

High – level Panel on Transboundary Basin Management
Tuesday, 20 March, 13:30-16:00
Pavillon Senegal

Theme	Transboundary basin management: a means of ensuring peace and stability!
Issue	Strengthening Basin Organizations in the management of transboundary watercourses
Main Questions to be addressed	<p>How could Basin Organizations develop an adequate legal and institutional framework for effective transboundary cooperation?</p> <p>Where do infrastructures fit into the economic development of riparian states and how could these infrastructures be key factors for stability?</p> <p>Which sorts of financing and how could they be mobilized for the joint development of major water infrastructures?</p>
Abstract	Transboundary waters have long been sources of conflict between riparian states. Today, with the development of Basin Organizations, these transboundary waters are also a growing factor of integration, stability and economic development. The commitment of riparian States to harness such resources has become quite tangible and should be supported.
Session Presentation	This session will focus on the institutional and legal frameworks of basin organizations and the need to strengthen their capacities in order for them to cope with different geopolitical contexts. Particular emphasis will be placed on the advantages and benefits derived by riparian States from the joint management of major waterworks and their financing arrangements.

<p>Participants (confirmed)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senegal River Development Organization (OMVS) 2. Gambia River Development Organization (OMVG) 3. African Network of Basin Organizations (ANBO) 4. International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) 5. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) 6. African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) 7. ORASECOM 8. Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO) 9. Artois Picardy Water Agency
<p>Other participants to be confirmed</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Niger Basin Authority (NBA) 2. Volta Basin Authority (VBA) 3. Congo River (CICOS) 4. World Bank 5. Agence Française de Développement, 6. French Water Agencies 7. African Development Bank

Titles of Sessions and time allowed

SESSION N°1 – 13H30 – 14H20

Cooperation in transboundary waters: what legal Fundaments and institutional frameworks? (40 mn)

INTRODUCTION (5 Min) chaired by :

M. Cheikh T. SYLLA, OMVS Ministers' Council Chairman

Presentation by OMVG ? (12 mn)

Questions to the Panel : (16 mn)

What is the role of legal fundaments in establishing a framework for transboundary cooperation?

To what extent can the institutional arrangements facilitate cooperation around transboundary waters?

How are the benefits of transboundary water cooperation taken into account?

Where Basin Organizations stand in these legal and institutional frameworks?

Panel Members:

1. Hamed Diane SEMEGA, OMVS High Commissioner
2. Sonja KOPPEL, UNECE
3. Jean François DONZIER, Secretary General of the World Climate Alliances
4. Lenka THAMAE, Executive Secretary, ORASECOM

Questions/answers from the audience (17 mn)

SESSION N°2 –14H20 – 15H10

Realization, Management and Operation of Infrastructures in a transboundary context: What are the advantages of cooperation around these works?

Presentation by OMVS? (12 mn)

PANEL n°2 (50 min) : Chair by Minister(to be confirmed)

Questions to the Panel : (16 mn)

What are the advantages of joint realization of Infrastructures in a shared Basin context?

How to manage and operate Structures built on a transboundary watercourse, taking into account the interests of all riparian States and the macro-economic framework of each of these States?

In what way should the beneficiaries be involved or taken into consideration in the management of these works?

What role could these Infrastructures play in the Development of an Economic Integration region?

Panel Members:

1. El Hadj Lansana FOFANA, OMVG High Commissioner
2. Ramiro MARTINEZ, Coordinator of (REMOB)
3. Representative of CICOS (to be confirmed)
4. Tamsir NDIAYE, Director General Manantali Dam Energy Management Company (Société de Gestion de l'Énergie de Manantali - SOGEM)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH THE AUDIENCE (17 MIN)

Session 3 – Financing water and hydropower infrastructure in a transboundary context? (40mn)

Presentation by OMVS/CICOS/ABN? (12 mn)

PANEL n°3 (50 min) : Chaired by Minister(to be confirmed)

Questions to the Panel : (16 mn)

What are the mechanisms for the joint mobilization of Project and Infrastructures financing in transboundary basins?

How do cost-benefit approaches facilitate consensus building on investments within transboundary basins?

To what extent could the definition of development priorities in transboundary basins based on the common benefits identified promote the prioritization and financing of development projects within basins?

To what extent could regional development priorities and regional economic integration initiatives promote transboundary water cooperation?

Panel Members :

1. Ababacar NDAW, Secretary General, OMVG
2. Marcus AGBEKODO, Deputy Director General, Agence de l'Eau Artois Picardie
3. Representative of World Bank (to be confirmed)
4. Representative of African Development Bank (to be confirmed)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH THE AUDIENCE (17 min)

CONCLUSION (10 min) : by Moderator

