

## **Second meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation**

**13–14 February 2014, Geneva**  
**starting at 10 a.m. in Room VIII, Palais des Nations**

### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Thursday, 13 February 2014**

*Goal of the meeting: To exchange information, progress and lessons learned as well as practical advice between the basins in the global network on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins*

#### **10.00– 11.00: Session 1: Introduction and welcome**

*Goal of the session: Introduction to the meeting and describing the context of climate change adaptation in transboundary basins*

- Welcome words by the chairs, the Netherlands and Switzerland  
*Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, the Netherlands, and Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Switzerland*
- Introduction to the agenda by UNECE and INBO  
*Ms. Sonja Koeppel, UNECE and Mr. Daniel Valensuela, INBO*
- How is the climate changing? Presentation on the new Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group I Report "The Physical Science Basis"  
*Mr. Gaetano Leone (Deputy Secretary, IPCC) and Mr. Jonathan Lynn (Head of Communications, IPCC)*
- Introductory round

#### **11.00– 13.00: Session 2: Assessing and communicating climate change impacts and vulnerabilities**

*Goal of the session: To formulate lessons learned on 'how to do a vulnerability assessment' and 'how to communicate the results to policy makers' (taking into account uncertainty)*

Chair: Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

10-minutes presentations by the following basins/pilots:

#### **Niger**

*Mr. Henri-Claude Enoumba, Head of Planning and Studies Division  
Niger Basin Authority*

**Chu Talas**

*Mr. Shamil Iliasov, Expert, Chu Talas Project*

**North Western Sahara Aquifer System**

*Mr. Djamel Latrech, Project Coordinator, Sahara and Sahel Observatory*

**Dauria**

*Ms. Oxana Nikitina, Coordinator, Freshwater Ecosystems Conservation and Sustainable Hydropower, Freshwater Ecosystems Conservation and Sustainable Hydropower, WWF-Russia*

**Interactive group discussion** on how to integrate new scientific results and how to communicate climate change impacts and vulnerabilities to policy-makers in the basin

**13.00–15.00 Lunch-break****15.00–16.15: Session 3: Panel discussion: Balancing multiple uses in the face of climate change**

*Goal of the session: To provide the participants with at least 8 concrete tips on balancing multiple water uses in the face of climate change*

**Chair:** Mr. Daniel Valensuela, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Panel discussion with the following basins:

**Lake Victoria**

*Mr. Omari Ramadhani Mwinjaka, Water Resources Management Officer East African Community/ Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC)*

**Congo**

*Mr. Damien Brunel, Technical Adviser to the Secretary-General of CICOS, International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha Bassin (CICOS)*

**North Western Sahara Aquifer System**

*Mr. Djamel Latrech, Project Coordinator Sahara and Sahel Observatory*

**Senegal**

*Mr. Amadou Lamine Ndiaye, Director of Environment and sustainable Development, Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du Fleuve Sénégal*

**16.15 – 18.00: Session 4: Collection of lessons learned and good practices**

*Goal of the session: To collect good and bad practices for the collection of lessons learned and good practices*

The meeting will provide input to the collection of good practices and lessons learned on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins which is expected to be launched at the seventh World Water Forum (Republic of Korea, 2015).

- **The collection of lessons learned and good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins: process, progress and next steps**  
*Mr. Jos Timmerman (Wageningen University, the Netherlands)*
- **Identifying, evaluating and scaling up good practices in the Mekong region**  
*Ms. Anja Waldraff (MRC-GIZ cooperation programme)*

**Interactive group discussion** aimed at collecting good and bad practices and lessons learned and selection of the most important practices from each basin

### **19.30 Dinner in Café du Soleil**

## **Friday, 14 February 2014**

### **9.30 – 13.00: Session 5: Developing and implementing transboundary climate change adaptation strategies**

*Goal of the session: To let participants experience what issues and perspectives to consider in the process of developing and implementing a transboundary adaptation strategy, including linkages to other processes*

Chair: Mr. Jos Timmerman, Wageningen University

10-minutes presentations by the following basins/pilots:

#### **Dniester**

*Mr. Yuriy Nabyavnets, Deputy Director for Science, Ukrainian Research Hydrometeorological Institute*

*Mr. Mykola Babych, Expert, Dniester Project, Ukraine*

*Mr. Mihail Pencov, Expert, Dniester Project, Republic of Moldova*

*Mr. Gherman Bejenaru, State Hydrometeorological Service, Republic of Moldova*

#### **Neman**

*Mr. Vladimir Korneev, Head Water Monitoring and Cadastre Department*

*Central Research Institute for Complex Use of Water Resources, Belarus*

*Mr. Egidijus Rimkus, Vilnius University, Lithuania*

#### **Sava**

*Ms. Vasiljka Kolarov, Advisor for protection against detrimental effects from waters and extraordinary impacts on the water regime, International Sava River Basin Commission*

#### **Danube**

*Mr. Raimund Mair, Technical Expert on River Basin Management International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)*

#### **Rhine (tbc)**

*Mr. Vincent Bachmann, France*

- **Multilevel Decision-making for Integrated Water Management in the Great Lakes**

*Mr. Eugene Stakhiv (the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Institute for Water Resources (IWR))*

**Group exercise on implementing an adaptation strategy and mainstreaming it into international, national and local policy and plans**

**13.30– 14.30 Lunch-break**

**14.30 – 15.30: Session 4 continued: Reporting back after the group exercise**

Chair: Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, the Netherlands

- **Monitoring and evaluation of climate change, impacts and adaptation in the transboundary context**

*Ms. Anja Waldruff (GIZ)*

**15.30 – 16.20: Session 6: Continuation of the platform for exchanging experience, evaluation of the meeting and suggestion of themes for future meetings**

The meeting will discuss how to further facilitate a regular exchange of experience between the participating basins and other similar initiatives. The meeting will also consider initial plans for the fifth workshop on water and adaptation to climate change scheduled for 13–14 October 2014.

In addition, the meeting will be invited to discuss cooperation with other similar initiatives carried out by other organizations in particular under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the World Meteorological Organization, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) etc.

Participants will be requested to evaluate the meeting and come up with concrete suggestions for the themes of future meetings.

**16.20–16.30: Session 7: Next meeting of the global network and closing**