

## THEME CAPACITY

### Session 8.a.1 : Information and training for decision makers

Monday 19th March, 16h30-18h00

Room 24 (former ST3 -M9)

<b>Media-friendly title</b>	Session 8.a.1 Capacity for building the water futur
<b>Working title</b>	Session 8.a.1 : Information and training for decision makers
<b>Key question</b>	<p>How can we ensure science-based information is used by the decision-makers and local authorities in water resources management?</p> <p>How to train decision makers to improve water management and participation of water users, citizens, youth and communities?</p>
<b>Media-friendly session summary (3-5 sentences)</b>	<p>Democratic access to information is the most efficient way to raise awareness among the society and public administrators about the importance of prioritizing water in public policies. For this, the training of decision makers is central to the development of strategies that seek to increase the participation of youth and other actors such as water community managers, in the pursuit for water sustainability in the face of climate change.</p>
<b>Session description</b>	<p>Decision makers and water related stakeholders need information and the development of knowledge skills and capabilities relative to socio-environmental processes and dimensions of water. Participatory processes imply different stakeholders should be empowered to enter into dialogue around water-related issues, and this is key for better integrated water resources management processes in emerging, developing and transitioning countries. Training case studies for specific decision makers or for new technologies can be used to facilitate problem oriented dialogues and to improve interdisciplinary education processes. Gaps and best practices can be shared to bring lessons to suggest new pathways.</p>

<p><b>Confirmed convening organizations and contact information</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PCJ CONSORTIUM - Francisco Carlos Castro Lahóz (<a href="mailto:andrea.borges@agua.org.br">andrea.borges@agua.org.br</a>) – <b>SCG Leader and moderator</b></li> <li>● ANBO - African Network of Basin Organizations - Lamine Ndiaye (<a href="mailto:elaminendiaye@gmail.com">elaminendiaye@gmail.com</a>) <b>SCG Member</b></li> <li>● SENACE, Hydrogeologist Especialist Marielena Lucen Bustamante, (Peru), <a href="mailto:malenalucen@gmail.com">malenalucen@gmail.com</a> - <b>SCG Member</b></li> <li>● LNEC /LIS-Water - Helena Alegre (<a href="mailto:halegre@lnec.pt">halegre@lnec.pt</a>) – <b>SCG Member</b></li> <li>● Fundación Avina - Lil Soto (<a href="mailto:lil.soto@avina.net">lil.soto@avina.net</a>) - <b>SCG Member</b></li> <li>● INWTC (as Topic Coordination Group leader)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other associated organizations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global Youth Hub for Water, Representative, Agatha Tommasi,</li> <li>- GWP - Global Water Partnership - Kenge James Gunya</li> <li>- SIAAP - Great Paris Sanitation Syndicate - Laurence Pellisson-Demoulin</li> <li>- COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE (INDIA) - Prof. Shashidhar Shirahatti</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session outline and time allocation</b></p>	<p>INTRODUCTION (10 min): Chair WWF 8 Citizen Process - Mr. Lupércio Ziroldo Antônio; Opening with a short video (5 min)</p> <p>KEYNOTE SPEECH (5 min): PCJ CONSORTIUM - Mr. Francisco Carlos Castro Lahóz</p> <p>PANEL (45 min) : <b>moderator PCJ CONSORTIUM</b> - Mr. Francisco Carlos Castro Lahóz</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Questions for the panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can we ensure science-based information is used by the decision-makers and local authorities in water resources management?</li> <li>2. How to train decision makers to improve water management and participation of water users, citizens, youth and communities?</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Judith Enaw, Secretary General of the International Commission for the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha basin (CICOS), President of the African Network of Basin Organizations</li> <li>2. Ms. Agatha Tommasi, Global Youth Hub for Water (Brazil)</li> <li>3. Mr. Edouard Boinet, Secretariat, International Network for Water Training Center</li> <li>4. Mr. David Korenfeld, President, Mexican National Committee of the UNESCO-PHI (CONAMEXPHI)</li> <li>5. Ms. Helena Alegre, Senior Research Officer, National Laboratory for Civil Engineering (LNEC; Portugal)</li> <li>6. Prof Liu Cheng, Deputy division director from the UNESCO-IRTCES, Ministry of Water Resources (MWR), China</li> <li>7. Ms. Lil Soto, Fundación Avina (Panamá)</li> </ol> <p>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (25 min – between the speakers using the hashtag from social medias like twitter)</p> <p>CONCLUSION (5 min): Alexandros Kirikos Makarigakis, Programme Specialist “Water for Human Settlements”, UNESCO-IHP</p>

