

Thematic Process Session Proposal

4.3.3: Mandate, structure and means

for efficient Transboundary River and Aquifer Basin joint Organizations

Thursday 16 April, 9h-11h
DEC_304, DAEGU - EXCO, 3F Room 314 (200 seats, theatre)
Online program available (v05.03.2015)

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1. Session

Reference theme* □ 1.1. Enough Safe Water for All □ 1.2. Integrated Sanitation for All ☐ 1.3. Adapting to Change: Managing Risk and Uncertainty for Resilience and Disaster Preparedness □ 1.4. Infrastructure for Sustainable Water Resource □ 2.1. Water for Food □ 2.2. Water and Energy □ 2.3. Water and Cities □ 3.1. Green Growth, Water Stewardship and Industry □ 3.2. Managing and Restoring Ecosystems for Water Services and Biodiversity □ 3.3. Ensuring Water Quality from Ridge to Reef □ 3.4. SMART Implementation of IWRM ☐ 4.1. Economics and Financing for Innovative Investments □ 4.2. Effective Governance: Enhanced Political Decisions, Stakeholder Participation and Technical Information X 4.3. Cooperation for Reducing Conflict and Improving Transboundary Water Management ☐ 4.4. Water Cultures, Justice and Equity □ 4.5. Enhancing Education and Capacity Building □ Concluding Session (Design Group only) Session type* X Issue Session (Session Group) □ Regional Process (please specify: Joint Session with different processes □ Political Process (please specify: ☐ Science and Technology Process (please specify:

Session title* (please kindly use media-friendly language) (Two proposals at this stage)

4.3.3 Mandate, structure and means for efficient Transboundary River and Aquifer Basin joint Organizations:

How to develop efficient joint organizations for transboundary rivers and aquifer basins by a clear mandate and effective structure?

Or: Mandates, structures and means to underpin effective and efficient joint organizations for transboundary rivers and aquifer basins.

Session description* (180 words, please kindly use media-friendly language)

Developing a joint organization for a transboundary river and aquifer basin requires a clear mandate from decision-makers, a solid and efficient structure and a set of means (financing, staff, capacities, databases, etc.).

The session will offer the possibility to analyse through relevant examples those requirements and their implications for the efficiency and effectiveness the joint waters management in a transboundary context.

Effective and sustainable legal and institutional frameworks at basin level (transboundary river and lake basin and/or aquifer) are necessary to assure the sustainability of water resources and to increase the water security for competing uses across sectors and borders, including ecosystems.

The overall objective of the session is to discuss attributes of effective joint institutions for collaborative management of transboundary surface water (river and lake) and groundwater (aquifer).

scale of the transboundary basin, organizations with a clear and realistic mandate to manage both surface and ground waters. A first difficulty is that the boundaries of the basins (aquifer and river or lake) are rarely the same. Secondly, the physical

constraints and characteristics of the various waters are not the same. Even, in general, the teams (administrators, developers, scientists) working on aquifers and surface waters are different. In addition, most basin organizations are challenged by matching their vision – mostly one talking to increasing development and benefits from cooperation in general – to mandates which often do not lend themselves to involving multi-sectoral players beyond the water sector.

Session Duration	*	□ 90min X□ 120min		
	Order	Estimated lead time (min)	Description of items/presentations	Confirmed speakers
	1	20	Opening Key note	- <u>Jean-François DONZIER</u> , INBO World Secretary - <u>Alice AURELI</u> , UNESCO ISARM - <u>Astrid HILLERS</u> , The GEF
	2	25	First round table Appropriate mandates to underpin basin organizations for joint management of transboundary water and related basin resources	- Ivan ZAVADSKY, Executive Secretary, International Danube Basin - ICPDR - Dorothy KAGGWA, Nile Basin Initiative - Bouangeun OUDOMCHIT, Deputy GD Department of Water Resources, MNRE-Laos
Session schedule in detail (Insert as many items as you wish)	3	25	2 nd round table Developing efficient structures for effective management of transboundary rivers and aquifers	- Arnould LEFÉBURE, Secretary International Scheldt Commission, - Lenka THAMAE, ORASECOM - Cumali KINACI, General Director Turkish Ministry of Fores and Water - Roberto SALMON CASTELO, International Boundary and Water Commission – CILA –USA / Mexico
	4	25	3 rd Round table Necessary means for conjunctive management of surface water and aquifers (Case studies from Europe, Africa, America and Asia)	- Charles BINEY, Executive Secretary, Volta Basin Authority - Sulton RAHIMZODA, Tajikistan Water vice Minister - Martin GUESPEREAU, GD RMC Water Agency International Rhone Base - Dr Jennifer Molwantwa Water Research Commission, South Africational Base - Jean Bosco BAZIE, Eau Vive – IWS Montreal
	5	25	Discussion with the participants Recommendations Further development	Animated by: - <u>Daniel VALENSUELA</u> INBO - <u>Astrid HILLERS</u> - The GE - <u>Alice AURELI</u> — UNESO

Session objectives and outputs* (please kindly use media-friendly language)

The session will develop practical recommendations for enhancing the joint management of transboundary aquifer and surface waters

through the reinforcement of existing basin organizations or by the creation of transboundary basin structures with a clear mandate and strong capacities.

Session Contribution* (How this session can contribute to the implementation roadmap)

Developing, at the transboundary basin scale, the efficient joint management of aquifers and rivers will allow a more sustainable use of all water resources and therefore more secure water resources and balanced water uses. Joint organizations are a critical point for strengthening water diplomacy and reducing conflicts among riparian countries.

Targeted audience in your session*

X Government/Local government X International Organization + Public Corporation X Academia, Research Institute □ Industry (Enterprises, etc.) + CSO (Civil Society Organizations, NGO) + Others (basin organisations)

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