

## SEMINAR

# Tools to Improve Cooperation and Dialogue in River Basins



Tuesday 3 September 2013 - 14:00-17:30 - Room B7

Part I	Water Footprint Assessment: A Common Language for Dialogue and Cooperation	Part II	Identify, quantify and communicate the benefits of transboundary water cooperation
14:00	Introduction <i>Ms. Ruth Mathews – Water Footprint Network, The Netherlands</i>	16:00	Introduction - <i>Mr. John Joyce - SIWI, Sweden</i>
14:05	Water Footprint Outcomes and Policy Options: A California Case Study <i>Dr. Peter H. Gleick – Pacific Institute, USA and Mr. Julian Fulton – University of California, USA.</i>	16:05	<i>Scoping the work</i> The work on benefits under the Water Convention <i>Ms. Chantal Demilecamps - UNECE</i> Why do we need this work? What economists can offer? <i>Mr. Niels Vlaanderen - Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, The Netherlands</i>
14:25	Water Prism: A Decision Support Tool for Sustainable Supplies at the Basin Level <i>Paul Freedman, P.E. BCEE – LimnoTech, USA</i>	16:30	Qualitative and quantitative data on cooperation's benefits: why is it useful for donors? <i>Mr. Christian Severin - The Global Environment Facility, USA</i>
14:35	Water Footprint Assessment Tool: Delving into River Basins <i>Dr. Ashok Chapagain - Water Footprint Network, The Netherlands</i>		<i>Lessons from the field – Panel discussion</i> Establishing successful cooperation in Central Asia: the case of the Isfara River <i>Mr. Volker Frobarth - GIZ, Kyrgyzstan</i>
14:45	Usefulness of WFA in revisiting water allocation in a river basin, a case study from the UK <i>Dr. Giuseppe Frapporti – UK Environment Agency, UK</i>		Finish-Russian cooperation: why to cooperate as an upstream country? <i>Mr. Seppo Rekolainen - The Finnish Environment Institute SYKE, Finland</i>
15:05	The Water Footprint Assessment application in Porce river basin in Colombia. A multisectoral approach to improve cooperation at the basin level. <i>Mr. Diego Arévalo – Centro de Ciencia y Tecnología de Antioquia, Colombia</i>	17:00	Benefits from and to a transboundary river: the perspective of the Niger river basin <i>Mr. Collins R.U. Ihekire, Niger Basin Authority</i>
15:20	Open discussion		Towards a guidance note on identifying, quantifying and communicating the benefits of cooperation <i>Mr. Roberto Martin Hurtado, consultant to UNECE</i>
		17:10	Open Discussion and conclusions

Considering the growing multiple water demands, ensuring sustainable, efficient and equitable water use is more than ever a challenge. New tools and methods are therefore required to inspire, inform and broaden cooperation in river basins – across sectors and between countries.

The **Water Footprint Assessment**, a common language which builds a shared understanding for informed decision making and strategic action, will be debated in **Part I**.

The development of a policy guidance note on how to **identify, quantify and communicate the range of benefits** of transboundary water cooperation under the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will be discussed in **Part II** and will invite inputs.

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