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# **INBO's REGIONAL NETWORKS**



#### Global warming cannot now be avoided. Fresh water resources will be directly affected in the coming years!

# water availability



# Global warming cannot now be avoided.



- Many of the major "food-bowls" of the world are projected to become significantly drier
- Globally there will be more precipitation
- Higher temperatures will tend to reduce run off
- A few important areas drier (Mediterranean, southern South America, northern Brazil, west and south Africa)

# **Climate change consequences**







The climate change is likely to increase the frequency of extreme events, such as floods and droughts:

#### **Globally:**

Accelerated glacial and snow melt will change patterns in Water supply



### Melting glaciers could initially:

- increase flood risk ,
- strongly reduce water supplies,
- -- threaten around 1/6 of world's population.





#### Mountains are the« water towers of the planet »,



 Agricultural productivity is projected to decrease in the tropics and sub-tropics.
 crop yields in Southern Europe are expected to decline by 20% with a 2°C increase in global temperatures.





#### Rising sea levels will result in tens to hundreds of million of people moving!



Potential impact of sea level rise: Nile Delta

Population: 3 800 000 Cropland (Km<sup>2</sup>): 1 800



Population: 6 100 000 Cropland (Km<sup>2</sup>): 4 500



Sources: Otto Simonett, UNEP/GRID Geneva; Prof. G. Sestini, Florence; Remote Sensing Center, Cairo; DIERCKE Weltwirtschaftsatlas.





Indeed, basins are the natural territories, in which water runs, on the soil or in the sub-soil, whatever are the national or administrative boundaries or limits crossed.



An overall approach should be organized on the relevant scale of basin areas of rivers, lakes and aquifers,

# WITH REGARD TO FLOODS:

# India

Reuters August 11, 2006 "Indian floods: kill 350, leave 4m homeless in 5 Indian states"







Future return period [years] of floods with an intensity of today's 100-year events:



#### « UPSTREAM-DOWNSTREAM » COMMON CAUSE ON THE SCALE OF BASINS AND SUB-BASINS

Sub-basin/Sector/ Water type element of district to deal with particular aspects

THE DIFFERENT HYDROLOGICAL SCALES:

> <u>Water bodies</u> scale of evaluation of the achievement of good status

> > <u>District =</u> river basins + associated groundwaters and coastal waters





# FLOOD CONTROL: PROTECTION, FORECAST, PREVENTION.







PROTECTION AGAINST FLOODS MUST PASS THROUGH A COORDINATED APPROACH, COMBINING, <u>ON THE SCALE OF BASINS AND SUB-BASINS:</u>

- Protecting people and properties,
- Reducing vulnerabilities,
  - Restoring the free flow of rivers,
  - Preserving rehabilitating the natural flooding areas,
- Foreseeing hazardous events,
  - Identification of hazardous areas,
  - Prohibition of buildings in the exposed areas,
- Warning and educating.



# **Persistent droughts**





Reuters, Feb. 20, 2006 "Approximately <u>11 million</u> people are threatened by starvation in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Tanzania... Rain is unlikely before April"









# En ce qui concerne les sêcheresses...

### <u>WE MAY FACE MORE AND MORE CONFLICTS FOR WATER ACCESS</u> <u>:</u> JOURDAN RIVER BASIN

2000



1950





2020











#### IS WATER EQUITABLY AND SOUNDLY SHARED BETWEEN THE VARIOUS USES, ENSURING A BETTER OPTIMIZATION OF WATER AND AVOIDING WASTAGES?







#### MOBILIZING NEW RESOURCES SHOULD BE PLANNED WHEN THEY ARE ECOLOGICALLY ACCEPTABLE AND ECONOMICALLY REASONABLE.



## ... MUST BECOME PRIORITIES.

- THE DESALINATION OF SEA WATER,
  RESEARCH ON LOW-CONSUMPTION USES...
- GROUNDWATER RECHARGE,
- THE REUSE OF TREATED WASTE WATER,
- RECYCLING,
- LEAK DETECTION,
- WATER SAVING,

# AVOIDING WASTAGES!

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### **WITH REGARD TO DROUGHTS:**





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#### A NEW APPROACH TO WATER USES IN AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE LOOKED FOR.







# Participation in decision-making



 The representatives of populations and local authorities, water users or organizations representing collective interest should participate in basin management beside administrations, especially, in Basin Councils or Committees.



#### **Conflicts** requirements collected from each point of view



# Reaching **agreement** with an ambitious program

## Designing a program through **dialogue**





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#### water resources management should be organized:



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#### **Example of SINA and SIRA in Mexico**

#### 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.



#### water resources management should be organized:



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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

# <u>based on management plans or master plans</u>

that define the medium and long-term objectives to be achieved;







## with the mobilization of specific financial resources,

#### VARIOUS COMPLEMENTARY SYSTEMS FOR COST RECOVERY



ADMINISTRATIVE TAXES: paid to the general budget. General taxes or penal fines

New ecological tax.

#### **WATER-RELATED CHARGES:**

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

#### **THE PRICING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

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

**TRANSFERTS**: International aid or from other economical sectors.

### 6) with the mobilization of specific financial resources,





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#### **FINANCING WATER POLICY:**



**EQUALIZATION OF FINANCIAL EFFORTS:** 

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**Territorial equalization:** in the same geographic area or basin

Sectoral equalization: between public services – drinking water – electricity – sanitation – solid wastes ...

Equalization between users: rich, poor, big consumers / polluters, small consumers / polluters

**Equalization between functions:** between upstream and downstream areas, between commercial services and administrative functions







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# Implementation of the European Water Framework Directive in the 27 countries

of the enlarged European Union,

as well as in the candidate countries for accession, is a major milestone for promoting the principles of good governance advocated by INBO.

# Directive 2000/60/EC of 23 October 2000

establishing a framework for the Community action in the field of water policy.

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The demographic, economic and ecological consequences of the climate change are likely to be very significant.

It is thus essential to adapt water resources management policies, by taking into account the new elements of this change.

It is especially necessary to quickly evaluate the hydrological consequences of this change, according to various scenarios, to increase the thinking about and prospective, by developing adapted research programs.





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