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# 13th meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate

# Item 3 Recent activities on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins under the Water Convention

## 10:15 – 11:10

### Achievements and recent activities

- **Ms. Sibylle Vermont**, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- **Ms. Hanna Plotnykova**, Secretariat of the Water Convention and

### Interventions from the Global network of basins and beyond:

- **Mr. Jean-Noël Pansera**, International Meuse Commission (on-line)
- **Mr. Radu Cazacu**, State Agency Apele Moldovei – Dniester basin (on-line)
- **Ms. Karla Murillo Suarez**, Binational Commission of the Sixaola River Basin
- **Ms. Tracy Molefi**, Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission
- **Mr. Abdybay Djalobaev**, State Agency of Water Resources of Kyrgyzstan – Chu-Talas basin

### Questions and answers

# Item 4 How to raise attention to transboundary and regional cooperation in global climate change processes

11:10 – 12:00

**Moderator:** Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

- **Ms. Julia Weatherhogg**, UNFCCC (on-line)
- **Mr. Ahmed Tayia**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
- **Ms. Marijana MANCE**, European Commission (on-line)

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Lunch break  
12:00 – 14:30

# Item 4 How to raise attention to transboundary and regional cooperation in global climate change processes

14:30 – 15:30

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

- **Ms. Kelsey Harpham**, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (on-line)
- **Mr. Mohamed Arshid**, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- **Mr. Domingo Melenciano**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dominican Republic
- **Mr. Callist Tindimugaya**, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda (*tbc*, on-line)
- **Ms. Ase Johannessen**, Global Centre on Adaptation (on-line)

Questions and answers

# Item 5: Future work on climate change in transboundary basins under the Water Convention

15:30 – 16:20

**Moderator:** Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

## Planned activities within the current program of work under the Water Convention

- **Mr. Animesh Kumar**, Head of UNDRR Office in Bonn (on-line)
- **Ms Louise Baker**, Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the UNCCD (on-line)
- **Maria Kosonen**, WMO
- **Edouard Boinet**, INBO (on-line)

## Questions and answers

# Proposed decisions

- Elected Mr. Niels Vlaanderen from the Netherlands and Ms. Sybille Vermont from Switzerland as its new co-chairs;
- Welcomed the outcomes of the Global workshop on water, agriculture and climate change, encouraged the participants to transmit them to the relevant institutions and agencies in their countries and basins, for example, responsible for water, climate change, disaster risk reduction and agriculture, and entrusted the secretariat to transmit the workshop outcomes to UNFCCC, UNDRR and COP 27;
- Appreciated the recent progress and achievements within the Global network of basins working on climate change adaptation and encouraged other transboundary basins to join the Global network;

# Proposed decisions

- Encouraged more basins to address climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction at the transboundary level;
- Encouraged countries to mainstream transboundary aspects of water management into their national climate-related documents such as, for example, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and to liaise with colleagues responsible for climate change issues and disaster risk reduction also in preparation to the UNFCCC COP 27;
- Encouraged the participants to submit suggestions for good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins to be included into the on-line compendium by 30 April 2023 following by a template to be shared.





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