

Third meeting of the core group of pilot projects on adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins under the UNECE Water Convention and first meeting of the global network

**20-21 February 2013, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. in Room VIII, Palais des Nations**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA Wednesday, 20 February 2013

10.00- 11.00: Session 1: Introduction and welcome

10.00 Welcome words by the chairs, the Netherlands and Switzerland

10.20 Introduction by UNECE and INBO

10.40 Introductory round and expectations to the meeting

11.00- 13.00 and 15.00- 18.00: Session 2: Preparing transboundary vulnerability assessments

Presentations: Climate change adaptation in flood-prone regions
10-minutes presentations by the basins/ pilot projects followed by group discussions. The discussion in the groups will be centered around the (pilot) projects

11.00- 11.10	Dniester
11.15- 11.25	Drin
11.30- 11.40	Sava
11.45	Discussion in groups 2a / Coffee breaks
12.10-12.20	Neman
12.25-12.35	Congo
12.40	Discussion in groups 2b

13.00-15.00 Lunch-break

15.00-17.00: Session 2 continued

Presentations: Climate Change Adaptation in drought-prone regions

15.00- 15.10	Sahara and Sahel Observatory
15.15- 15.25	Chu Talas
15.30- 15.40	Senegal
15.45	Discussion in groups 2c
16.10-16.20	Niger
16.25-16.35	Dauria

16.40-16.45 Upper Paraguay basin
16.40 Discussion in groups 2d/ Coffee break

17.00- 18.00 Plenary discussion on the link between *transboundary* climate change adaptation and *national* climate change adaptation

Questions for this discussion:

- How to develop transboundary adaptation strategies if national strategies and plans already exist? What should be the focus of transboundary activities? How to plan, finance and implement measures which are more effective if located in a riparian country?
- How to ensure that transboundary strategies will be integrated into the national plans and strategies?

19.30 Dinner at restaurant le Pradier, Rue Pradier 6, 1201 Genève

Thursday, 21 February

9.30-12.30 & 14.30- 15.30: Session 3: Developing basin-wide adaptation strategies and prioritizing measures

9.30 - 09.45 Look back at yesterday's results and report back to the plenary from the small groups, by a short statement

Presentations: Developing basin-wide adaptation strategies and prioritizing measures

9.45 – 9.55	Danube
10.00-10.10	Mekong
10.15-10.25	Rhine
10.30-10.40	Meuse (AMICE project)
10.45	Questions & Discussion 3/ Coffee Break

National adaptation strategies & selecting measures

11.00	Selecting and prioritizing adaptation measures within the freshwater programme of the Dutch Delta Programme, <i>Steffie Paardekooper, the Netherlands</i>
11.15	The development of the Swiss adaptation strategy and plan, <i>Sibylle Vermont, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment</i>

11.30-12.30 Exercise on selecting and prioritizing measures

12.30- 14.30 Lunch-break

14.30- 15.00: Continuation of the exercise

15.00- 16.15: Session 4: Collection of good practices and lessons learned and continuation of platform for exchanging experience

The meeting will discuss how to enable a regular exchange of experience between the participating basins and other similar initiatives. The meeting will

also consider initial plans for the fourth workshop on water and adaptation to climate change scheduled for 25–26 June 2013.

Question for discussion: *Have representatives from new basins appreciated and benefited from the meeting? What can be improved to better take advantage of the expanded pool of experience?*

The meeting will discuss the planned collection of good practices and lessons learned on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins foreseen in the 2013-2015 work programme which is expected to be launched at the seventh World Water Forum (Republic of Korea, 2015). The Group will discuss the approach, the selection criteria, the methodology and the timeline for the collection of good practices and lessons learned.

Questions for discussion: *How to prepare the collection of good practices? What approach and methodology should be followed, which criteria should be used to select good practices and what should be the timeline?*

In addition, the meeting will be invited to discuss cooperation with other similar initiatives carried out by other organizations in particular under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the World Meteorological Organization, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) etc.

16.15-16.30: Session 5: Next meeting of the Core group and closing