Fourth meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation

14-15 February 2019, Geneva
Starting at 10 a.m., Palais des Nations, room XI

AGENDA

Thursday, 14 February 2019

10.00 – 10.45: Session 1: Introduction and welcome

Moderators: Ms. Sibylle Vermont and Mr. Niels Vlaanderen

Welcome and introduction by the chairs, the Netherlands (Mr. Niels Vlaanderen) and Switzerland (Ms. Sibylle Vermont), UNECE (Ms. Francesca Bernardini/Ms. Sonja Koeppel) and INBO (Mr. Edouard Boinet)

Linkages to global processes on water, climate change and disasters – Mr. Niels Vlaanderen

Introductory round

10.45 – 13.00: Session 2: Addressing water-related disasters in transboundary basins under the changing climate

Moderator: Ms. Sibylle Vermont

Latest developments regarding the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction – Mr. Dave Paul Zervaas, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Presentation of the recent publication: Words into action guidelines: Implementation guide for addressing water-related disasters and transboundary cooperation – Mr. Jos Timmerman, the Netherlands

Application of the Climate Risk Informed Decision Analysis (CRIDA) in disaster risk reduction – Mr. Cees van de Guchte, Deltares

Nature-based solutions in disaster risk reduction – Mr. Alejandro Iza, IUCN

Examples from the basins of the global network:

- From Scenarios to the Rhine basin adaptation strategy: the ICRP approach – Mr. Adrian Schmid-Breton, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine

13.00 – 15.00: Lunch break
15.00 – 18.00: Session 2 continued

Examples from the basins of the global network:
- Flood forecasting and early warning system for the Sava river basin – Mr. Samo Grošelj, International Sava River Basin Commission
- Disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in the Volta basin – Mr. Razaki Sanoussi, Volta Basin Authority

Interactive group discussion with groups focusing on different topics:
- Early-warning, monitoring and assessment
- Nature-based solutions
- Stakeholder involvement

19.00: Dinner

Friday, 15 February 2019

9.30 – 11.30: Session 3a: Means of implementation: Linking transboundary climate change adaptation with national strategies and plans and financing
Moderator: Mr. Jos Timmerman

Examples from the basins of the global network:
- Introduction of the Mekong Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (MASAP) and its mainstreaming at national Level – Mr. Cong Nguyen Dinh, Mekong River Commission

Panel discussion on recent developments in adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins, their integration into national processes and cooperation between different sectors

11.30-12.30 Session 3b: Financing climate change adaptation
Moderator: Mr. Niels Vlaanderen

Presentation of the publication: Financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins: preparing bankable projects, and AfDB activities in this field – Mr. David Hebart-Coleman, African Development Bank

Financing climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction: tools and lessons of the European Investment Bank – Mr. Emmanuel Chaponniere, European Investment Bank

Examples from the basins of the global network:
- Mobilizing funds for the Climate Investment Plan from the Green Climate Fund in the Niger basin: process, results and recommendations for other basins - Mr. Bireme Hamid Abderahim, Niger Basin Authority

12.30 – 14.30: Lunch break
14.30-15.40: Continuation of session 3b

• Funding adaptation: process of development and implementation of the project proposal for Climate Adaptation Fund – Mr. Omari Mwinjaka, Lake Victoria Basin Commission

Interactive discussion with representatives of all basins on their efforts and achievements in financing climate change adaptation

15.40 – 16.15: Session 4: Future activities of the network vis-a-vis other global and regional developments and actors

*Moderator: Ms. Sibylle Vermont*

Discussion on future activities and ways of working of the network as well as suggestions for the next global workshop on water and adaptation to climate change, scheduled for 29-30 April 2019.

Partnerships with other organizations: INBO (Mr. Edouard Boinet), WMO (Ms. Dominique Bérod), IUCN (tbc).

Promotion of the Water Convention among the countries of the Niger basin - Mr. Bireme Hamid Abderahim, Niger Basin Authority

Evaluation

16.15 – 16.30: Session 5: Next meeting of the global network and closing