

## Sixth meeting of the Global network of basins working on climate change adaptation

“Accelerating progress toward the achievement of SDG 6:  
lessons learnt, and problems faced by RBOs  
in the development of adaptation actions”

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 10:00 -12:00 am – 2:00 - 4:00 pm (CET)

Geneva, Palais de Nations – Room TPS1  
& Online, Zoom

With simultaneous interpretation into English, French, Russian



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### AGENDA

#### Introduction (10:00 – 10:20)

Welcome remarks and short introduction

Co-chairs of the Task Force on Water and Climate:

- **Ms. Sibylle Vermont**, co-chair of the Task Force on Water and Climate, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- **Mr. Niels Vlaanderen**, co-chair of the Task Force on Water and Climate, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

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- **Ms. Sonja Koeppel**, Secretary, Water Convention - UNECE

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- **Mr. Edouard Boinet**, Project Manager – International Cooperation, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

#### First session (10:20 – 12:00)

General updates by river basin organisations (RBOs) about respective climate actions, including links to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Moderated by: **Ms. Sibylle Vermont**

- **Ms. Edith Hödl**, Technical Expert, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
- **Mr. Isaac Nyarwaya**, Acting Executive Secretary, Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC)
- **Mr. Cong Nguyen Dinh**, Climate change adaptation specialist, Mekong River Commission (MRC) Secretariat

- **Mr. Aïssa Hlaïmi**, Coordinator of the North-West Sahara Aquifer System coordination mechanism, Sahara and Sahel Observatory
- **Mr. Juan Carlos Alurralde**, Secretary General, Intergovernmental Co-ordinating Committee for the la Plata River (CIC)

Contributions from other basins and questions & answers

Lunch-break (12:00 – 14:00)

Second session (14:00 – 15:15)

Tackling climate change effects on ecosystems at transboundary level: examples from basin organisations

Moderated by: **Mr. Edouard Boinet**

- **Ms. Maria Apostolova**, Regional Project Coordinator, Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)
- **Mr. Niandou Mounkaila**, Technical Director, Niger Basin Authority (NBA)
- **Mr. Adrian Schmid-Breton**, Scientific Assistant, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)

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Third session (15:15 – 15:45)

Future activities of the network vis-a-vis other global and regional developments and actors

Moderated by: **Ms. Sibylle Vermont**

The participants will discuss future activities and ways of working of the network. They will be invited to come up with concrete suggestions for the themes of future meetings and activities of the network. The global network of basins meeting can be seen as a milestone in a path that will bring to the 2023 United Nations Water Conference, building on the outcomes of the ninth World Water Forum in Dakar and other events. The meeting will also provide input to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in China and to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Egypt.

- **Ms. Rojina Manandhar**, Programme Officer, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Exchanges and questions & answers with participants

Closure (15:45 – 16:00)

Wrap-up and closing remarks

- **Ms. Sibylle Vermont**, co-chair of the Task Force on Water and Climate, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- **Mr. Edouard Boinet**, Project Manager – International Cooperation, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- **Ms. Sonja Koeppel**, Secretary, Water Convention - UNECE