Cooperation on Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation in Transboundary Basins

Seminar with Panel & Interactive Roundtable Discussions

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Climate change impacts on water resources will have cascading effects on many parts of the economy and society, as various sectors depend on water. 60% of the world's freshwater courses are transboundary, hence cooperation on climate change adaptation at the regional and transboundary levels is critical for successful adaptation. In addition, adaptation measures may hinder or facilitate climate change mitigation measures and vice-versa. While such interrelations are often overlooked at the national level, the transboundary context adds another layer of complexity. How to increase synergies between adaptation and mitigation in transboundary basins? What are good practice examples and lessons learned from adapting transboundary basins to climate change?

This interactive session will explore these questions and possible solutions from transboundary basins around the world.

Speakers:

- Sarah Freeman, WWF
- Dipak Gyawali, Nepal Water Conservation Foundation
- Dorothy Kaggwa, Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat
- Sonja Köppel, UNECE
- John Matthews, AGWA
- Susanne Schmeier, GIZ
- Jamie Skinner, International Institute for Environment & Development
- Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment, Netherlands

