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FIRST MEETING OF THE DRAFTING GROUP FOR THE COLLECTION OF GOOD PRACTICES ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN TRANSBOUNDARY BASINS

GENEVA, 9-10 DECEMBER 2013

In 2013-2015, a collection of lessons learned and good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins will be prepared under the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (UNECE Water Convention) and under the leadership of the Netherlands and Switzerland as lead Parties of the Convention's Task Force on Water and Climate. The publication will be elaborated in cooperation with the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) as well as other partners such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Global Water Partnership (GWP) and Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA). This collection will include a compilation, analysis and synthesis of existing knowledge, experience, lessons learned and good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins, based on the Convention's pilot projects on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins, which were transformed in 2013 into a global network of basins, and other similar activities.

At its sixth session (28–30 November 2012), the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention entrusted the Task Force on Water and Climate, in cooperation with the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, with the preparation of a collection of lessons learnt and good practices. The sixth meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate (27 June 2013) decided to establish the Drafting Group to facilitate the work on the preparation of the collection of good practices. The creation of a global network of basin organisations and collection of good practice also responds to one of the outcomes of the sixth World Water Forum held in Marseille, France, in March 2012, and will be presented at the seventh World Water Forum, to be held in 2015 in the Republic of Korea.

The first meeting of the Drafting Group will be held in Geneva, in the Palais des Nations, Room on 9 to 10 December 2013. It will start at 13:00 on 9 December and end at 12:30 on 10 December. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Jos Timmerman (the Netherlands) and Mr. Daniel Valensuela (INBO).

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening, background and objectives of the meeting
2. Objectives of the Collection of Good Practices and Lessons Learned on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins

3. Draft outline and content of the Collection of Good Practices and Lessons Learned on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins
4. Good practices to be included in the publication
5. Timeline and next steps
6. Other business
7. Closing

Annotations to the proposed agenda

Day 1

Item 1. Opening, background and objectives of the meeting (13.00-13.30)

The Chairs will open the meeting and will invite participants to adopt the provisional agenda. The participants will be given the opportunity to present themselves. Subsequently, the chairs will present the main objectives of the first meeting of the Drafting Group:

- Discuss the structure, objectives and target audience of the Collection of Good Practices and Lessons Learned on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins;
- Discuss and if possible agree on the lessons learned to be included in the publication;
- Discussion how to solicit and select case studies and good practices to be included in the publication;
- Agree on a distribution of work for the preparation of the first draft text of the publication as well as a proposed time schedule for the future work.

Item 2. Objectives of the collection of Good Practices and Lessons Learned on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins (13.30 – 14.30)

Background document: Concept note on the collection of good practices and lessons learned on water and adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2013/3

The proposed objectives, target audience, approach and methodology for the publication will be discussed under this item, taking into account conclusions of previous meetings, mainly the sixth meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate (Geneva, 27 June 2013) and the eighth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Geneva, 25-26 September 2013). Links to other similar publications recently published or under preparation such as by AGWA, OECD, GWP/ UNFCCC, IUCN etc. will also be considered. Representatives of these organizations will be invited to inform about their work.

The collection of good practices and lessons learned will be prepared to assist the decision makers and water managers working in ministries and other authorities, in particular at the transboundary level. It can also be of interest to officials, managers and stakeholders (both private and public) with a direct relevance to water and health.

Item 3. Draft outline and content of the Collection of Good Practices and Lessons Learned on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins (14.30-18.00, with a coffee break)

The Drafting Group will discuss the outline and structure of the publication. It is proposed that publication will include the following major parts:

- An overview of lessons learned regarding climate change adaptation in transboundary basins;
- Case studies or good practices connected to the lessons learned;
- Conclusions/summary/way forward.

As a basis for the discussions, a draft overview of lessons learned regarding climate change adaptation in transboundary basins will be presented, based on the annual workshops on water and adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins reports, the progress reports of the pilot projects and the meetings of the core group of pilot projects. The overview of lessons learned will include the description of specific challenges faced and the lessons learned in overcoming the problems. The participants of the meeting will discuss in detail and further exchange ideas on the proposed lessons learned, how to group and combine them as well as which additional ones to add.

Informal dinner

Day 2

Item 4: Good practices to be included in the publication (9.00-10.30)

The Drafting group will discuss the procedure for including good practice examples in the publication. Participants of the meeting will agree on criteria for case studies and/or good practice examples for each lesson learned to be used in the publication. The meeting will review the potential case studies from different regions and discuss the content and modalities as well as the template of a possible call for proposals for good practices.

Item 5. Timeline and next steps (10.30 – 12.00)

The participants will discuss the provisional timeplan and next steps in preparing the publication, including distribution of responsibilities (who does what, a concrete timeline) and composition of the Drafting Group. The composition of the drafting group will also be considered, in particular whether there is a need to add additional members. The drafting group will discuss how to present the work and get feedback at the second meeting of the global network of basins, to be held on 13-14 February 2014 in Geneva. In addition, the drafting group will shortly discuss promotion of the publication, including its launch at the Seventh World Water Forum.

Item 6. Other business (12.00-12.15)

The participants wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

Item 7. Closing (12.15-12.30)

The Chairs will summarize the key outcomes of the meeting and will close the meeting.
