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Thematic Process Session

Concluding session 4.3: Cooperation for Reducing Conflict and Improving Transboundary Water management

Thursday 16 April, 17h-19h
Daegu EXCO, room DEC_304

Reporting of session 4.3.1.

Water Diplomacy and Multilevel Governance

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KEY CHALLENGES.....CONNECTING THE DOTS

- CONNECTING THE LEVELS OF GOVERNANCE....THE ACTORS AND THE RULES
- CONNECTING THE ISSUE WITH THE CONTEXT....CONFLICTS CAN EMERGE AT ANY LEVEL AND CAN SPILL OVER INTO OTHER LEVELS
- CONNECTING DIPLOMACY EFFORTS.....BOTTOM UP, TOP DOWN, FILLING THE GAPS
- CONNECTING THE COOPERATION INCENTIVES....WHERE THE BENEFITS AND BURDENS FALL
- CONNECTING THE DONORS.....CO-ORDINATING FUNDING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN BASINS



MANY OF US ARE THIRD PARTY ACTORS IN BASINS.....WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND OUR ROLE AS FACILITATORS IN CONNECTING THE DOTS



KEY MESSAGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- NEED FOR EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN WATER DIPLOMACY TO BE PRIORITISED
- NEED FOR CHAMPIONS FROM WITHIN THE RIPARIANS TO ADVANCE THE PROGRESS OF WATER COOPERATION
- NEED TO RECOGNISE THAT WATER COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY ARE SOCIAL PROCESSES
- NEED TO ENGAGE WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO COLLECTIVELY FIND APPROPRIATE AND MEANINGFUL SOLUTIONS TO WATER PROBLEMS
- NEED TO CONTEXTUALISE WATER DIPLOMACY EFFORTS FOR **EFFECTIVE** COOPERATION
- NEED FOR COHERENT LEGISLATION BETWEEN RIPARIANS
- NEED TO EXPAND THE SOLUTION SPACE TO INCLUDE NON-STATE ACTORS IN WATER ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT DECISIONS
- NEED FOR GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASING FOCUS ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATER INVESTMENTS AND A NEED TO INCLUDE FINANCE AND BUSINESS ACTORS IN DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE