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PROGRAMME

**Virtual Workshop on  
Financing Transboundary Water Cooperation and Basin Development  
16-17 December 2020**

| Wednesday 16 December  | Break out group discussions   | Thursday 17 December  |
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| Morning sessions 11.30 am-1.40 pm (CET)<br>Afternoon session 2.30 pm-4.30 pm (CET) | <b>Option1:</b> 16 December 2020 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm (CET) in <i>English; French; Spanish</i><br><b>Option2:</b> 17 December from 10.30 am -11.30 am (CET) in <i>English; Russian</i> | Morning session 12.00 am-2.30 pm (CET)<br>Afternoon session 3.00 pm-5.30 pm (CET) |

**Wednesday 16 December 2020**

**11.30 am – 12:35 pm (CET) Opening Session**

*Moderator:* Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, International Water Affairs coordinator, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, The Netherlands

**Opening remarks**

- Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Mr. Thierno Hamet Baba LY, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Senegal
- Mr. Simon Zbinden, Head, Global Water Programme, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- Mr. Tom Panella, Director, Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture Division, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Welcome and introduction

Ms. Diane Guerrier, Water Convention secretariat

Main findings and key messages of the background study on financing transboundary water cooperation and basin development

Ms. Susanne Schmeier and Mr. Wim Verdouw, UNECE consultants

Questions and answers

## **12.40 - 1.40 pm (CET) Session 1: Funding needs for transboundary water cooperation and basin development**

*Moderator: Mr. Francis Bougaire, Manager, Water Coordination and Partnerships Division, African Development Bank (AfDB)*

Funding needs for cooperation in shared basins: International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR) as an example of a coordination-oriented River Basin Organization

[Mr. Marc Daniel Heintz, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine \(ICPR\)](#)

Financing of the Lake Chad Basin Commission: experience from an implementation-oriented river basin organization

[Mr. Mamman Nuhu, Executive Secretary, Lake Chad Basin Commission \(LCBC\)](#)

Transboundary basin development in the Mekong basin: how can a river basin organization's financial strategy evolve with time?

[Mr. Tran Minh Khoi, Director of Administration Division, Mekong River Commission \(MRC\)](#)

Responding expert:

[Ms. Christina Leb, Senior counsel, World Bank](#)

Questions and Answers

*BREAK: 1.40 to 2.30 pm*

## **2.30 - 4.30 pm (CET) Session 2: Financing transboundary water cooperation and management: what public financial mechanisms are available for countries and RBOs?**

*Moderator: Mr. Chris Severin, International Waters coordinator, Global Environment Facility (GEF)*

### ***What financial mechanisms exist to support river basin organizations in covering their core costs?***

The key-based mechanism: experience from the International Commission for the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha Basin (CICOS)

[Ms. Judith Enaw, Executive Secretary, CICOS](#)

The equal cost-sharing mechanism: experience from the Binational Autonomous Authority of the Lake Titicaca

[Mr. Jorge Peña Méndez, Water Resources Director, Binational Autonomous Authority of Lake Titicaca](#)

### ***How can river basin organizations and riparian countries mobilize additional public financial resources to support program costs and more generally basin development activities?***

Developing a joint basin investment plan to access financial resources: the Sio-Malaba-Malakisi basin experience

[Mr. Callist Tindimugaya, Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and Regulation, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda \(tbc\)](#)

Financial cooperation for water infrastructure of common use: example of cooperation between Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

[Ms. Gulmira Satymkulova, Chief specialist of water resources management of Water Resources Agency and co-secretary of the Chu-Talas Water Management Commission, Kyrgyzstan](#)

How can climate finance support transboundary water management at basin level? Experience of the Volta Basin Authority using the Adaptation Funds to finance a transboundary adaptation project

[Mr. Robert Dessouassi, Executive Director, Volta Basin Authority \(VBA\)](#)

How can a country mobilize national domestic funding to support basin investment plan activities? Experience sharing from Hungary

Mr. Peter Kovacs, Head, River Basin Management and Water Protection Department, Ministry of Interior, Hungary

Responding experts:

- [Mr. Alain Bernard, Deputy secretary, International Network of Basin Organizations \(INBO\)](#)
- [Mr. Mahamat Assouyouli, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Adaptation Fund](#)

Questions and Answers

Conclusions by the moderator and introduction for the break-out groups' discussions

#### 4.30 - 5.30 pm Break-out Groups Session (Option 1 in English, French and Spanish)

These group discussions will allow participants to share their experience, looking at challenges and good practices they have experienced in searching/providing financial resources for transboundary water cooperation and basin development. It will also be an opportunity to provide some comments and feedback on the background study.

