

COP22 SIDE-EVENT

“Paris Pact on water and adaptation to climate change: International cooperation on EU Water Directives”

Simultaneous translation into French/English/Spanish
Room Bratislava, EU Pavilion, Blue Zone, Bab Ighli, avenue Mohammed VI, Marrakech,
9 Nov. 2016, 18h30-20h00,



DESCRIPTION:

Climate change is no longer a challenge for generations to come: it's a present day problem. The negative impacts of climate change are already affecting areas all around the world. First and foremost, these impacts manifest themselves through changes in the water cycle, such as unpredictable changes in rainfall patterns, reduction of snow cover and melting of glaciers that alter river flows, salinization of coastal groundwater as a result of sea level rise, more frequent and intense floods and droughts. Water-related disasters represent 90% of all natural disasters. It is therefore of the utmost importance to develop projects of adaptation to climate change in the water sector, and in particular in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers where lie our freshwater resources. This is the objective of the Paris Pact on water and adaptation to climate change in basins, launched at COP21, which now gathers a community of more than 350 signatories.

18h30-18h40 - Introduction

- **Mr. Rupert Joy**, Head of Delegation, Ambassador of the European Union to Morocco, European Commission,
- **Mr. Andrey Vasilyev**, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE.

18h40- 18h45 – Keynote speech on the presentation of the Paris Pact :

- **Mr. Jean-François Donzier**, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO).
 - *Flagship projects of COP21:*
 - *Mediterranean Water Knowledge Platform project,*
 - *Project of IWRM for adaptation to climate change in the Hai river basin.*

18h45-19h55 – Adaptation initiatives

Panel 1:

- **Mr. Kabiné Komara**, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the Senegal river basin (OMVS)
 - *Contribution of the SITWA project for adaptation to climate change in African river basins*
- **Mr. Sun Yangbo**, Division Director, International Cooperation and Technology Bureau, YRCC, Ministry of Water Resources
 - *Adaptation to climate change in the Yellow River Basin*
- **Mr. Victor Alcocer Yamanaka**, Director General, Office for Technical Affairs, National Water Commission (CONAGUA), Mexico

- *Project of adaptation of municipal water services to climate change in the Mexico Valley (Mexico)*
- **Ms. Toupta Boguena**, Executive Secretary, Niger Basin Authority (ABN),
 - Adaptation to climate change in the Niger river basin
- **Mr. El Hadj Lansana Fofana**, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the Gambia River
 - Adaptation to climate change in the Gambia river basin

Panel 2:

- **Ms. Daniela Radulescu**, Director, National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management of Romania, &
Ms. Samira El Haouat, Director of the River Basin Agency of Sebou, Morocco,
 - *European Union-Morocco Twinning project for IWRM and adaptation to climate change in the Sébou basin, Morocco*
- **Mr. Olivier Thibault**, Director General Artois – Picardy Water Agency
 - *Cooperation with Bulgaria (East Aegan river basin) and Morocco (Sebou river basin)*
- **Mr. Abdulkarim Seid**, Head, Water Resources Management Department, Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat (Nile-Sec),
- **Mr. Eduardo C. Léo**, Basin Agency of the Piracicaba, Capivari, Jundiai
 - *EcoCuencas: redistributive financial mechanisms for basin adaptation to climate change*

19h55-20h00 - Conclusion

- **Mr. Laurent Bergeot**, Director General, Adour-Garonne Water Agency.