

Session 5 – Global workshop on data and information exchange in transboundary basins

Group 9 report Hycinth Banseka

Best practices and recommendations related to reporting obligations and other data exchange processes for cooperation:

- Best practices in data and information exchange:
 - o Agree on parameters to be measured and shared, and format in which data will be shared from the beginning: ex: In case of groundwater, important to include safe yield as one of critical parameters
 - o Agree on dates of special campaigns (common sampling) right at the beginning;
 - o Organise joint monitoring missions (special campaigns) with common sampling with objective of verifying data and information comparability before sharing;
 - o Agree on type of data that is of strategic nature to the riparian countries from the beginning;
 - o Monitoring illegal abstractions and drilling is critical for sustaining agreement;
 - o Agree on tools to be used in facilitating implementation of Transboundary Cooperation Agreements: remote sensing in case of buffer zone between Saudi Arabia and Jordan
- Guidance
 - o Basin level instruments like “Water Charter” and “Data sharing protocols exist, but do not on their own facilitate data and information sharing and exchange.