



## INBO Webinar

### « City-basin dialogue : INBO-IWA methodological guide on cities connected to their basin »

**Tuesday November 10, 2020, 10. 00a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (CEST / Paris time)**

Most of the world's population lives in cities and there will be close to 6 billion people living in urban areas by 2050. This growth creates many challenges for making cities sustainable and requires collective intelligence and action for water and environmental security. Urban growth can be an opportunity for economic development however as natural resources are limited; it is also a threat to the quality of life.

There is already a focus on sustainable cities through frameworks such as the [Principles for Water Wise Cities](#) , which emphasize the need to optimize costs, resilience of water resources, conservation of biodiversity, etc. This includes collaborative actions to reconcile the urban water cycle with the wider water cycle which includes river and lake basins and aquifers which cities rely on for their water resources. All stakeholders must be involved in identifying and implementing appropriate and sustainable solutions for effective city-basin governance.

The International Water Association (IWA) and the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) are designing a handbook, a decision-making tool to strengthen the city's connection and integration with its hydrographic basin. This handbook expands on the [Action Agenda for Basin-Connected Cities](#) which reflects the current and potential issues between cities and their basins and how to deal with them by identifying the drivers for action (e.g. what are the risks?), and the possible solution pathways. Through practical case studies, testimonials and recommendations, the handbook will illustrate how the "urban actor" can and must play an active role in the protection of water resources and in the reconnection of basins to their cities.



During this 1,5-hour webinar, INBO and IWA will outline the ambition of the handbook which targets both policy makers and technicians, and which will also aim to raise awareness among civil society and environmental groups.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WEBSEMINAR?

This online seminar is dedicated to any organization and any expert involved in the water sector. Completely free, it only requires good Internet access, and will allow participants to ask their questions. Simultaneous French / English / Spanish translation is provided.

**\*\*\*Register before the registration deadline (November 9, 2020):  
you will receive a confirmation email containing all the information you need to register\*\*\***

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### INTRODUCTION BY INBO SECRETARIAT (10 min):

- [Dr. Eric Tardieu](#), Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations–INBO
- [Ms Diane D’Arras](#), President, IWA (TBC)

### OBJECTIVES AND STRUCTURE OF THE HANDBOOK (5 min):

- [Ms. Katharine Cross](#), IWA

### PANEL (60 min and 10 min of Q&A):

#### MEMBERS OF IWA AND INBO, HAVE BASIN STORIES TO SHARE WITH YOU...

Speakers will share their experience on how their respective cities are linked to their basins and will attempt to describe how “the urban actor” can and must play an active role in the protection of the resource, and thus help to strengthen this (re)connection.

#### Moderator/keynote speaker:

[Ms. Aziza Akhmouch](#), Head of Division, Cities, Urban Policy and Sustainable Development, OECD

#### Panelists:

Basin stories from...	City	Speaker	Topics
1. Portugal	Porto	<b>Mrs. Claudia Costa</b> , Environmental Engineer, Aguas do Porto	<i>Urban Water Cycle Integrated Management in Porto. Águas do Porto focuses on three main goals i.e. cleansing, day-lighting and rehabilitating Porto’s rivers and streams to establish a balance with the city’s natural resources. To achieve these goals, the utility, together with the Municipality, has designed and implemented sustainable strategies for the water resources.</i>
2. Morocco	Marrakech	<b>Mr. Mohammed Chtioui</b> , Secretary General, Tensift, Hydraulic Basin Agency	<i>The regional Water declaration of Marrakech which led to a convention of participative management of the water resources of the Haouz Mejjatte plain.</i>
4. Megacities		<b>Mr. Mr. Alexandros Makarigakis</b> , Programme Specialist, Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO	<i>Megacities within basin management</i>
4. Philippines	Manilla	<b>Mrs Caroline Chal</b> Head for Public and Institutional relations, the metropolitan agency of household waste, SYCTOM and <b>Mr Tristan Milot, Project manager</b> , Greater Paris Interdepartmental Sanitation Authority (SIAAP)	<i>A pilot project aimed at strengthening household waste management in Pasay City. This initiative, undertaken in partnership with the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), seeks to contribute to improving the quality of the water of the Pasig River.</i>
5. The International Association of Waterworks in the Danube (IAWD)		<b>Mr. Walter Kling</b> , Secretary General, IAWD	<i>Water utilities work together to ensure the security of a clean and safe water supply using the best management and operating techniques, but also to ensure cooperation at the river basin level to protect and restore water systems.</i>
6. Senegal	Dakar	<b>Mrs. Mamani Coulibaly</b> , Project Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	<i>C40 finance facility as a project manager for hydraulic and landscaping redevelopment of the rainwater retention basin of catchment area in the city of Dakar.</i>

**CONCLUSION (5 min)**

- [Mr. Fadi Comair](#), Chair of UNESCO-IHP Intergovernmental Council (tbc)
- [Dr. Eric Tardieu](#), Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations –INBO)