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Item 5: Future work on climate change in transboundary basins under the Water Convention (14.50-15.50)

Intervention of Mr. Edouard BOINET
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Ladies & gentlemen,

I was on-site at the Palais des Nations in Geneva yesterday, and I would like to start with a collective congratulations to the co-organizers and participants in the “Global Workshop on water, agriculture and climate change”.

We can be proud of the thematic ground covered and of the presentations made of a wide range of field case studies in the very limited timeframe we had.

Sharing concrete experiences of adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins is the reason why we have been collaborating with the Water Convention for more than a decade now.

Over the years, INBO has been involved in both the works of the Task force on water and climate and of the Global Network of Basins working on Climate Change (GNBCC), as co-founder and co-manager of this network alongside the UNECE Water Convention Secretariat.

Jointly, in major international events (Climate COPs, World Water Forums), we have promoted the interest of cooperation for adaptation to climate change at the scale of transboundary hydrographic basins. The Dakar Action Plan for basins of lakes, rivers and aquifers was launched last March at the 9th World Water Forum precisely to voice that basin governance is an excellent tool to adapt to climate change!

Jointly, we have delivered joint publications that are now international references, including the 2015 UNECE-INBO handbook “Water and climate change adaptation in transboundary basins: Lessons learned and good practices” & the 2019 co-publication with the World Bank of a handbook on “Financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins”.

Jointly, in the future, we wish to continue our collaboration but with a stronger focus on the design, financing and implementation of field projects of adaptation in transboundary basins. This work can build on the experience INBO and its members have gained from the incubations of water and climate projects globally and in particular in Africa. If that is of interest to donors and project holders of the task force, we would be pleased to work on this front.

Thanks for your attention !