

WWF8 - CITIZENS PROCESS

Strengthening citizens participation in basin management: policy, representativeness and challenges

Wednesday 21st March, 9:00-12:30

Room SC2

Media-friendly title	Participatory basin management: getting it right!
Working title	Strengthening citizens participation in basin management: policy, representativeness and challenges
Key questions	<p>What the practical interests of establishing a participatory basin management?</p> <p>How can we best organize the participation of local authorities, economic sectors and citizens in basin management?</p> <p>What are the best experiences of basin committees/councils?</p> <p>What means are required to improve participation of basin stakeholders? (access to information, secretariat, training of sectors representatives, etc.)</p>
Media-friendly session summary (3-5 sentences)	Participation is one crucial factor determining the success (or failure) of water resources management. It shouldn't be applied for the mere consideration of its ethical value as one component of "good governance": it also deserve interest for its practical interests. But establishing participatory basin management is not easy and this session will present how to get it right! (This session provide sharing experiences to improve participatory basin management, that is challenging issue in water governance)
Session description	This session will analyze the political and institutional context for managing basin committees and watershed organizations as a participatory approach to water management. There will be considered three main dimensions in the discussion: a) influencing public policy for implementing and maintaining basin organisms, b) representation of citizens in the committees and c) effectiveness of the society participation as a multi-stakeholder management forum.

<p>Confirmed convening organization(s) and contact information</p> <p>(SCG Members)</p>	<p>SCG:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brazilian Network of Basin Organizations (BNBO) 2. International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) 3. Latin American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO) 4. African Network of Basin Organizations (ANBO) 5. Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO)
<p>Other associated organizations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 2. Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS) 3. Ms. Charafat Afailal, Minister Delegate for Water to the Minister of Energy, Mining, Water and the Environment, Kingdom of Morocco, 4. Ms. Belinda C. Constant, Mayor of Gretna, Louisiana, Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative -MRCTI (USA), 5. Ms. Sonia Alejandra Perdomo Arias, Adviser to the Director General, International and institutional cooperation, 6. Ms. Aziza Akhmouch, Head of Unit “SDGs, Water and Local Public Services”, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), 7. Mr. Manuel Gómez Melchor, River Basin Council Manager, CONAGUA 8. Mr. Hamed Diane Semega, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS) 9. Mr. Pavel Punčochář, Director General, Water Section Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic, 10. Marie-France Toule, Basin Committe Martinique Islands (Caribbean), 11. Patrick Lecante, President, Guyane Basin Committee, 12. Martin Malvy, President of Basin Committee of Adour-Garonne Rivers (France) 13. Adriana Pectu, State Secretary Ministry of Water and Forests, ROMANIA 14. Judith Enaw, CICOS 15. Roberto Olivares, President of LANBO & President of Basin Mexico, 16. Walter Mazzitti, Ministry of Environment Italy & EMWIS,

Session outline and time allocation

SESSION N°1 – 09H00 – 10H30

(3'45" Video Aquamadre)

INTRODUCTION (7 Min) by the Session President and coordinator: **Mr. Lupercio Zirolto Antonio**, President Brazilian Network of Basin Organizations and Permanent technical secretary, Latin American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO) – President of the Citizens Process of the WWF8

KEYNOTE SPEECH n°1 (7 min): Ms. Lilian Cristina de M. Guimarães Bozzi, Executive Secretariat, PCJ Consortium (Brazilia)

PANEL n°1 (45 min) : animated by Ms. Aziza Akhmouch, Head of Unit "SDGs, Water and Local Public Services", Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),

Questions for the panel :

1. What the practical interests of establishing a participatory basin management?
2. How can we best organize the participation of local authorities, economic sectors and citizens in basin management?

Panelists:

1. Ms. Charafat Afailal, Minister Delegate for Water to the Minister of Energy, Mining, Water and the Environment, Kingdom of Morocco,
2. Ms. Belinda C. Constant, Mayor of Gretna, Louisiana, Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative -MRCTI (USA),
3. Ms. Sarah Dousse, Executive Director, International Secretariat for Water (ISW/SIE)
4. Mr. Paulo Lopes Varella, President, Federal Basin Committee, Former Director of the National Water Agency of Brazil (ANA).
5. Mr. Hamed Diane Semega, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS)
6. Mr. Antonio Carlos Ramon Guinea, President of the CH of Guadalquivir river basin, Spain or Tomas Sancho Marco, Presidente of the CH del Ebro
7. Mr. Patrick Lecante, President, Guyana Basin Committee
8. Mr. Roberto Olivares, President of LANBO & President of Basin Mexico,

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH THE AUDIENCE n°1 (25 min)

10h30 – 11h : Break

SESSION N°2 –11H00 – 12H30

KEYNOTE SPEECH n°2 (10 min): Jean-François Donzier,
INBO General Secretary
International Network of Basin Organizations

PANEL n°2 (45 min) : animated by Mr. Manuel Alejandro Gómez Melchor, Gerente de Consejos de Cuenca - Comisión Nacional del Agua (CONAGUA) and President of NANBO – North American Network of Basin Organizations

Questions for the panel:

1. What are the best experiences of basin committees/councils?
2. What means are required to improve participation of basin stakeholders? (Access to information, secretariat, training of sectors representatives, etc.)

Panelists:

1. Mr. Christian Lécussan, President of FEDARIVE, National Federation of Residents Associations and Industrial Users of Water
2. Ms. Lesha Witmer, Steering Committee of Women for *Water* Partnership,
3. Ms Hellen Natu, Nile Basin Discourse, Uganda
4. Mr. Thierry Burlot, President, Basin Committee Loire-Brittany,
5. Ms. Adriana Petcu, State Secretary Ministry of Water and Forests, Romania
6. Ms. Judith Enaw, Secretary General, International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha river basin (CICOS)
7. Mr. Walter Mazzitti, Ministry of Environment Italy & EMWIS,

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH THE AUDIENCE (25 min)

CONCLUSION (10 min) : by the session President and moderator, **Mr. Lupercio Zirolto Antonio,**
President of the WWF8 Citizens Process, President of the Brazilian Network of Basin Organizations and Latin American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO) Permanent Secretary.

<p>Expected outcomes, impacts and follow-up linkages with events and initiatives after the Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The effective participation of civil society and stakeholders in decision-making and management processes should be promoted ● It needs to include a wide range of actors, including local people, women, youth and the private sector ● It is necessary to use dialogue frameworks, such as basin committees or councils, local water commissions or river or aquifer contracts for this purpose. This will contribute to establish efficient strategies for management of water resources with shared benefits and costs. ● It is important to promote exchanges of experiences on the most effective mechanisms for dialogue and participation of water stakeholders worldwide and to create links between representatives of local authorities, economic sectors and the civil society involved in these processes. ● Participatory basin management should be promoted, for instance initiative such as the "AQUAMADRE" project, which aims to facilitate this contact between the stakeholders involved. It is advisable that the members of the Basin Committees and Councils that already exist in many countries organize an enhanced cooperation among themselves.
<p>Cross-cutting questions</p>	<p>SHARING</p> <p>l⇒ 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?</p> <p>⇒ How to ensure respect for cultural diversity, justice and equity in the water sector, while sharing science and traditional knowledge?</p> <p>GOVERNANCE</p> <p>⇒ How do you ensure multi-level governance, engage stakeholders and assess the results of policies in your theme?</p>