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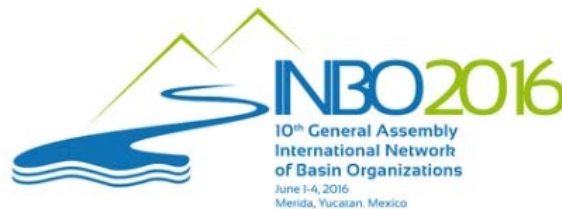
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10th WORLD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS MERIDA - YUCATAN (MEXICO) - FROM 1st TO 4th JUNE 2016



Faced with global challenges, water management at basin level is needed throughout the world!

INVITATION

Dear Madam, Dear Sir, Dear Friends,

I am pleased to confirm that the next 10th World General Assembly of the International Network of Basin Organizations - INBO - will take place in **Merida in Mexico** from **1st to 4th June 2016**, at the invitation of the Mexican Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), the National Water Commission (CONAGUA), the Basin Councils and the North American Network of Basin Organizations (NANBO).

The World General Assembly of Merida will be organized around major strategic topics to ensure, **in the basins of local, national or transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers, the necessary implementation of measures for facing major global challenges that are essentially population growth, food and energy demand or adaption to the effects of climate change**, which will be dealt with in four roundtables, to be held on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June in plenary sessions and focusing on:

- **Adaptation to climate change in basins,**
- **Mandates, composition, role and means of the Basin Councils and Committees,**
- **Sustainable basin management: planning and funding,**
- **The participation of the economic sectors and citizens.**

You are invited to come and present a paper on your experience.

The Assembly will also be an opportunity to present a first assessment of the implementation of the commitments of the « Paris Pact on water and adaptation to climate change in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers », already signed by 324 organizations from all over the world on the occasion of the COP21 in Paris in December 2015 and to define its operational prospects for the next COP22, to be held in Marrakech, Morocco, at the end of this year.

There will be simultaneous translation into English, Spanish and French.

Prior registration to the World General Assembly of INBO is free of charge but compulsory.

The meeting is open to all Basin Organizations - INBO Members or Observers - and also to all the water Administrations, local Authorities, economic, academic and scientific sectors, as well as Non-Governmental Organizations, interested in Integrated Water Resources Management at the level of river basins over the world.

Any useful information, [the program](#) and proposed papers will be continuously available on the website: www.inbo-news.org, as well as on the CONAGUA website: www.conagua.gob.mx.

[With a click here](#), you will find the electronic form needed for your online registration. Please kindly fill it quickly for the good organization of the meeting and for your best welcoming in Merida.

Thank you for also registering in advance for the technical visit which will be organized on Saturday 4 June the whole day to

allow you to discover the outstanding region of Yucatan. (Beware: departure will be early in the morning and return late in the evening).

I would advise you to arrive on Tuesday 31 May in the evening or Wednesday 1st June in the morning and, if your agenda allows it, to leave on Sunday 5 June 2016.

The Members of INBO World Liaison Bureau are invited to a meeting on 1st June 2016 in the afternoon.

You will arrive at Merida international airport. Practical information on transportation to your hotel will be sent to you later on.

Merida enjoys a warm climate in June. This is a very interesting historic city founded in 1542, very calm, protected and beautifully restored. **The state of Yucatan** has also pre-Columbian archaeological sites of importance (Chichen Itza and Uxmal, on the UNESCO World Heritage list) and cultural, ecological sights (natural wells) and landscapes, as well as beautiful beaches (Cancun and the Maya Riviera), that would be worth a longer stay to discover them all.

Your hotel booking at group discount price could be made for you by our Mexican hosts in the selected hotels in Merida.

Our Mexican hosts will only take charge of the shuttles and local travels in the Merida area, of the technical visit, together with lunches and dinners, from Wednesday 1st June evening to Friday 3 June noon included.

Unfortunately, INBO cannot take charge of your expenses, air travel and hotel accommodation.

Finally, I remind you that the nationals of several countries may need an entry visa to Mexico, and possibly **an entry visa for the "European Schengen Area"**, (if you have to transit by a European airport) which must be obtained before your departure from your country.

You can contact us at inbo@inbo-news.org ou inbo.ga2016@inbo-news.org.

I am pleased to see you again in Merida, next June, and I remain.

Yours faithfully.

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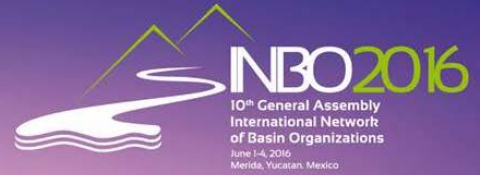
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June 1-4, 2016
Merida, Yucatan. Mexico



Chichen Itzá, Yucatan »»

It is one of the main archeological sites of the Yucatan peninsula. Important and renowned relic of the Mayan civilization. The archeological site of Chichen Itza was inscribed in UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1988.

Registration is open at:
www.riob.org/inscription/riob-2016.php
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