

ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN TRANSBOUNDARY BASINS FUTURE WORK GUIDED BY LESSONS LEARNED

Side event at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention

Timing: Wednesday, 28 November 2012, 13.30- 14.50

Location: Aula dei Gruppi

Organizers: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Netherlands, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Languages: English-Russian with simultaneous interpretation

Light lunch will be provided

This side event aims to prepare future work on water and climate change adaptation in transboundary basins under the UNECE Water Convention by discussing lessons learnt from the past activities as well as other similar work by partner organizations.

Programme

Chair: *Mr. Hugo Aschwanden, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland*

- Welcome remarks by the chair
- Opening speech, *Mr. Joost Buntsma, Co-chair of the Task Force on Water and Climate Change under the Water Convention, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment*

Lessons learned to guide future work under the Convention - Interactive discussion

Moderator: *Mr. John Matthews, AGWA*

- *Mr. Bruce Stewart, World Meteorological Organization: Climate change modelling and scenarios*
- *Mr. Vasyl Stashuk, State Agency for Water Resources, Ukraine: Lessons from the first joint vulnerability assessment in the Dniester basin*
- *Ms. Phan Nguyen Huong Thuy, Programme Coordinator, Mekong River Commission: The Mekong Climate Change Adaptation Initiative*
- *Mr. Evgeny Simonov, Coordinator, Rivers without Boundaries Coalition: Ecosystem-based adaptation in the transboundary Amur - Argun ("Dauria going dry")*
- *Mr. Sergei Zavyalov, Ministry of Environment, Belarus: River basin management and climate change adaptation in the Neman*

Summary and conclusions of the panel discussion: *Mr. Alejandro Iza, Director, IUCN, Environmental Law Centre*

Closing by the chair