



Financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins SIXTH WORKSHOP ON ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN TRANSBOUNDARY BASINS

To be held in Geneva, 13-14 September 2016
Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 September 2016

DRAFT PROGRAMME

10:00-11:00 Opening session

Moderators: Sibylle Vermont and Niels Vlaanderen

Welcoming words from organizing partners:

- *Niels Vlaanderen, the Netherlands*
- *Sibylle Vermont, Switzerland*
- *Christian Friis Bach, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Executive Secretary*
- *Christina Leb, World Bank*

Opening words by France and Morocco as hosts of COP21 and COP22:

- *Philippe RAMET, Counsellor Environment, Permanent Mission of France*
- *Ziyad Abdeslam, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment, Morocco*

Keynote speech:

- *Monica Scatasta, European Investment Bank (EIB)*

Introduction to the aims of the workshop:

- *Sonja Koepfel, UNECE and Eric Tardieu, International Network of Basin Organizations*

11:00-13:00 Session 1: Funding basin-wide adaptation through planning and mainstreaming

Moderator: Kabine Komara, OMVS High Commissioner

- Lake Chad Development and Climate Resilience Action Plan, *Mana Boubakari, Lake Chad Basin Commission*
- Mekong Adaptation strategy, *Huong Thuy Phan Nguyen, Mekong River Commission*
- Peru-Bolivia: Guidelines and Actions for Environmental Recovery of Titicaca Lake and its biodiversity, including climate change, *Giovanna Egas, Ministry of Environment, Peru*
- Dniester implementation plan and links with national adaptation plan, river basin management plan and INDC, *Diana Celac, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Moldova*
- Ecuador-Peru transboundary cooperation: creation of commission and adaptation to climate change in the Chira-Catamayo basin, *Alexis Sanchez, Water Secretariat, Ecuador*
- Funding transboundary adaptation through national funds and integration into river basin management plans: example from a Danube country, *Dragana Milovanovic, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia*

13:00-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:15-15:00 Chocolate break session: How the UNECE Water Convention supports transboundary cooperation and implementation/ review of SDG target 6.5

English/French facilitation (no interpretation), Swiss chocolates provided

15:00-18:00 Session 2: Different funding sources and mechanisms for financing adaptation measures within basins

Moderator: Niels Vlaanderen, the Netherlands

- Overview of financing options as well as formal and informal climate finance, *Christina Leeb World Bank*
- Contributing to Deliver Water Prosperity and Security to Africa, *Francis Daniel Bougaire, African Water Facility*
- Green Climate Fund, *Chantal Nairoo, GCF secretariat*
- Generating funding within the basin to finance the adaptation strategy (pollution charges, financial helps): example from France Rhone Mediterranean Corsica water agency, *Thomas Pelte, Rhone Mediterranean and Corsica Water Agency*
- River Basins and Financial Redistribution in Practice, EcoCuencas project, *Antonio Eduardo Giansante, EcoCuencas*
- Cooperation in the Trifinio basin, *Sergio Bran Molina, Plan Trifinio, El Salvador*

16:45-18:00 Market place of funding options, sources and mechanisms

- EIB Natural Finance Facility, *Monica Scatasta, European Investment Bank*
- Planning tools for floods and drought events in a transboundary setting, *Oluf Zeilund Jessen, UNEP-DHI Partnership – Centre on Water and Environment*
- Lake Titicaca: combination of funding for flood infrastructure, sharing of costs, *Alfredo Mamani, Authority of Lake Titicaca*
- River management planning in French Guyana, integrating climate and transboundary challenges, *Franck Chow-Toun, French Guyana Water Office*
- Designing effective project proposals for adaptation to climate change projects, *Natalia Olofinskaya, UNDP*
- Public-Private Partnerships in Water Management and Flood control for informal settlements, *Diogo Faria de Oliveira, Independent water expert, Team Leader for the UNECE International PPP*

Standards for Water Management and flood control, President of the Management and Support Team of the Portuguese National Strategic Water and Sanitation Plan

- Further insight from the African Water Facility, *Francis Daniel Bougaire, African Water Facility*

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09:30-11:00 Session 3: Funding natural and built infrastructure in shared basins

Moderator: Eric Tardieu, INBO

- Adaptation in the Sundarbans delta, *Malik Khan, Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Service, Bangladesh*
- Joint financing of infrastructure and climate change adaptation in the Chu Talas basin, *Kokumbek TASHANALIEV, General Director Department of Water Management and Melioration, Kyrgyzstan, and Indira Akbozova, Chu Talas Commission secretariat*
- Mainstreaming climate adaptation for water investments through green and climate bonds, *John Matthews, AGWA*
- Experience from Coatán and Cahoacán basins, *Felipe Arrevillaga, Technical Officer of IUCN in Chiapas, México*
- Cooperation on cost-sharing and other options for financing in transboundary basins: example of cooperation between France and Switzerland on flood protection, *Marianne Gfeller, Water directorate Geneva, Switzerland*

11:00-13:00 Session 4: Dealing with uncertainty in investments: robust and flexible water management

Moderator: John Matthews

- Overview of new tools to address uncertainty, *John Matthews, AGWA*
- Introduction to the CRIDA approach, *Ad Jeuken, Deltares, and Kristin Gilroy, USACE*

Interactive exercise

13:00-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30-16:45 Session 5: How to overcome barriers in accessing finance

Moderator: Roberto Martin-Hurtado

- Overcoming policy barriers to more effective investment of public climate funds in sustainable water and sanitation programmes, *Louise Whiting, WaterAid*
- How to become accredited to international climate funds? *Experience from OSS, Maxime Thibon, OSS*
- How to develop bankable projects? How to bring together climate change, water and investment experts?
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Monica Scatasta, EIB
Natalia Olofinskaya, UNDP

16:45-17:30 Concluding session: Conclusions and next steps

Moderators: Sibylle Vermont and Niels Vlaanderen