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“Integrated Water Resources Management at basin level: benefits of this nexus approach to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”

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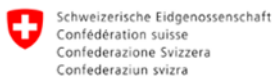
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Context

This session will highlight the crucial role of Integrated Water Resources Management to accelerate the achievement of the sustainable development goals. It is indeed a major tool to preserve and manage water resources, by allowing cross-sectoral integration, conciliating water uses and facilitating data sharing.

The event will in particular showcase the Dakar Action Plan for River, Lake and Aquifer Basins adopted at the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar in March 2022. The initiative, already joined by 95 organizations and registered in the Water Action Agenda aims to 150.

The side-event will also highlight the role of Integrated Water Resources Management to address climate change and present it as a useful tool to faster accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5. Indeed, Water is a barometer for climate change, as shown with the increased frequency and intensity of floods and droughts, the greater variability of rainfall patterns, the altered river flows, degradation of aquatic ecosystems, or the salinization of coastal groundwater induced by sea level rise. Our societies need to adapt to be able to cope with these extreme events. The session will explore how climate adaptation at basin level can be reached, including through basin organizations who already play a role in the preparation and implementation of climate change adaptation plans.

In that regard, this event will also be the opportunity to present concrete solutions and projects that are already happening on the ground such as the “100 Water and Climate projects for Africa” incubator and the accelerator of the Great Green Wall.

With this event, we aim to illustrate that integrated water management at basin level offers an effective and indispensable solution to achieve all water-related SDGs, that brings together all stakeholders, conciliating their water uses, while taking into account the new environmental context and its constraints, and fostering investment at the local level where the benefits will be optimum.

It is therefore an urgency to make it a political priority at the United Nations Water Conference 2023.

Program

MODERATOR

- Dr. Eric Tardieu, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations

INTRODUCTION (5 min)

- Mr. Christophe Béchu, Minister of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, France

KEYNOTE SPEECH (5 min)

- Mr. Loïc Fauchon, President, World Water Council (WWC)

PANEL 1 (30 min): How is IWRM contributing to implement SDGs, through cross-sectoral integration?

- Mr. Nizar Baraka, Minister of Water and Equipment of the Kingdom of Morocco, President of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- Mr. Serigne Mbaye Thiam, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of Senegal
- Mr. Mario Botion, President, Consórcio PCJ (Intermunicipal Consortium of the Piracicaba, Capivari and Jundia River Basins), Brazil
- Dr. Anoulak Kittikhoun, Chief Executive Officer, Mekong River Commission (MRC)
- Ms. Birgit Vogel, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)

PANEL 2 (30 min): How can IWRM and RBO foster climate adaptation?

- Mr. Teodoro Estrela, General Director of Water,
- Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain
- Mrs. Marie-Thérèse Itongo, Secretary General, International Commission of the Congo-Ubangi-Sangha Basin (CICOS)
- Mr. André Viola, Adour-Garonne Basin Committee, France
- Mr. Lansana Fofana, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the Gambia River (OMVG)
- Ms. Dinara Ziganshina, Head of Scientific Information Center of the Interstate Commission for Water of Central Asia (SIC ICWC)

CONCLUSION (5 min):

- Dr. Florika Fink Hooijer, Director-General of the Environment Department, European Commission (TBC)