





# World Water Forum 5<sup>th</sup> Topic Sessions Proposal Theme 3

Managing and Protecting Water Resources and their Supply Systems to Meet Human and Environmental Needs

### **TOPIC 3.1:**

### **BASIN MANAGEMENT AND TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION**

### **PROGRAMME OF THE SESSIONS**

Topic coordinators	INBO and UNESCO
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Session reference number	3.1.1 – Friday March the 20 <sup>th</sup> – 8:30 to 10:30 - SUTLUCE
Media-friendly title	Boundless Basins: What are the successes and failures of hydro-solidarity?
Working title	Success Stories and Failures of Hydro-Solidarity: Hydro solidarity vs. Hydro sovereignty
Duration	2 hours
Key question	What are the success stories of hydro-solidarity?
Media-friendly session summary	Reviewing the success stories and shortcomings of local, national and transboundary cooperation can help to reason more broadly and identify applicable contexts. That knowledge and experience can then be shared with others, especially in developing countries that have little room for error, in order to implement the approach with the greatest chance for success.
Session description	Hydrosolidarity describes an increasingly integrated approach to managing water resources that relies heavily on participation and coordination among community stakeholders, water-related management agencies, and local, state, and national governments. A fundamental goal of hydrosolidarity is the cooperative, unified management of transboundary water resources, whether at the national or the international level (excerpts from <a href="http://www.waterencyclopedia.com">http://www.waterencyclopedia.com</a> ). Furthermore, basins will be considered as one unit in which hydrosolidarity should be applied.
	The session will be indeed an opportunity to review examples of success and failures stories at three levels, local, national, trans-boundary basins. It will therefore tackle the reasons of success and the causes of failures. It will offer an opportunity to exchange views and experiences on the technical, political and institutional constraints that can constitute obstacles for cooperation over surface and ground water resources. Different experiences of national or transboundary basin organizations will be presented. Based on that assessment the session may move forward and suggest indicators that can be could be used to monitor and assess the quality of cooperation at any level.
	The session will address the following questions:
	- What are the reasons of success and failures of hydrosolidarity?
	<ul> <li>Do political obstacles and constraints hinder the achievement of hydrosolidarity?</li> <li>And if so, how?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>How can indicators of the quality of water cooperation and hydrosolidarity be developed and then monitored?</li> </ul>
	- What is the value added of a basin approach and how does a basin organization help?
Topic coordinators	INBO and UNESCO

**2 Co-Chairs :** (5 minutes each at the beginning of the session, 5 minutes each at the end of the session)

- Mr Anders Jägerskog, Project Director, SIWI,
- Mr Jose Luis Luege Tamargo, Director General, National Water Commission of Mexico – CONAGUA.

#### 4 Short keynotes: (7 minutes each)

- Mr Jean-Marc Fragnoud, vice-President of the Rhône-Mediterranée Basin Committee representing the French Water agencies and Basin Committees,
- Ms Lynette De Silva, Associate Director of the Program in Water Conflict Management and Transformation at Oregon State University, Oregon State University / International Water Resources Association – IWRA,
- Ms Chahra Ksia, Director, Water Center, Arab League,
- Mr Jeroen Warner, or Ms Ana Cascao, or Ms Marwa Daoudy, London Water Research Group – LWRG.

#### 5 Reacting speakers: (5 minutes each)

- Mr Thomas Chiramba, Chief, Freshwater Ecosystems Unit in the Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP,
- Mr Fadi Comair , General Director, Ministry of Water resources Lebanon,
- Mr Ovidiu Gabor, Deputy Director of N. A. Apele Romane, Central and Eastern European Network of Basin Organizations / International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River.
- Mr Aysegul Kibaroglu, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University, and Member of Euphrates-Tigris Initiative for Cooperation – ETIC,
- Mr Kyle Schilling, Past President of the EWRI and Honorary Member of the ASCE, **ASCE-EWRI**.

- Mr Mauri Cesar Barbosa Pereira, Executive Secretary, Consorcio Interminicipal Lagos São João / **Brazilian Network of Basin Organizations –Brazil,**
- Mr Jon Martin Trondalen, Chairman, Compass Foundation / UNESCO.

