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7th meeting of the Global network of basins working on climate change adaptation

Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins: linkages to global processes and actions on-the-ground on climate, droughts and wetlands





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Basins of the Global network of basins working on climate change

- Africa: Congo river basin, Lake Victoria basin, Niger river basin, North-Western Sahara Aquifer System, Volta river basin, Senegal river basin
- Asia: Chu Talas river basin, Lower Mekong river basin, rivers and wetlands of Dauria Steppes
- Europe: Danube river basin, Dniester river basin, Drin river basin, Meuse river basin, Neman river basin, Rhine basin, Sava river basin
- Latin America: Amazon river basin, Sixaola river basin

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Transboundary basins or aquifers



Programme



Introduction (10:00 – 10:20)

Presenters:

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

- Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- **Mr. Niels Vlaanderen**, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands INBO:
- **Mr. Edouard Boinet**, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) UNECE:
- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretariat of the Water Convention/UNECE
- Ms. Hanna Plotnykova, Secretariat of the Water Convention/UNECE

First session (10:20 – 12:00)

25 May

Climate and transboundary water cooperation

<u>Moderator and introduction</u>: Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

Presenters:

• Mr. Stefan Dierks, UNFCCC Secretariat

General updates of the network members about respective climate change adaptation actions

- Mr. Jorge Luis Guerra Bonilla, Binational Commission of the Sixaola River Basin
- Mr. Ylber Mirta, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia
- Mr. Adrian Schmid-Breton, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR) Contributions from other basins and questions & answers

Second session (14:30 - 16.30)

25 May

Biodiversity, wetlands and transboundary water cooperation

<u>Moderator</u>: Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

Presenters:

- Ms. Monica Kobayashi, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- **Mr. Jerker Tamelander,** Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands Examples from basin organisations
- Ms. Birgit Vogel, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
- Ms. Ana Jeleapov, Dniester Basin Commission
- Mr. Mohamed Fawzi Bedredine, Organisation for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS)
- Mr. Michael Kizza, Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat (NBI)
- Mr. Raphael Glemet, Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative

Contributions from other basins and questions & answers

Third session (10:00 – 12.00)

Drought management in transboundary basins

Moderator: Mr. Edouard Boinet, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Presenters:

- Mr. Daniel Tsegai, Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- Ms. Dagmar Kaljarikova and Mr. Willem Jan Goossen, European Commission Examples from basin organisations
- Mr. Jean-Noël Pansera, International Meuse Commission
- Mr. Dele Olatunji, Niger Basin Authority (NBA)
- Mr. Mpaphi Casper Bonyongo, Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM)
- Mr. Khoi Tran Minh, Mekong River Commission (MRC)

Contributions from other basins and questions & answers

Fourth session (14:30 – 15.50)

26 May

Financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

<u>Moderator</u>: Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

Presenters:

- Ms. Kalterine Vrenezi, Adaptation Fund
- Mr. Edoardo Borgomeo, World Bank
- Examples from basin organisations
- Ms. Rafatou Fofana, Volta Basin Authority (VBA)
- Mr. Carlos Lazary, Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)

Contributions from other basins and questions & answers

Fifth session (15:50 – 16:20)

Future activities of the network

<u>Moderator</u>: Ms. Sibylle Vermont, co-chair of the Task Force on Water and Climate, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

• Discussion

Closure (16:20 – 16:30)

Wrap-up and closing remarks by the co-chairs

- Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands