



Third meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation

**6-7 April 2016, Geneva
Starting at 10 a.m., Palais des Nations**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Background and objectives

The global agreements adopted in 2015, notably the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction as well as the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, highlight the importance of and links between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, water management and transboundary cooperation. As the high number of signatures of the Paris Pact for Adaptation to Climate Change in the basins of rivers, lakes and groundwaters has shown, more and more basins worldwide are already or are planning to adapt their water management to climate change. To support them in their efforts, the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation was created already in 2013 by the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO). It aims to offer a platform for comparing methodologies and approaches, fostering exchange of experience and promoting a shared vision between the participating basins.

The third meeting on 6-7 April 2016 will have the following objectives:

- review the progress and the lessons learned by the basins since the last meeting of the global network in February 2014;
- discuss common challenges such as financing of adaptation measures;
- discuss how to further facilitate a regular exchange of experience between the participating basins and other similar initiatives
- review how the Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction can support basin-wide adaptation

Wednesday, 6 April 2016

10.00– 11.00: Session 1: Introduction and welcome

Welcome words by the chairs, the Netherlands and Switzerland

Introductory remarks by France and Morocco, as hosts of COP21 and COP22

[Letter sent to Morocco](#)
[France invited orally \(MFA and AFD\)](#)

Introduction to the agenda by UNECE and INBO

Presentation of the recent publication: Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary basins: Lessons learned and good practices
[Jos Timmerman and Daniel Valensuela](#)

Introductory round

11.00–13.00: Session 2: Updates by basins of the network

13.00–15.00 Lunch-break

15.00– 18.00: Session 2: Dealing with water scarcity and droughts in transboundary basins, including consideration of the role of groundwater

[UNESCO – ground water, Graphic project \(CC and ground water\)- confirmed](#)

[Example from a transboundary aquifer: OSS](#)

[Revision of agreements due to water scarcity: Spain and Portugal cooperation](#)

[Transboundary drought monitoring](#)

[Drought as a new priority in flood-prone basins: Rhine – low flow plan development? Or Sava – pilot for flood management – have to focus on low flow](#)

[Poland –: Czeck-Polish Oder, regular Vistula \(lowest since 1789\), Belarus-Poland-Ukraine Zapadny Bug](#)

[Group work across basins \(by language\): answering questions:](#)

- [how much is water scarcity an issue in your basins?](#)
- [Which measures do you take or are you planning to take?](#)
- [How do you deal with other sectors in this regard? How do you bring them on board \(e.g. agriculture where water use needs to be reduced and made more efficient\)](#)

Interactive group discussion

19.30 Dinner

Thursday, 7 April 2016

9.30 – 12.30: Session 4: Financing basin-wide adaptation

Costing adaptation measures, using national and international funding sources, relationships with national and international institutions

[External funding sources: Adaptation Fund, Green Climate Fund etc.](#)

[Mainstreaming transboundary adaptation strategies into national policies and plans:](#)

- [Dniester implementation plan](#)
- [Rhine or Danube: mainstreaming climate into river basin management plans](#)
- [Niger climate investment plan](#)
- [CICOS SDAGE](#)

[OECD research on this topic](#)

["Climate-proofing investments": European Commission ?](#)

[Private sector :](#)

[World Business Council on Sustainable Development](#)

[Business Alliance for Water and Climate Change](#)

[Danone](#)

[Arup \(active member of AGWA\)](#)

[Green Bonds \(AGWA work\)](#)

[Group work by basin?](#)

[How do we finance adaptation in our basin? How to make it happen?](#)

[Role play? Within 1 hour present a resource mobilization plan to your Minister in 5 minutes](#)

Interactive group discussions

12.30– 14.30 Lunch-break

14.30 – 15.45: Session 5: Future of the network vis-a-vis other global and regional developments and actors

The meeting will discuss future activities and ways of working of the network. In this regard, it will review and make comments on the "Draft strategy for future work on water and climate change adaptation in transboundary basins under the Water Convention" (ECE/MP.WAT/2015/4). The meeting will also make suggestions for the sixth workshop on water and adaptation to climate change scheduled for September 2016.

[Topics: water scarcity? Do a full simulation according to the AGWA CRIDA](#)

Furthermore, ways of engagement with UNISDR, UNFCCC and COP22 will be discussed as well as the link with the Paris Pact on Adaptation in the basins of rivers, lakes and groundwaters. Similarly, partnerships with other organizations will be considered such as the World Meteorological Organization, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) and others.

Participants will be requested to evaluate the meeting and come up with concrete suggestions for the themes of future meetings.

15.45-16.00: Session 6: Next meeting of the global network and closing