Session reference number	3.1.2 – Friday March the 20 <sup>th</sup> – 11:00 to 13:00 - SUTLUCE
Media-friendly title	How can stakeholder be involved in basin management and Transboundary water cooperation?
Working title	How to enable stakeholders' participation
Duration	2 hours
Key question	Can Stakeholder participation lead to better management?
Media-friendly session summary	Experience shows that creating a sense of ownership among stakeholders is a key to the success of a project on the ground. However, determining the appropriate ways for developing wide and effective stakeholder participation in particular situations is still a challenge, especially in transboundary contexts and situation of scarcity.
Session description	The session will scrutinize a wide array of issues to be taken into account when aiming at a genuine stakeholders' participation in basin management and transboundary cooperation, such as the choice of the level of participation, the identification of the stakeholders, the legitimacy and systems of representations, the mechanisms for participations, the level of responsibility eventually transferred and the funding of the process.
	The session will identify key mechanisms and requirements for the development of stakeholders' participation and the tools that can serve in specific contexts for the establishment of the pertinent strategies in the organization of stakeholder's involvement
	The various questions above will be analysed through the presentation practical examples emphasizing the various kinds of cooperative participation (such as institutional frameworks, basin committees, education and empowerment, consultation, information, involvement). The understanding of the roles of stakeholders depending on the context will also be evaluated as the key issues related to the participation of specific groups like women, NGOs, poor people, young people. The relevant information and communication technologies and know-how useful in participation process will also be addressed.
	The session will address the following questions:
	<ul> <li>How can relevant stakeholders be identified? Who should be represented at the international and internal levels?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>How is the legitimacy of the representatives determined? What types of representative systems should be used?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Information, consultation, or empowerment: which kind of participation do we really want in order to enable and sustain the participation process?</li> </ul>
	Which mode or mechanism should be used for the participation? Are basin Committees adding any value to the process?
Topic coordinators	INBO and UNESCO

- **2 Co-Chairs :** (5 minutes each at the beginning of the session, 5 minutes each at the end of the session)
  - Mr Max Campos, Executive Secretary for CRRH-SICA,
  - Ms Madeleine de Grandmaison, Member of the European Parliament, President of the Basin Committee of Martinique Island – the Caribbean's.

#### 4 Short keynotes: (7 minutes each)

- Mr Grégoire Alé, Ingénieur de l'Equipement Rural, Hydrologue, **Togo-Benin cooperation study over the Mono River**,
- Mr Shang Hongqi, General director, **Department of International Cooperation, The Yellow river Conservancy Commission China,** 
  - Ms Marta Moren, General director, Spanish Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs / Spanish River Basin Authority,
- Mr Mike Muller, Visiting Professor, Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg.

#### 5 Reacting speakers: (5 minutes each)

- Mr M. Amron, President of the Network of Asian River Basin Organisations / Ministry of Public Works of Indonesia,
- Mr Edgar Bejarano Mendez, General Director, "Corporacion Autonoma Regional de Cundinamarca" – CAR – Columbia / President of the Latin American Network of Basin Organizations – LANBO,
- Mr Mitja Brilly, Professor of Hydrology and Water Management, **University** of Ljubljania, Slovenia,
- Mr Daniel Chacon, General Manager, Border Environment Cooperation Commission (COCEF) USA / Mexico,
- Mr Jean Landry, President, Organization of Basin Committees of Quebec (ROBVQ).

- Mr Ti LeHuu, Economic Affairs Officer, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, **UNESCAP**,
- Mr Peter Van Niekerk, Chief Director of Planning, Dept. of Water affairs and Forestry- South Africa / ORASECOM (Orange-Senqu River Commission) / African Network of Basin organizations – ANBO.

Session reference number	3.1.3 – Friday March the 20 <sup>th</sup> – 14:30 to 19:00 - SUTLUCE
Media-friendly title	Love Thy Neighbour: How to make transboundary water cooperation a lasting relationship?
Working title	Sustainable Cooperation: Institutional tools and mechanisms
Duration	4 hours
Key question	How can cooperation over transboundary surface and groundwater resources be achieved in a sustainable and equitable manner?
Media-friendly session summary	There are 276 transboundary river basins around the world and 274 transboundary aquifers identified so far, upon which over 3 billion people depend. Since many countries' development depends on transboundary water resources, countless tools have been developed to improve institutional cooperation. Very few, though, are actually sustainable and equitable.
Session description	The session will evaluate the tools and mechanisms that are available for the development of cooperation and the prevention of conflicts over water resources. The session will make an assessment of these tools and mechanisms, and will look forward by suggesting how to fill the gaps in order to improve the track record of cooperation. The session will also offer an opportunity to explore the grounds for the transfer of knowledge and practices.  It will look into the political and institutional mechanisms and tools that are crucial for the reinforcement of trans-boundary cooperation as well as for the improvement of water management (surface and groundwater) at basin level (i.e. international organizations, arbitration commissions, basin organisations, legal and financial mechanisms).  The session will address the following questions:  What is sustainable cooperation?  What are the mechanisms and tools (international conventions, regional treaties, diplomacy, politics) that support the achievement of cooperation (including protection against floods and droughts, preventing pollution , water sharing and maximizing benefits for all countries and populations living in the same basin) while nurturing genuine cooperation?  International commissions, arbitration commissions, transboundary basin authorities: What can be learned from these various types of institutions, their statutes, and functions?  Are principles and tools used in one region transferable to other regions? And if so how would that be possible?
Topic coordinators	INBO and UNESCO

