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## High-Level Workshop: Financing Transboundary Basin Development

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Astana, Kazakhstan

Programme

### 2.00-2.30 **Session 1. Opening session**

#### **Opening and Welcome**

*Co-chair: H. E. Mr. Umirzak Shukeyev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan - Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan*

#### **Introductory strategic remarks on financing water cooperation and links with other sectors**

*Co-chair: H.E. Mr. Pio Wennubst, Ambassador, Vice Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, Switzerland*

#### **Financing transboundary water cooperation for sustainable development**

*Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE*

#### **Keynote speech on financing transboundary basin development**

*Mr. Ato Brown, World Bank Country Manager for Kazakhstan*

### 2:30-4:00 **Session 2. Ministerial roundtables: Exploring different financing sources and bringing them together**

#### 2.30-2.45 **Introduction to the session**

*Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Secretary to the Water Convention, UNECE*

*Ms. Susanne Schmeier, UNECE consultant*

Short presentation on the main funding sources existing for transboundary basin development

2.45-3.15 **Practical exercise on financial sources for transboundary basin development**  
*Ms. Susanne Schmeier, UNECE consultant*  
*Mr. Christian Holde Severin, Global Environment Facility*

3.15-4.15 **Ministerial Roundtables** (2 rounds of 25 minutes)

*This session will discuss different sources and funding modalities for transboundary basin development in the form of ministerial roundtables. Each of them will be introduced by a country or basin case study presenter and be moderated by one workshop partner/ organization. The Participants will split in ministerial roundtables according to languages and themes. Each roundtable will discuss two of the five different topics; i.e. the moderators and case study presenters move whereas the participants stay in the same roundtable.*

<b>ENGLISH TABLE 1</b>		
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Case study</b>
<b>Theme 1</b> - What different domestic public sources are available and which innovative mechanisms can be used to tap them?	Global Environment Facility (GEF)	Romania about Danube basin
<b>Theme 4</b> - How can basin investment plans and financing strategies help to mobilise sustainable financing for transboundary basin cooperation and development?	Global Environment Facility (GEF)	Kenya about Lake Victoria basin
<b>ENGLISH TABLE 2</b>		
<b>Theme 5</b> - How can project preparation facilities and other mechanisms support the initial phases of project development in transboundary basins?	European Investment Bank (EIB)	Jordan about Red Sea- Dead Sea Project
<b>Theme 2</b> - How can the potential of the private sector (including through blending of public and private finance) be best mobilized?		

<b>2 FRENCH TABLES (moderators and case studies will switch between the tables)</b>		
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Case study</b>
<b>Theme 1</b> - What different domestic public and private sources are available to mobilize cross-sectoral investments and which innovative mechanisms can be used to tap them?	Switzerland	Senegal about Senegal basin
<b>Theme 3</b> - What should be the role of international funding sources (both IFIs and donors), including climate funds, and how should it evolve?	African Development Bank/ African Water Facility	Central African Republic about Congo basin

RUSSIAN TABLE		
<i>Theme</i>	<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Case study</i>
<b>Theme 1</b> - What different domestic public sources are available and which innovative mechanisms can be used to tap them?	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Chu Talas Water Management Commission on the Chu Talas basin
<b>Theme 3</b> - What should be the role of international funding sources (both IFIs and donors), including climate funds, and how should it evolve?	ADB	Afghanistan about the Pyanj basin

SPANISH TABLE		
<i>Theme</i>	<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Case study</i>
<b>Theme 4</b> - How can basin investment plans and financing strategies help to mobilise sustainable financing for transboundary basin cooperation and development?	Organization of American States (OAS)	Ecuador about the Amazon basin (tbc)
<b>Theme 2</b> - How can the potential of the private sector (including through blending of public and private finance) be best mobilized ? Innovative financial solutions	OAS	Peru about the water funds

4:15-4:40 Coffee break

4:40-5:15 **Session 3. Working Groups: Matching financing sources to financing needs**

*Session 2 has discussed examples of the use of different sources of finance. This session will be organised around three sorts of financing needs which will be discussed in groups of the same language. Each group of about 10 participants will work on the same topic for 30 minutes. Like in session 2, topics will be introduced by a tandem of a case study and an experienced facilitator.*

**Introduction to the session**

*Ms. Sonja Koepfel, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE*

**Small Roundtables**

**Theme A – Financing information for transboundary basin development**

Questions:

- How is information/ data collection, storing and sharing for transboundary water cooperation and basin development funded in your country/basin?
- What are good practices and lessons learned in the financing of information from different sources and through different mechanisms?
- What needs to improve in the financing of information for transboundary basin development in your countries/basins?

## Theme B – Financing transboundary water cooperation processes and institutions

Questions:

- How are processes and institutions for transboundary water cooperation and basin development funded in your country/basin?
- What are good practices and lessons learned in the financing of institutions from different sources and through different mechanisms?
- What needs to improve in the financing of institutions for transboundary basin development in your countries/basins?

## Theme C – Financing infrastructure in transboundary basins

Questions:

- How is infrastructure for transboundary basin development funded in your country/basin, taking into account water and water-related sectors such as energy, agriculture, wetlands, tourism, fisheries, navigation etc.?
- What are good practices and lessons learned in the financing of infrastructure from different sources and through different mechanisms?
- What needs to improve in the financing of infrastructure for transboundary basin development in your countries/basins?

Organizations of the tables:

ENGLISH TABLE n°1		
<i>Theme</i>	<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Case study</i>
<b>Theme A</b> - Financing information for transboundary basin development	Finland	Lao on Mekong basin

ENGLISH TABLE n°2		
<i>Theme</i>	<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Case study</i>
<b>Theme B</b> - Financing transboundary water cooperation processes and institutions	Netherlands	Lake Chad Basin Commission about lake Chad basin

FRENCH TABLE n°1		
<i>Theme</i>	<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Case study</i>
<b>Theme C</b> - Financing infrastructure for transboundary basin development	UNECE secretariat	Gambia Basin Development Organization about Gambia
	FRENCH TABLE n°2	
<b>Theme C</b> - Financing infrastructure in transboundary basins	World Bank	Niger about Niger Basin

RUSSIAN TABLE		
<i>Theme</i>	<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Case study</i>
<b>Theme B</b> - Financing transboundary water cooperation processes and institutions	Central Asia Regional Environmental Centre (CAREC)	Belarus about Dnieper basin

<b>SPANISH TABLE</b>		
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<b>Theme B</b> - Financing transboundary water cooperation processes and institutions	European Commission	Panama about Sixaola basin

5:15-6:20      **Session 4. Plenary: Moving forward**

Facilitator: Mr. Danilo Türk, Former President of Slovenia, Chairman of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace and Lead Political Advisor of the Geneva Water Hub

Reporting back from the ministerial roundtables in sessions 2 &3

***Plenary discussion***

- How to move to more sustainable financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development?
- How can countries, the private sector and/or technical and financial partners support this?
- How should the issue of sustainable financing of transboundary basin cooperation and development be taken forward in international processes?

6:20- 6:30      **Session 5. Conclusions and closing**

Interventions from workshop partners

Presentations of key conclusions by the co-Chairs

6:30- 8:00      **Evening Reception in Hilton Hotel Astana**