resources management.

We should act quickly before it is too late!

To that end, mobilizing new and increasing funding dedicated to climate change adaptation in basins is essential. Therefore, new basin organizations and existing ones should be financed and strengthened to facilitate the cooperation, coordination and exchange of information, dialogue, consultation and prevention of conflicts between stakeholders and to enhance the implementation of adaptation measures and the sharing of benefits on the basin scale.

We encourage donors to support prior assessments and actions for adaptation to climate change in basins,

Local authorities and communities, economic sectors and the civil society should be better associated and involved in basin management, including in the definition and implementation of adaptation measures.

Cooperation and exchange should increase between the institutions involved, especially among the basin organizations at the global and regional levels in order to facilitate the transfer of experience and know-how on best practices in basin management and adaptation to climate change.









Paris Pact on water and adaptation to climate change in basins



RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

 Reinforce capacity development and knowledge, Establish risk warning and water information systems in a context of uncertainty.
Adapt basin management planning to climate change, Better controlling water demand and developing a more efficient and sustainable use of water resources (including groundwater) - Enhance the services of water-related ecosystems
Reinforce governance, Create new basin organizations and reinforce existing ones Support mechanisms for the involvement of the stakeholders in basin management,
Ensure adequate financing. Establish investment program and sustainable financing mechanisms

We do not have to reinvent the wheel to act quickly!

Did you sign it?

Basin fundamentals

Basins are the natural territories in which water flows – on the

soil or in the sub-soil – and are independent of the national or

administrative boundaries or limits crossed

THE BASIN CONCEPT CAN BE USED TO DELIMIT THE RECHARGE AREAS AND THE AREAS WHERE WATER FLOWS IN:

•Rivers

Lakes

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•Aquifers

•Estuaries and coastal zones



Conjunctive uses and management of water systems should be organized on the scale at which these natural systems occur – and are used for human activities - <u>at the basin level</u>.

All kinds of water Are taken jointly into consideration









What do we consider as a *Basin*?

For the purpose of the working group the concept includes all





Groundwater

Basin governance



The geographic extent of a basin will determine the mix of actors for management activities: local, national and/or international organizations.



TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SIX RIVERS 156 LAKES AND HUNDREDS OF AQUIFERS ARE TRANSBOUNDARY ONES





<u>Transboundary basins per continent.</u>

		Pourcentage du territoire
Afrique	<mark>ら</mark>	<u>52</u> %
Asie	57	<u>39</u> %
Europe	69	<mark>54</mark> %
Amerique du Nord	다 나	35 %
Amerique du Sud	<mark>33</mark>	<u>50 %</u>
TOTAL	275	45 %

Transboundary aquifers



Map of the River and Groundwater Basins of the World



Even if Area extent of surface basins and aquifers sometimes differs







United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



International Hydrological Programme

A solution to face global changes? IWRM:

- Integrated Water Resources Management at rivers, lakes and aquifers
- **basins' level**



- 1) on the scale of local, national or transboundary basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers;
- 2) with a joint management of surface and groundwaters,
- 3) based on integrated information systems, allowing knowledge on resources and their uses, polluting pressures, ecosystems and their functioning, the follow-up of their evolutions and risk assessment.
- 4) with a set of indicators to follow progresses and to facilitate comparisons,



- 5) based on management plans or master plans that define the medium and long-term objectives to be achieved: "the share vision of the future";
- 6) through the development of Programs of Measures and multiyear priority investments;
- 7) with the mobilization of specific financial resources, "OECD 3T"; If possible based on the « polluter-pays » principle and « user-pays » systems;
- 8) with the participation in decision-making of the concerned Governmental Administrations and local Authorities, the representatives of different categories of users and associations for environmental protection or of public interest.





In Europe,

<u>Riparian Countries in transboundary basins</u> <u>have created joint managing bodies</u> sometime for decades.

Such International Commissions allow:

- better dialogue,
- exchanging useful information and warning,
- resolving potential conflicts,
- sharing benefits from better joint management and
- strengthening transboundary cooperation.

However, these institutions may be effective only if they have mandates clearly defining their tasks and responsibilities and if they have the necessary and sufficient human, technical and financial resources and their sustainability guaranteed.



INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

OVERALL MEETING

OF RATIONAL AND LEGITIMATE DEMANDS

Agriculture	Electricity
Domestic uses	Transports
Industry	Leisure- Tourism
Fish farming	Fishing

• WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND RECYCLING,

• CONSERVATION OF ECOSYSTEMS:

rivers, lakes, wetlands, aquifers, costal areas,

• **<u>RISK PREVENTION :</u>**

Erosion
Drought
Floods

IWRM CONCERNS



ALL MAJOR WATER USES





Conflicts

requirements collected from each point of view



Reaching **agreement** with an ambitious program

Designing a program through **clalogue**





DIALOGUE



Resources

- Surface water (Rivers –Lakes)
- Groundwater
- Wetlands





- Quantity
- Quality
- Ecology
- Requirements
- Abstractions
- Discharges
 - Flowrates

INFORMATION

- Pollution
- Frequencies
- G.I.S
- Cost, budget...



water resources management should be organized:







Baseline scenario: projection for 2025



Focus on economic aspects:

- estimate the economic "weight" of water uses and services
- assess the level of recovery of costs of water services

Baseline scenario:

- appraisal of evolutions of uses, pressures...
- identification of potential gaps in water status with GES

based on management plans or master plans that define the medium and long-term objectives to be achieved; As adaptation actions will take several decades before having a visible and significant effect





the mobilization of specific financial resources,

VARIOUS COMPLEMENTARY SYSTEMS FOR COST RECOVERY: THE 3x"T"

TAXES:

- * Paid to the GENERAL STATE BUDGET:
 - General taxes or penal fines
 - New ecological tax.

* <u>Water-related CHARGES:</u>

- National water charges transiting through "Special Accounts of the Treasury"
- Basin water charges levied by the Water Agency

TARIFFS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Price of raw water – levied by big developers Price of drinking water – levied by the municipalities or were suppliers

TRANSFERTS: International aid or from other economical sectors.

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