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

25-26 May, 2022
Palais des Nations, Geneva
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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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)
Climate and transboundary water cooperation

25 May

Moderator and introduction: 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. Lenka Thamae, Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM)
• 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)
Biodiversity, wetlands and transboundary water cooperation

Moderator: 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. 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)
- Mr. Arsen Zhakanbayev, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Contributions from other basins and questions & answers
Fourth session (14:30 – 15.50)

Financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

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

**Presenters:**
- Ms. Cristina Dengel and Mr. Mahamat Assouyouti, 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

**Moderator:** 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