



## **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**

### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

#### **Background and objectives**

The global agreements adopted in 2015, notably the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction as well as the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, highlight the importance of and links between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, water management and transboundary cooperation. As the high number of signatures of the Paris Pact for Adaptation to Climate Change in the basins of rivers, lakes and groundwaters has shown, more and more basins worldwide are already or are planning to adapt their water management to climate change. To support them in their efforts, the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation was created already in 2013 by the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO). It aims to offer a platform for comparing methodologies and approaches, fostering exchange of experience and promoting a shared vision between the participating basins.

The third meeting on 6-7 April 2016 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**

Welcome words by the chairs, the Netherlands and Switzerland

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

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

Introductory round

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

**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**

Interactive group discussion

**19.30 Dinner**

**Thursday, 7 April 2016**

**9.30 – 12.30: Session 4: Financing basin-wide adaptation**

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

Interactive group discussions

**12.30– 14.30 Lunch-break**

**14.30 – 15.45: Session 5: Future of the network vis-a-vis other global and regional developments and actors**

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.

**15.45-16.00: Session 6: Next meeting of the global network and closing**

**Practical information**

The meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation will start at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 6 April 2016 and end at 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, 7 April 2016. It will be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The working languages will be English, French and Russian. Documents and other information for the meeting will be made available at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=42120#/>

Eligible participants from countries with economies in transition and developing countries may apply for financial support to facilitate their participation in the meeting. Requests for financial support should be submitted to the UNECE secretariat ([water.convention@unece.org](mailto:water.convention@unece.org)) as soon as possible, but not later than **25 February 2016**.

Participants requiring entry visas to Switzerland (Schengen) should inform the secretariat as soon as possible. The minimum amount of time needed for obtaining a visa is now 15 working days. **Participants needing a visa are therefore requested to submit their application as soon as possible and initiate visa procedures at least five weeks before the meeting.**

In accordance with United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to register by 15 March 2016 using the following link:  
<https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=9R8WPH>  
For assistance with registration, please see the instructions on the meeting's web page or contact the secretariat by e-mail ([water.convention@unece.org](mailto:water.convention@unece.org)). On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix (see map on the UNECE Water Convention website). Please allow time for this.

Practical information on the Palais des Nations, as well as on transport and accommodation in Geneva, is available online at:  
<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>.

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