

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

PEDRO CUNHA SERRA

Pedro Serra is MSc and civil engineer from IST - Instituto Superior Técnico (1969).

He was President of the Portuguese Water Institute, the national water authority (INAG), between 1994 and 1999. Before that he was an engineering consultant and designer, first at COBA and then at Hidrotécnica Portuguesa (HP).

He led, from the outset, the negotiations for the Albufeira Convention on the transboundary rivers of Portugal and Spain (1998) and has been participating in the work of the Commission for the Implementation and Development of the Convention (CADC) since it was established (2000).

After 1999, when he left INAG, he was President of IRAR, the Water and Waste Regulatory Institute, from where he moved to the Portuguese Roads Institute (IEP) following the fall of the Entre-os-Rios bridge, having returned to the consultancy in late 2002.

Between 1998 and 2002 he provided technical assistance to the National Directorate of Waters of Mozambique (DNA) for the preparation and negotiations of the agreement with the Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of Swaziland for the international rivers Incomati and Maputo (Incomaputo agreement) in the framework of an INAG/DNA technical assistance protocol.

Between 2005 and 2011 he served as President and CEO of the Águas de Portugal Group. After that, he resumed his consulting career, and he was hired by the OSCE to assist in the development of this organization's efforts to reach a deal between Ukraine and Moldova for the hydroelectric exploitation of the Dniester River (2017-2019).

He is currently a member of the Implementation Committee of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), elected in 2018 at the Eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, Astana.

As a member of the Implementation Committee, he has been involved in monitoring efforts, particularly by collaborating with the national authorities of Albania and Montenegro to facilitate an agreement on the shared use of the Cem/Cijevna river waters and its transboundary impacts.