

BALI BASIN CHAMPIONS AGENDA



THE 9TH WORLD WATER FORUM'S DAKAR ACTION PLAN FOR BASINS LEGACY

The participants in the Basin Segment in Bali reaffirm their support to the Dakar Action Plan for River, Lake and Aquifer Basins launched in Senegal at the 9th World Water Forum (March 2022) during the first ever high-level political segment dedicated to basins in the history of the Forums.

The Dakar Action Plan still aims to accelerate the achievement of water-related SDGs "by the basins and for the basins". It reminds that the availability of water resources in sufficient quantity and quality for water uses (including access to drinking water) and the needs of the environment almost exclusively depend on the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) of river, lake and aquifer basins. It promotes basin management as an essential tool to achieve sustainable development of territories, to adapt to climate change and preserve natural resources, biodiversity and its ecosystems.

It provides the technical definition of the principles for actions and commitments needed. It calls on the main stakeholders of basin management (basin organizations and committees, ministries, donors, UN agencies and water users' associations, etc.) to strengthen cooperation, planning, the legal and institutional

framework of basin organizations, and the search for innovative financing, with 5 priority commitments:

- Confirm the basin organizations role and effectiveness in the service of water security, peace and sustainable development;
- Value the positive impact and concrete results produced by basin organizations including economic and social development, shared facilities and an ecological approach;
- Strengthen visibility and institutional frameworks, especially for transboundary basins;
- Promote innovative and autonomous financing mechanisms at basin level;
- Plan the implementation of integrated management between uses at basin scale.

Its call for action in return received strong commitments during the basin segment of the World Water Forum in Dakar with, including the announcement of the European Commission and its partners (Member States, European Investment Bank, African Union and the African Ministers' Council on Water) of over 400 million euros in funding for transboundary basin management in Africa (for 60% of the African territory & 900 million people).



THE AMBITIONS OF THE 10TH WORLD WATER FORUM FOR BASIN MANAGEMENT

The participants of the basin segment welcome the decision of the 10th World Water Forum (18-25th May, Bali, INDONESIA) to further consolidate the recognition of basin management as a political priority by making perennial the inclusion of a high level political segment dedicated to basins, alongside the “historic” Ministerial, Parliamentarian and Local authorities segments.

They applaud the commitments made during this second edition of the basin segment, including:

Twin Basin Initiative (TBI)

The launch by INBO of the Twin Basin Initiative (TBI), a **global program of exchange of experiences between peers working on the management of water resources at basin level**, with a contribution from:

- The European Commission, in the form of the global project “Peer-to-Peer project support for basin organizations” (capacity building and IWRM twinning programme between basin organizations);
- The French Development Agency, in the form of the DYNObA Project (capacity building of African transboundary basin organizations);
- GEF - IW Learn as a associated partner;
- Inter-American Development Bank [TBC];
- Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean [TBC];
- World Bank and its Global Facility for Transboundary Waters Cooperation [TBC];
- Asian Development Bank [TBC].

The TBI aims to develop the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) good practices by focusing on capacity building within Basin Organizations themselves, both at national and transboundary scales.

To this end, the World-twinning program intends to:

- **Promote peer-to-peer exchanges and twinning alliances** between basin organizations with common interests;
- **Support to joint capacity building activities** (as webinar, face-to-face exchanges, study visits);
- **Dissemination of lessons** learned at global scale (peer to peer and towards the public).



The Global Hydrometry Support Facility (WMO HydroHub)



Archipelago Sea Programme for integrated basin management - Finland



Ympäristöministeriö
Miljöministeriet
Ministry of the Environment





The handbook on transfer of solid waste and plastics



The special edition of the Water International Journal, dedicated to basins



Bilateral and multilateral cooperation on transboundary basins - Côte d'Ivoire



The development of the Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition (TWCC)



Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Data-sharing in Transboundary Basins

This publication contains a collection of good practices and lessons learned in data-sharing in transboundary basins around the world, intended to inspire countries and basins to increase cooperation through enhanced information exchange.



The Coalition of Bali to strengthen training for water professionals



Water and Nature Action Plan: implementation of the "No water security without ecological security / No ecological security without water security"



Development of a planning and sustainable management tool for ecosystems and water resources to improve the living conditions of riverside communities in the Mano River Union area - Côte d'Ivoire



The incubation of Water & Climate projects



Latin American and Caribbean Platform on basin recovery and restoration efforts



BASIN MANAGEMENT RECOGNISED AS A POLITICAL PRIORITY

The participants of the basin segment recognize that the call to make **basin management a top priority of the United Nations Water Conference (March 2023)** was also heard. High level political leaders joined basin management practitioners, echoing the Dakar Action Plan key messages in their official statements.

HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL LEADERS PRAISING IWRM AT BASIN LEVEL AT THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE

“Effective implementation of the integrated water resources and river basin management at the country level and in the transboundary nature need not only legal and institutional framework, but also stronger coordination mechanisms and participatory, responsible, and collaborative actions.”

*Dr. Rabun Ouk,
Minister of Rural Development, Kingdom of Cambodia*



“Costa Rica promotes Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), so that the water cycle - in basins, sub-basins or aquifers - is managed as a single system. To this end, the implementation of indicator 6.5.1 is vital.”

*Ms. Maritza Chan Valverde,
Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Costa Rica*



“To promote a city-basin approach to integrated water resources management and implement upstream-downstream solidarity mechanisms, the African Development Bank (AfDB) supports mechanisms whereby downstream users financially compensate upstream users for water conservation or pollution reduction, also known as payments for ecosystem services.”

*Ms. Beth Dunford,
Vice President for Agriculture, Social and Human Development, African Development Bank*



“Integrated Water Resources Management at the basin level is now, more than ever, an ingenious way to manage groundwater and surface water jointly and sustainably. I am convinced that the role of basin organizations will become more important in the implementation of IWRM in the future.”

*Mr. Nizar Baraka,
Minister of Equipment and Water, Kingdom of Morocco, World President of INBO*

