

Task Force on Water and Climate

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Progress and activities 2017

- * Progress on the pilot projects, including the Global Network of Basins Working on Climate Change
 - * *Dniester: Finalization of implementation plan to adaptation strategy, measures implemented*
 - * *Chu-Talas: Integration of cc into TDA, now annex to TDA on cc and prioritization of adaptation measures*
 - * *Sava: Start of developing a transboundary adaptation strategy*
 - * *Neman: new GEF proposal developed*
- * Input to water day at COP22
- * Training on how to prepare bankable project proposals for financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins (Dakar, 21-23 June 2017)

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Training on how to prepare bankable project proposals for financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins (Dakar, 21-23 June 2017)

- * New, innovative subject
- * Strong interest from the countries (participants from Africa and CEE countries)
- * Jointly organized with World Bank, European Investment Bank, African Development Bank and INBO
- * Hosted by OMVS (Senegal basin development organization)
- * Outputs: overview paper prepared and will be published
- * Future workshop for Eastern Europe
- * Feedback from participants very positive

Training in Dakar, Senegal

21-23 June 2017



Photo: Ana Maria Kleymeyer

Outcomes of the training on how to prepare bankable project proposals for financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

- * Range of different funding possibilities with different focus and requirements – need for better overview and need to identify good fund and adapt proposal to funding source
- * Bankability has different meanings for different banks
- * Each RBO is different and needs to find its «niche» regarding cc adaptation and demonstrate added value
- * Projects need to be technically sound and financially viable, and comply with environmental protection and social standards
- * Take sufficient time for project preparation
- * Political buy-in needed – e.g. agreement or MoU in basin (must be strong enough, even under political changes)

Lessons learned and challenges

- * Higher awareness on the need for transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation, but many basins are just starting to address the issue while some are much more advanced – difficulty to address different needs in one event
- * Need for further capacity-building on financing climate change adaptation, in a practical way, with sub-regional focus
- * Difficulty to do the first step before project preparation facilities can be used- develop a good project concept
- * In each specific basin combine strategy development with concrete measures on the ground reducing vulnerability

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“Words into Action” Implementation Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation

- * Need for guidance for implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- * First draft of the document ready
- * Core Group mandated by the Task Force on Water and Climate and led by the Netherlands (UNISDR, WMO, GIZ, Wetlands Int., etc)
- * Core group meeting in The Hague, Netherlands (5-6 June 2017) – advancing draft document and agreeing on next steps
- * Final draft to be ready by October 2017 for submission to the Task Force on Water and Climate meeting in December 2017
- * Links to the ecosystem based approaches

Visit to the Maeslant storm surge barrier The Netherlands (5 June 2017)



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Most significant achievements

- * New partnership formed with banks and financial institutions on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins*
- * Increased transboundary cooperation and increased adaptive capacity in several transboundary basins*

Planned future activities in this area in 2017-2018

- * Global workshop on climate change adaptation with a focus on water scarcity and drought management (Geneva, 11-12 December 2017)
- * Task force meeting on 13 December
- * Finalization of the words into action Guide
- * Future work on financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins, e.g. additional training for EECCA countries

Suggestions for activities beyond 2018, if any

- * Support for cooperation on NDCs at the regional/transboundary level
- * Continue capacity-building on financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins
- * Update of the Guidance or preparation of a «supplement» on financing
- * Pilots in other regions?
- * Focus on river basin management and climate change adaptation
- * Focus on implementation of adaptation measures and monitoring/ evaluation?