	<p>Lil Soto suggested the insertion of participatory activities within the session, like a moderator intervening to ask questions that will be posted on the social media of the world water forum, using the hashtag “#Capacity4WaterFuture”.</p> <p>We supported this suggestion, because we believe that the forum organization will provide computers with internet access in each session. With the computer will be possible to see all the mentions about the #Capacity4WaterFuture on facebook, twitter, google+ and other social medias indicated by organization. Our idea is use this tool to promote audience participation with questions and comments during the session, not only on the "questions and answers phase". We (Andrea and Murilo) are going to be responsible to read the questions and tell it to the speakers, helping Francisco Lahóz (moderator). At the end of each speaker presentation, we will read one or two comments about the presentation, promoting a discussion among the audience and the speaker.</p> <p><b>In the absence of wi-fi, questions will be asked in writing.</b></p>
<p><b>Missing stakeholders</b></p>	<p>N.A.</p>
<p><b>Expected outcomes, impacts and follow-up linkages with events and initiatives after the Forum</b></p>	<p>Increased offerings of good practices, training and courses aimed at the various opinion formers; and development of new platforms to exchange experiences and democratize knowledge.</p> <p>Provisional outcomes include the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Make knowledge available to decision makers. It requires both the development of water monitoring networks and Water Information Systems (WIS) at all levels (regional, transboundary, national, basin level) for the production of science-based information made understandable to feed the decision-making process, and the training of the manager/decision-makers.</li> <li>● Promote education, awareness raising and capacity building of decision makers on water issues. Initial and continued vocational training of water managers (water and sanitation services, water resources management) is a vital tool for boosting the efficiency of organizations working in the water sector.</li> <li>● Reinforce awareness, among decision-makers, of the importance of vocational water training in development strategies and programmes.</li> <li>● Incorporate vocational training into human resource development strategies: consider training as an essential component of Human Resource Management, develop skills in line with career progression, systematically draw up long-term Training Plans both nationally and within water organizations in charge of water and sanitation and water resources management.</li> <li>● Vocational training for water decision makers must be strengthened. It should be supported by sustainable financial mechanisms and by the creation and development of national or international specialized training centers.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● International cooperation organizations should implement these recommendations and promote the assessment and exchange of know-how in professional training and education, including via support to capacity building operators and networks developing experience sharing between existing training centers and new ones.</li> <li>● Promote sharing experiences between water stakeholders concerning the most efficient consultation and participation mechanisms : it allow to create links between representatives of local authorities, economic sectors and civil society (involved in these procedure).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cross-cutting questions</b></p>	<p>The other themes interested in the questions raised in this session are mainly themes 1. Climate, 4. Urban, 5. Ecosystem and 9. Governance.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p><b>CAPACITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How to involve all in water management and governance: public, private, civil society - women and men - young and old - in bottom up and top down approaches?</li> </ul> <p><b>SHARING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How to involve all in water management and governance: public, private, civil society - women and men - young and old - in bottom up and top down approaches? (via training, empowering stakeholders and decision-makers to use and be a source of science-based information)</li> </ul> <p><b>GOVERNANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How do you contribute to designing and implementing IWRM-wise policies/projects in your theme? (via training of decision-makers and stakeholders on how to implement IWRM policies and projects at basin level -see the 6 principles operationalizing principles)</li> <li>● How do you foster transboundary cooperation in your theme? (via training of decision-makers and stakeholders on the interest to manage water resources at the scale of transboundary basins -optimal development choice based on hydrometeorological context rather than administrative boundaries.</li> </ul>

## ANNEX. Guidelines & logistics for Rooms 24-25-26-27

### 1. THE SESSION COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Invite speakers/moderators/panelists/rapporteurs
- Inform the Secretariat who are the speakers/moderators/panelists/rapporteurs and their complete data (name, institution, role, contacts – email and telephone)
- Download the template and upload the presentation (by March 10th) at the following link: <https://mci.events/worldwaterforum8/inscricaoCarrinho/login.php>. This area can only be accessed after the registration process is complete, including the payment field.
- Make sure all the panelists complete the registration

### 2. SESSION DESIGN

Your session will be hosted in the ST auditoriums. Each Session will last 90 minutes. The session coordinator is responsible for the speaking time of each participant, designing the session accordingly with the available infrastructure.

#### Room Infrastructure

- Microphones - 3
- Full audio system
- Projector
- Presentation remote control
- Screen
- Session Audio Recording
- Translation: English/Portuguese - Portuguese/English
- Stage format: 4 seats and side table
- Coordination team for support – 1 area coordinator (per wing), receptionists, 1 technical operator
- There will be no notebooks available, nor will there be connections for private notebooks. All the content for the presentations will be managed through a house mix.
- Capacity: 91 pax, including 3 accessible seats, each