- **2 Co-Chairs :** (5 minutes each at the beginning of the session, 5 minutes each at the end of the session)
  - Mr Alfred Duda, Senior Advisor, International Waters, the GEF,
  - Mr Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug, President, Network of International commissions and transboundary Basin Organizations / High Commissioner of OMVS – Senegal River Development Organization.

#### 9 Short keynotes: (7 minutes each)

- Mr Jeremy Bird, Chief Executive Officer of the Secretariat, Mekong River Commission,
- Mr Mario Cerutti, Executive Secretary, International Commission of the Maas,
- Mr Ousmane Diallo, Coordinator Water Programme, Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel – OSS,
- Mr Dipak Gyawali, Founding Member and Head of the Nepal Water Conservation Foundation.
- Mr Walter Mazzitti, President, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations
   MENBO / Former president of the EU Water Task Force for the Middle East,
- Mr Didier Pennequin, BRGM,
- Ms Flavia Rocha Loures, Senior Program Officer, International Water Law and Policy, WWF International, WWF International / Dundee University / Green Cross International.
- Mr Tefera Woudeneh, Chief Water Operations Officer, African Water Facility,
- Mr Chusei Yamada, Ambassador, Special Rapporteur of the UN-ILC.

#### 9 Reacting Speakers: (5 minutes each)

- Mr Marc Baltes, Senior Advisor, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE,
- Mr Jerome Delli Priscoli, Senior Advisor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers USACE.
- Mr Michel Dimbele-Kombe, Director Water Resources and Environment, Lake
   Chad Basin International Commission LCBC,
- Mr Bart Fokkens, President of ECRR European Center for River Restoration,
- Mr Abdou Guero, Technical Director, Niger Basin Authority ABN,
- Mr Alejandro Iza, Director of IUCN's Environmental Law Centre, IUCN,
- Mr Tauhidul Anwar Khan, Secretary General, Bangladesh Water Partnership
   BWP.
- Mr Sergey Kostarev, permanent secretary of IRSC Irtysh River Steering Committee / Russia Ecological Committee,
- Mr Neno Kukuric, Deputy Head, IGRAC.

- Mr Slavko Bogdanovic, Professor, University of Novi Sad Faculty of Sciences and Business Academy Novi Sad,
- Mr Ben Vandewedering, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine ICPR.

Session reference number	3.1.4 – Saturday March the 21 <sup>st</sup> – 8:30 to 10:30 - SUTLUCE
Media-friendly title	Which are the operational tools that allow achieving transboundary cooperation and sound basin management?
Working title	Efficient and Sound Cooperation: Operational tools
Duration	2 hours
Key question	Which are the operational tools that allow achieving transboundary cooperation and sound basin management?
Media-friendly session summary	It's ridiculous to try to dig a hole with a saw or pound a nail with a sponge.  Appropriate tools are needed to get the job done right. Likewise, effective operational tools are needed to support transboundary cooperation and sound basin management as a whole. Some tools have already proven to be efficient in certain contexts, but what is the bigger picture?
Session description	The session will focus on operational tools which are crucial for the improvement of water management (surface and groundwater) at basin level, as well as for the reinforcement of transboundary cooperation.
	The session is expected to offer examples of tools that have proven to be successful based on real life experiences. These could be related to risk management, flood and drought prevention, funding mechanisms; integrated Information Systems; planning methods, training and capacity development.
	The session will address the following questions:
	<ul> <li>What are the new developments (Base line, planning and scenarios) that serve transboundary cooperation and/or the design, improvement and implementation of basin management plans or master plans, including risk and disaster management, and how is it possible to prepare and implement realistic programmes of measures and investments for each basin?</li> <li>Who will fund transboundary cooperation initiatives and integrated water resources management in basins? Do we have efficient and realistic financing mechanisms and tools (national budget, tariff strategy, water taxes, financial transfers) at our disposal? What about the implementation of the "user- polluter- pay" principles and systems?</li> <li>How is it possible to exchange data, information and knowledge between institutions to create efficient basin information systems to follow the implementation of management plans and to enhance transboundary cooperation?</li> <li>Are the tools and experiences easily transferable towards developing countries?</li> </ul>
Topic coordinators	INBO and UNESCO

