

## THEME GOVERNANCE

### Session 9.b.1: Managing water across sectors and borders:

#### Institutional frameworks and approaches for efficient transboundary basin organizations

Tuesday 20th March, 14h30-16h00

Room 28 (former ST7 -M13)

<b>Media-friendly title</b>	Session 9.b.1 : Managing water across sectors and borders : How to build efficient transboundary basin organizations
<b>Working title</b>	Session 9.b.1 : Managing water across sectors and borders : Institutional frameworks and approaches for efficient transboundary basin organizations
<b>Key questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What steps are needed to pave the way for creating and strengthening transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers basin organizations? What are the success stories?</li><li>• What are the main challenges to ensure the good management of transboundary basin organizations and the coordination between riparian countries: financing, data sharing, staff capacities, stakeholder participation across scales, cross-sectoral consultations and planning etc.?</li><li>• What strategies will help basin organisations to work effectively across scales, to ensure good basin management from basin to national to intergovernmental level?</li></ul>
<b>Media-friendly session summary (3-5 sentences)</b>	The management of water across sectors and borders require creating joint basin organization and developing a coordinated approach, between all the water users, with the presentation of different case studies. The session will propose how to better create or reinforce transboundary basin organization.
<b>Session description</b>	Creating and strengthening joint organizations in transboundary lakes, rivers or aquifers basins is key to ensure reasonable, equitable and sustainable management of water resources and aquatic ecosystems across sectors and borders. Effective basin organizations require a clear mandate, a robust structure and a set of permanent means (financing, staff, capacities etc.) in order for them to facilitate exchange of information, manage conflicts, and develop a joint vision and sharing of benefits between riparian countries and all water users. Stakeholders, including local authorities, economic sectors and NGOs should also be involved. These requirements will be analyzed during this session through case studies and exchange of good practices, in order to prepare recommendations on how to create well-functioning basin organizations.

<p><b>Confirmed convening organizations and contact information (SCG members)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. INBO, SCG Leader, Jean-François Donzier, General Secretary, <a href="mailto:inbo@inbo-news.fr">inbo@inbo-news.fr</a></li> <li>2. NASA Program Manager for Disaster Risk Reduction and Response Information Dr David S Green USA, <b>SCG member</b>, <a href="mailto:david.s.green@nasa.gov">david.s.green@nasa.gov</a></li> <li>3. International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha (CICOS), Secretary General, Judith Enaw, <b>SCG member</b>, <a href="mailto:efundemjudith@gmail.com">efundemjudith@gmail.com</a></li> <li>4. Autoridad Autonoma Lago Titicaca, Executive President, Juan José Ocola Salazar, <b>SCG member</b>, <a href="mailto:jjocola@alt-perubolivia.org">jjocola@alt-perubolivia.org</a></li> <li>5. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), SCG member, Isabelle Fauconnier, <a href="mailto:isabelle.fauconnier@iucn.org">isabelle.fauconnier@iucn.org</a></li> </ol>
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<p><b>Session outline and time allocation</b></p>	<p>INTRODUCTION (5 min): by the moderator Mr. Jean-François Donzier, Secretary General, INBO ; Opening with a short video.</p> <p>KEYNOTE SPEECH (10 min): keynote speaker Dr. Alejandro Iza, Director, IUCN Environmental Law Centre</p> <p>PANEL (40 min) :</p> <p>The panel will be animated by the <b>moderator Jean-François Donzier, General Secretary of INBO</b> with the following 2 questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What steps are needed to pave the way for creating and strengthening transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers basin organizations? What are the success stories?</li> <li>• What are the main challenges to ensure the good management of transboundary basin organizations and the coordination between riparian countries: financing, data sharing, staff capacities, stakeholder participation across scales, cross-sectoral consultations and planning etc.?</li> <li>• What strategies will help basin organisations to work effectively across scales, to ensure good basin management from basin to national to intergovernmental level?</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Judith Enaw, Secretary General, International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha (CICOS)</li> <li>2. Ms. Anne Schulte-Wülwer-Leidig, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine</li> <li>3. Ms. Susanne Schmeier, Head of Programme Component – Water, Energy, Food Security Nexus Sustainable Water Policy, GIZ,</li> <li>4. Mr. Juan Jose Ocola Salazar, Chief Executive Officer, Binational Autonomous Authority of Lake Titicaca,</li> <li>5. Ms. Andrea Borges, Technical Manager, PCJ Consortium</li> <li>6. Dr. Tien Truong Hong, Director Environmental Management Division, Mekong River Commission (MRC)</li> </ol> <p>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (20 min)</p> <p>CONCLUSION (5 min) : by Mr. Jean-François Donzier, Secretary General, INBO</p>
<p><b>Contributions received that will be included in the session (with a word or two about how they are included)</b></p>	<p>The session design took into account some of the applications from the online consultation, in particular the selection of the associated organizations.</p> <p>Contributions from the SCG members have been taken into account in the program above.</p>
<p><b>Missing stakeholders</b></p>	<p>NA</p>

<p><b>Expected outcomes, impacts and follow-up linkages with events and initiatives after the Forum</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prepare recommendations on the pathways and conditions that lead to the creation and development of well-functioning basin organizations.</li> <li>● Support the creation and development of local, national or transboundary basin organizations cooperation and strengthen institutional and technical cooperation between the organizations of homologous basins of the same region and the other parts of the World.</li> <li>● Integrated Water Resource Management, at basin level of rivers, lakes, aquifers (national or transboundary scale) is needed all over the planet. In particular, the national and transboundary cooperation for climate change adaptation is crucial to fight it, (especially concerning groundwater resources shared between several countries).</li> <li>● Create and strengthen regional, transboundary, national and basin Water Information Systems (WIS) using new measurement and Earth observation technologies to forecast the effect of climate change on water resources and extreme weather events to facilitate the design and decision making of best adaptation measures in a context of uncertainty.</li> <li>● Transboundary water cooperation needs to be applied for pragmatic reasons, and in particular its cost-effectiveness and benefit sharing dimensions (pooling knowledge, data and resources from the entire basin, facilitating dialogue between riparian countries and stakeholders, enlarging the planning space for locating measures and sharing benefits and costs).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cross-cutting (CC) questions</b></p>	<p>The session will be closely related to the issues addressed in the other topics of theme n°9 Governance and in the theme n°6 Finance.</p> <p>It is also relevant to make the link with the special session “Building Basin Committees: policy, representativeness and challenges”.</p> <p>Cross-cutting questions addressed:</p> <p>CAPACITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How do international cooperation initiatives enhance water capacity development for your theme/topic? (support to Transboundary Basin Organizations -TBOs)</li> </ul>

#### SHARING

- How to share solutions and good practices for the water-related SDG implementation and with whom?  
(contribution to the implementation of the Target 6.5 and indicator 6.5.2 of the SDGs)
- Creation of basin committees for both:
  - 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?
  - How to ensure respect for cultural diversity, justice and equity in the water sector, while sharing science and traditional knowledge?

#### GOVERNANCE

- How do you contribute to designing and implementing IWRM-wise policies/projects in your theme? (one of the core activities TBOs are in charge of)
- How do you foster transboundary co-operation in your theme? (precisely the function of TBOs)
- How do you ensure multi-level governance, engage stakeholders and assess the results of policies in your theme? (creation of basin committees)

## **ANNEX: Logistics of room 28**

### **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 15th) 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**

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: 122 pax, including 4 accessible seats