

## THEME GOVERNANCE

### Session 9.b.2 : Monitoring, assessment, data and knowledge sharing in transboundary basins

Tuesday 20 March, 16h30-18h00  
Room 28 (former ST7 -M13)

<b>Media-friendly title</b>	<u>Session 9.b.2</u> : Sharing Information for better transboundary cooperation in integrated water management
<b>Working title</b>	<u>Session 9.b.2</u> : Monitoring, assessment, data and knowledge sharing in transboundary basins
<b>Key question</b>	<p>How can we underline the importance of sharing data between riparian countries of transboundary basins to build trust and facilitate negotiations and basin management planning?</p> <p>How to facilitate generation and exchange of data and information between all the parties involved in transboundary basin management?</p>
<b>Media-friendly session summary (3-5 sentences)</b>	<p>To ensure and achieve efficient transboundary water management, a transfer of information, data and knowledge must be organized to facilitate dialogue and decision-making between the different riparian countries and stakeholders and create trust between partners.</p>
<b>Session description</b>	<p>We cannot manage that we cannot measure! This is even more important in transboundary basins where information, data and knowledge exchanges must be organized and harmonized between the riparian countries in order to elaborate common diagnosis, take joint decisions and monitor their effects. Or in many situations, the knowledge available is insufficient, inadequate, partial, difficult to inter operate, poorly funded or even regressive.... The first step to achieve transboundary cooperation is to develop data and information sharing and better science policy interfaces which can facilitate dialogue and trust. This session will allow for a sharing of experiences from different continents on how to reinforce data, information and knowledge exchange between riparian countries, States and provinces, the scientific community and water stakeholders and how monitoring and assessment can support cooperation.</p>

<p><b>Confirmed convening organization(s) and contact information (SCG members)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EMWIS, <b>SCG Leader</b> - Walter Mazzitti, Former president, or Eric Mino, Director of the technical unit secretariat@semide.org</li> <li>2. Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), Brazil, Amb.Mr Cesar de la cases, Executive Director of ACTO, <b>SCG member</b>, <a href="mailto:cesar.delascasas@otca.org.br">cesar.delascasas@otca.org.br</a> <a href="mailto:secretaria.permanente@otca.org.br">secretaria.permanente@otca.org.br</a> ; (<a href="mailto:jacqueline.mendoza@otca.org.br">jacqueline.mendoza@otca.org.br</a>)</li> <li>3. Scientific Information Centre Of The Interstate Commission For Water Coordination In Central Asia, Director, Ms. Dinara Ziganshina, <b>SCG member</b>, <a href="mailto:dinara.ziganshina@gmail.com">dinara.ziganshina@gmail.com</a></li> <li>4. African Water Information System (AWIS), Deputy Secretary General, Lamine Ndiaye, <b>SCG member</b>, <a href="mailto:info@sadieu.org">info@sadieu.org</a></li> <li>5. ISRBC, International Sava River Basin Commission, <b>SCG member</b>, Dragan Zeljko, Secretary, <a href="mailto:dzeljko@savacommission.org">dzeljko@savacommission.org</a></li> </ol>
<p><b>Other associated organizations</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National Water Commission CONAGUA (Mexico), Griselda Medina Laguna, Deputy Head of Management and Evaluation of Projects, <a href="mailto:griselda.medina@conagua.gob.mx">griselda.medina@conagua.gob.mx</a></li> <li>2. UNECE, Francesca Bernardini, Secretary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes; <a href="mailto:francesca.bernardini@unece.org">francesca.bernardini@unece.org</a></li> <li>3. World Water Data Initiative, Robert Argent, <a href="mailto:robert.argent@bom.gov.au">robert.argent@bom.gov.au</a></li> <li>4. Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), Ally Saidi Matano, Executive Secretary <a href="mailto:matano@lvbcom.org">matano@lvbcom.org</a></li> <li>5. Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA), Jean-Marie Nibirantije, Executive Director, <a href="mailto:jeanmarie.nibirantije@lta-alt.org">jeanmarie.nibirantije@lta-alt.org</a></li> <li>6. International Commission of the Scheldt, Arnould Lefébure, Secretary General, <a href="mailto:a.lefebure@isc-cie.org">a.lefebure@isc-cie.org</a></li> <li>7. Selma Cherchali, CNES, SWOT project officer, <a href="mailto:selma.cherchali@cnes.fr">selma.cherchali@cnes.fr</a></li> </ol>