| Group language     | Moderator  |
|--------------------|--|
| <i>English (1)</i> | Mr. Ijeoma Emenanjo, Chief Water Resource Management, AfDB                             |
| <i>English (2)</i> | Mr. Edoardo Borgomeo, Water Global Practice, World Bank                                |
| <i>French (1)</i>  | Mr. Emmanuel Chaponnière, Senior Water Sector Engineer, European Investment Bank (EIB) |
| <i>French (2)</i>  | Mr. Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, INBO  |
| <i>Spanish</i>     | Mr. Raul Muñoz, Senior Water Specialist, Inter-American Development bank (IDB)         |

**Thursday 17 December 2020**

#### 10.30 - 11.30 am (CET) Break-out Groups Session (Option 2 in English and Russian)

| Group language     | Moderator  |
|--------------------|--|
| <i>English (1)</i> | Mr. Jelle Beekma, Senior Water Resources Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)                    |
| <i>English (2)</i> | Mr. James Dalton, Head Global Water programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) |
| <i>Russian</i>     | Mr. Valts Vilnitis, Project leader of the WECOOP– EU funded project in Central Asia                  |

#### 12.00 pm - 1.15 pm (CET) Session 3: Financing transboundary water management and basin development: what role do private financial actors play and how can countries and RBOs leverage private finance?

**Moderator:** *Ms. Kathleen Dominique, Senior Policy Analyst and Financing Water Lead, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*

Private financial actors and water investments in shared basins: what are private investors looking when investing in water related projects, what financial mechanisms are being used?

[Ms. Karin Krchnak, Program Manager, 2030 Water Resources Group, World Bank](#)

How to leverage private financial resources for transboundary water infrastructures through Public-Private Partnership (PPP)? Experience-sharing from Laos on the Nam Theun 2 hydropower project

[Mr. Xaypaseuth Phomsoupha, Partner/S&A Law, Former government representative, Laos](#)

How could Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) analysis further integrate transboundary water cooperation aspects?

[Ms. Cate Lamb, Global Director, Water Security, Carbon Disclosure Project \(CDP\)](#)

The role of private financial actors in financing water related projects under the Dutch Funds for Climate and Development

[Mr. Aaron Vermeulen, Head Green Finance, World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\)](#)

Responding Expert: [Mr. Piet Klop, Senior Advisor Responsible Investment, PPGM Pension Fund](#)

Questions and Answers

**1.15 - 2.30 pm (CET) Session 4: Innovative financing mechanisms to support transboundary water cooperation and basin development**

**Moderator:** *Mr. Stephen Hart, Senior Loan Officer, European Investment Bank (EIB)*

How can Water Funds support transboundary water management: experience of the Trifinio Transboundary Water Funds

[Mr. Federico Franco Cordón, Executive Secretary, Trifinio Trinational Commission](#)

[Mr. Hugo Alberto Contreras, Water security Director for Latin America, The Nature Conservancy](#)

How can water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus investments be an opportunity to finance water-related projects at transboundary level?

[Mr. Fernando R. Miralles, Dean, College of Science, George Mason University](#)

The blue peace financing: how to blend public and private financial instruments to support transboundary water cooperation and development?

[Mr. Ndao Ababakar, Secretary-General, Organisation for the Development of the Gambia River \(OMVG\)](#)

[Mr. Jaffer Machano, Global Program Manager, United Nations Capital Development Fund \(UNCDF\)](#)

Questions and Answers

*BREAK: 2.30 - 3.00 pm*

**3.00 - 4.30 pm (CET) Session 5: Financing transboundary water cooperation and management: interactive discussion between countries, river basin organizations (RBOs) and international financial institutions (IFIs)**

**Moderator:** *Ms. Isabella Pagotto, Senior Advisor, Global Water Programme, Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency (SDC)*

Short reporting back from the main outcomes of the break-out groups' discussions

[Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, International Water Affairs coordinator, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, The Netherlands](#)

Grounding by the moderator

*River Basin Organization and Country representatives:*

- [Mr. Evans Kaseke, Acting ZAMCOM Executive Secretary, Zambezi Watercourse Commission \(ZAMCOM\)](#)

- [Ms. Mariia Shpanchuk, Head of the division of water cadastre administration and water monitoring, Department of water management, State Agency of Water Resources, Ukraine](#)

*Multilateral Development Banks representatives:*

- [Ms. Ai-Ju Huang, Cooperation in International Waters in Africa \(CIWA\) Deputy Program Manager, World Bank](#)

- [Mr. Chris Severin, International Waters coordinator, GEF](#)

- [Mr. Raul Muñoz Castillo, Senior Water Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank \(IDB\)](#)

Questions and Answers

**4.30 - 5.30 pm (CET) High-level Closing**

**Moderator:** *Mr. Marco Keiner, Director of the Environment Division, UNECE*

**Summary of the event: key messages of the workshop and next steps**

*Ms. Sonja Koepfel, Secretary of the Water Convention, UNECE*

**Closing remarks:**

- [Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility \(GEF\)](#)
- [Ms. Jennifer Sara, Global Director, World Bank Group's Water Global Practice](#)
- [Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs for the Kingdom of the Netherlands](#)