- **2 Co-Chairs :** (5 minutes each at the beginning of the session, 5 minutes each at the end of the session)
  - Mr Shammy Puri, Chairman of the International Association of Hydrologists, IAH / ISARM,
  - Mr Jean-Yves Grosclaude, Director, French Development Agency AFD / FFEM.

#### 4 Short keynotes: (7 minutes each)

- Ms Shaden Abdel Gawad, Governor of the AWC, Chair of the JASD-NSAS, President of the NWRC, Arab Water Council + Joint Authority for the Study and Development of the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System + National Water Research Centre,
- Mr Unal Ozis, Professor, Southeastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration / GAP Administration – Turkey,
- Mr William Struckmeier, BMZ / BGR,
- Mr Gangyan Zhou, Professor & Deputy Director, **The Yangse river** Conservancy Commission China.

#### 4 Reacting Speakers: (5 minutes each)

- Ms Lauren Adams, Independent Researcher, Yale University,
- Mr Patrick Lavarde, General Director, **Office for Water and Aquatic Ecosystems ONEMA France**,
- Mr Arnould Lefebure, Executive Secretary, International Commission of the Scheldt,
- Mr Paul Violette, Chief of Party, Eco-Asia.

- Mr Frederik Pischke, Water Advisor to the Secretary of UN-Water Secretariat / UN DESA.
- Mr Vadim Sokolov, Deputy Director, Scientific Information Centre ICWC
   / International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

Session reference number	3.1.5 – SYNTHESIS SESSION Saturday March the 21 <sup>st</sup> – 11: 00 to 13:00 - SUTLUCE
Media-friendly title	How can we bridge the divide between various users whose lives depends on common water resources? And how should we just do it!
Working title	Synthesis session: what have we discussed in topic 3.1.?
Duration	2 hours
Key question	What are the conclusions of the discussions on transboundary cooperation and basin management?
Media-friendly session summary	This session will reflect and summarize the dialogue that has taken place during the sessions of topic 3.1. It will show how basin management and transboundary cooperation really work when there is a genuine political will.
Session description	The session will respond in summary to the following questions, reflecting the dialogues that took place during the various gathering related to topic 3.1.  - What are the successes and failures of hydro-solidarity?  - How can stakeholder participation lead to better management?  - How to make transboundary water cooperation a lasting relationship?  - Which tools can help transboundary management?
Topic coordinators	INBO and UNESCO
Session conveners	<ul> <li>Two Co-Chairs: (5 minutes each at the beginning of the session, 5 minutes each at the end of the session)</li> <li>Mr Laszlo Kóthay, Hungarian State Secretary and World President of INBO,</li> <li>Mr Muhammad Zamir, Ambassador, Bangladesh.</li> <li>Speakers: Rapporteurs of all sessions: (10 minutes each)</li> <li>Mr Mauri Cesar Barbosa Pereira, Executive Secretary, Consorcio Interminicipal Lagos São João / Brazilian Network of Basin Organizations –Brazil,</li> <li>Mr Jon Martin Trondalen, Chairman, Compass Foundation / UNESCO,</li> <li>Mr Ti LeHuu, Economic Affairs Officer, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, or Mr Siva Thampi, Director of the Environment and Sustainable Development Division, UNESCAP,</li> <li>Mr Peter Van Niekerk, Chief Director of Planning, Dept. of Water affairs and Forestry- South Africa / ORASECOM (Orange-Senqu River Commission) / African Network of Basin organizations – ANBO,</li> <li>Mr Slavko Bogdanovic, Professor, University of Novi Sad Faculty of Sciences and Business Academy Novi Sad,</li> <li>Mr Ben Vandewedering, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine – ICPR,</li> <li>Mr Frederik Pischke, Water Advisor to the Secretary of UN-Water Secretariat / UN DESA,</li> <li>Mr Vadim Sokolov, Deputy Director, Scientific Information Centre – ICWC /</li> </ul>
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