



## Third meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation

6-7 April 2016, Geneva

Starting at 10 a.m., Palais des Nations, room VIII

### AGENDA

The meeting will have the following objectives:

- review the progress and the lessons learned by the basins since the last meeting of the global network in February 2014;
- discuss common challenges such as financing of adaptation measures;
- discuss how to further facilitate a regular exchange of experience between the participating basins and other similar initiatives;
- review how the Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction can support basin-wide adaptation.

### Wednesday, 6 April 2016

#### 10.00 – 11.00 Session 1: Introduction and welcome

**Chairs: Ms. Sibylle Vermont and Mr. Niels Vlaanderen**

Welcome words by the chairs, the Netherlands (*Mr. Niels Vlaanderen*) and Switzerland (*Ms. Sibylle Vermont*)

Introductory remarks by France and Morocco, as hosts of COP21 and COP22

*Mr. Philippe Ramet, Permanent Mission of France in Geneva*

*Mr. Abdelaziz Zerouali, Director of Basin Agency of Bouregreg, Morocco*

Introduction to the agenda by UNECE and INBO

Presentation of the recent publication "Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary basins: Lessons Learned and Good Practices" – *Mr. Jos Timmerman, Alterra*

Introductory round

#### 11.00 – 13.00 Session 2: Updates by basins of the network

**Chair: Mr. Eric Tardieu, INBO**

- Congo Basin - *Mr. Blaise-Leandre Tondo, International Commission for the Congo - Oubangui – Sangha Basins*
- Neman River - *Mr. Sergei Zavyalov, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus*
- Dauria Going Dry – *Mr. Evgeny Simonov, Rivers without Boundaries International Coalition*
- Sava Basin – *Ms. Dragana Milovanovic, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia*

- Puyango-Catamayo River Basin - *Mr. Jose Serrano, Puyango-Catamayo River Basin*

Interactive discussion in groups about the questions asked by the basins

### **13.00 – 15.00 Lunch-break**

### **15.00 – 18.00 Session 3: Dealing with water scarcity and droughts in transboundary basins, including consideration of the role of groundwater**

**Chair: Mr. Niels Vlandereen, the Netherlands**

- Transboundary drought monitoring - *Mr. Bob Stefanski, WMO*
- Using groundwater for climate change adaptation- Experiences from the UNESCO / Graphic project – *Mr. Tales Carvalho Resende, UNESCO*
- Example from an aquifer: Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) - *Mr. Djamel Latrech, OSS*
- Drought as a new priority in flood-prone basins, the Meuse – *Mr. Cor Jacobs, Alterra*
- Drought management measures in Central and Eastern Europe – *Ms. Sabina Bokal, GWP CEE*
- Drought management in the Senegal– *Mr. Amadou Lamine Ndiaye, OMVS*

Interactive group discussion – sharing experiences between the basins

### **19.30 Dinner**

## Thursday, 7 April 2016

### **9.30 – 9.45 Reporting on the group discussions in session 3**

**Chair: Mr. Daniel Valensuela, INBO**

### **9.45 – 13.00 Session 4: Financing basin-wide adaptation**

#### **How can we support the basins in finding funds?**

**Chair: Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Switzerland**

Mainstreaming transboundary adaptation strategies into national policies and plans - *Ms. Kathleen Dominique, OECD*

Costing adaptation measures, using national and international funding sources, relationships with national and international institutions:

- Adaptation Fund - *Mr. Hugo Remaury, Adaptation Fund Secretariat*
- National funding: Dutch experience, Dutch INDC, transboundary elements – *Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, the Netherlands*

Examples from the basins of the network:

- Rhine: adaptation strategy and mainstreaming climate into river basin management plans - *Mr. Adrian Schmid-Breton, ICPR*
- Danube: mainstreaming climate into river basin management plans - *Ms. Dragana Milovanovic, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia*

- Dniester implementation plan – Mr. *Gherman Bejenaru*, State Hydrometeorological Service of the Republic of Moldova, and Ms. *Olga Lysiuk*, State Agency of Water Resources of Ukraine
- Niger climate investment plan - Mr. *Abdou Guero*, Niger Basin Authority (NBA)

Discussion in groups

**13.00 – 14.30 Lunch-break**

**14.30 – 15.00 Reporting on the interactive discussions in session 4**

**15.00 – 16.15 Session 5: Future of the network vis-a-vis other global and regional developments and actors**

***Chairs: Ms. Sibylle Vermont and Mr. Niels Vlaanderen***

The meeting will discuss future activities and ways of working of the network. In this regard, it will review and make comments on the “Draft strategy for future work on water and climate change adaptation in transboundary basins under the Water Convention” (ECE/MP.WAT/2015/4). The meeting will also make suggestions for the sixth workshop on water and adaptation to climate change scheduled for September 2016.

Furthermore, ways of engagement with UNISDR, UNFCCC and COP22 will be discussed as well as the link with the Paris Pact on Adaptation in the basins of rivers, lakes and groundwaters. Similarly, partnerships with other organizations will be considered such as the World Meteorological Organization, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) and others.

Participants will be requested to evaluate the meeting and come up with concrete suggestions for the themes of future meetings.

**16.15-16.30 Session 6: Next meeting of the global network and closing**