**Session outline  
and time  
allocation**

OPENING (5min): A video from the Citizen process:

[http://filmambiente.com/festival/pt/videocontest/?contest=video-detail&video\\_id=2642](http://filmambiente.com/festival/pt/videocontest/?contest=video-detail&video_id=2642)

INTRODUCTION (5 min) : by the moderator Mr. Tomas Sancho, Former President of the Hydrographic Confederation of the Ebro River Basin Authority, Spain  
Opening with a short video.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (15 min) :

- Mr. Robert Argent, World Water Data Initiative
- Mr. Paul Haener, International Office for Water

PANEL (40 min) moderated by Mr. Eric Mino, Secretary, Mediterranean Water Knowledge Platform.

The moderator will ask the following 2 questions to the panelists:

1. How can we underline the importance of sharing data between riparian countries of transboundary basins to build trust and facilitate negotiations and basin management planning?
2. How to facilitate generation and exchange of data and information between all the parties involved in transboundary basin management?

1. Mr. César De las Casas, Executive Director, Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO ; Organização do Tratado de Cooperação Amazônica -OTCA)
2. Ms. Dinara Ziganshina, Deputy Director, SIC- Central Asia,
3. Mr. Mohamed Fawzi Bedredine, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS),
4. Mr. Philippe Escudier, Land and Hydrology program manager, National Center of Spatial Studies (CNES), jointly with Mr. Jean-Luc François, Director of the Ecological Transition Department, French Development Agency (AFD)
5. Mr. Dragan Zeljko, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)
6. Mr. Franck Chow-Toun, Deputy Director General, French Guiana Water Office (OEG)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (25 min)

CONCLUSION (5 min): Mr Cheikh T. SYLLA, President, Council of Ministers of the Organization for the Development of the Senegal river (OMVS) -TBC

<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>N.A.</p>
<p><b>Expected outcomes, impacts and follow-up linkages with events and initiatives after the Forum</b></p>	<p>Sharing experiences and lessons learned from different countries and continents to reinforce exchange of data, information and knowledge between riparian countries in transboundary basins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disseminate lessons learned and build upon best-practice projects facilitating climate adaptation and resilient climate mitigation in national and transboundary basin organizations.</li> <li>● Develop and strengthen regional, transboundary, national and basin Water Information Systems (WIS) using new measurement to reinforce knowledge (especially between riparian countries in transboundary basins).</li> <li>● Pooling knowledge on resources and their uses, polluting pressures, ecosystems and their functioning is a lever for transboundary water cooperation and have a benefit sharing dimensions.</li> </ul>

**Cross-cutting questions**

The session will address key cross-cutting issues related to the other sessions of the Theme n°9 Governance and to sessions of the Themes n°1 Climate and n°6 Finance.

The session will address key cross-cutting issues related to:  
CAPACITY

- What is being done in your theme/topic to better link water science and technology to decision/policy making? (data collection and Water Information Systems - WIS are key for informed, science-based decision-making)
- What opportunities do new technologies offer to improve water monitoring and ICT in relation to your theme/topic? (examples of successful examples of both classic and innovative monitoring techniques or combination of both - spatial imagery and in-situ monitoring stations)
- How do international cooperation initiatives enhance water capacity development for your theme/topic? (financial and technical assistance to develop data collection and Water Information Systems - WIS)

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- How do you contribute to designing and implementing IWRM-wise policies/projects in your theme? (water management policies and projects are wise as long as there are informed)
- How do you foster transboundary co-operation in your theme? (data sharing builds trust between water users at all levels, including between riparian States of transboundary river basins)
- How do you ensure multi-level governance, engage stakeholders and assess the results of policies in your theme? (assessing results of policies and adjusting them accordingly can only be done with data collection and Water Information Systems - WIS ; you cannot manage what you cannot measure)

## **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