

Mexico will host the 10th World General Assembly of the International Network of Basin Organizations

This event will take place in Mérida, Yucatan, from the 1st to the 3rd of June 2016.

The Mexican Government, through the National Water Commission (Conagua) @conagua_mx, will accommodate the 10th World General Assembly of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), from the 1st to the 3rd of June 2016 in the City of Merida, Yucatan.

The tenth edition of this Assembly will organize its work around major strategic issues to ensure the necessary implementation of programs of adaptation to great global challenges such as population growth, food and energy demand, or adaptation to the effects of climate change, in the basins of local, national and transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers, which will be addressed in plenary sessions, roundtables and side events.

It should be reminded that the first General Assembly of the International Network of Basin Organizations was held in Morelia, Michoacan, from 27 to 29 March 1996. During this meeting, the Committee approved the Declaration of Adhesion and the Bases of Organization and Functioning of the Network.

These texts were proposed to the Member-Organizations in order to be approved during the General Assembly in Morelia. This Assembly gathered representatives of 31 countries interested in integrated water resources management at the level of river basins.

The International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) was created in 1994, during the Assembly of Aix les Bains (France), by several organizations, having the common goal of implementing integrated water resources management at the level of river basins, which voluntarily signed the charter adopted by the Assembly of Morelia (Mexico) in 1996, and confirmed later during the following meetings in Valencia (Spain) in 1997, and in Salvador (Brazil) in 1998.

INBO aims to promote the overall management of water resources in river basins, as an essential tool for sustainable development, to develop lasting relationships between the organizations in charge of this global management and encourage experience and expertise sharing among them; to facilitate the development of tools for institutional and financial management, knowledge and overall monitoring of water resources, organization of data bases, joint preparation of master plans and action programs in the medium and long term.

In addition to developing the information and training of local elected officials, representatives of users and the different stakeholders in water management, as well as the leaders and staff of the organizations responsible for river basin management; INBO encourages education of the population on these issues; promotes these principles in international cooperation programs and evaluates the actions initiated by the member organizations and disseminates their results.

More information on INBO website <http://www.rioc.org/rioc/calendarios-de-los-eventos/article/10a-asamblea-general-mundial-de-la>.