

Market Place of Tools Guide

Tool Nr 1	Presenter: Viktor Novikov, Zoï Environment Network	Round 1: Russian Round 2: English
<p>Atlas of Afghan-Tajik cooperation on environment and hydrology</p> <p>A bilateral meeting on environment and hydrology cooperation between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in March 2012 in Dushanbe identified the lack of broadly available and up-to-date information as an impediment for cooperation and decision-making. It was decided to develop an atlas as communication and decision support tool to provide an accessible, substantive background for the further bilateral activities.</p> <p>With more than 100 photos and 50 maps and graphics based on official sources and original research, this well-illustrated atlas presents information at the river basin – as opposed to the national – level, and portrays challenges from the regional rather than the country perspective. With the objective of supplementing information already available in each of the countries, the atlas is designed to help policymakers and experts as well as readers outside the region understand the basin’s natural resources, common needs and priorities (www.zoinet.org/web/AFG-TJK-Atlas).</p>		
Tool Nr 2	Presenter: Natalia Alexeeva, GWP	Round 1: English Round 2: Russian
<p>GWP Toolbox</p> <p>The GWP ToolBox includes an organized collection of case studies, reference documents, reader lists, external web sites and other supporting materials in water resources management, which have been submitted by various contributors and are peer reviewed. The Toolbox is intended to be an information exchange platform where experiences are shared to help develop the body of knowledge which can enable all those engaged in water issues to work together to build water security and sustainable water for all. GWP has developed the ToolBox as a free access source of knowledge.</p> <p>The ToolBox allows water related practitioners and professionals to discuss and analyse the various elements of the IWRM process, and facilitates the prioritization of actions aimed at improving water governance and management. It aims to facilitate those professionals and specialists engage with a broader community for the solution of (water related) problems (www.gwp.org/ToolBox/).</p>		
Tool Nr 3	Presenter: Piotr Baranski, Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Oder (ICPO)	Round 1: English Round 2: English
<p>International Commission for the Protection of the Oder: education for children</p> <p>As a part of the promotion activities of the ICPO, there have been developed various ideas to bring children closer to the subject of water management and the activities of the ICPO. In 2010 the art competition "River in the eyes of a child" was launched and took place first in Poland, then in the Czech Republic and finally in 2012, in Germany. The competition was aimed at children in primary schools. The pupils were asked to paint the river as they perceive it. From the pictures, for each edition the best 12 were chosen and published in the form of a calendar. In addition the ICPO designed cartoon characters. Anna The Fish, Felix The Cormorant, Vaclav The Turtle and Klaus The Mosquito are the members of ICPO team, who through short stories, encourage children to explore the very subject. Cartoons are placed on various ICPO gadgets and are also on the ICPO website (www.mkoo.pl).</p>		



Tool Nr 4	Presenter: Benedikt Mandl, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)	Round 1: English (with Russian interpretation) Round 2: English
<p>Joint Danube Survey 3</p> <p>The Joint Danube Survey 3 (JDS3) is the world's biggest river research expedition in 2013. It catalyses cooperation from all 14 of the main Danube Basin countries and the European Commission.</p> <p>The Joint Danube Survey has 3 main objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To collect information on parameters not covered in the on-going monitoring - To have data that is readily comparable for the entire river because it comes from a single source - To promote the work of the ICPDR and raise awareness for water management <p>For six weeks between 13 August and 26 September, the JDS3 ships travel 2,375 km downstream the Danube River, through 10 countries, to the Danube Delta. The JDS3 is coordinated by the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR). An international Core Team of 20 scientists is responsible for sampling, sample processing, on-board analyses and all survey activities. (www.danubesurvey.org)</p>		

Tool Nr 5	Presenter: Ana Drapa, Romania	Round 1: English Round 2: English (with Russian interpretation)
<p>Border crossing and customs formalities – practical experience</p> <p>The Agreements regarding cooperation for protection and use of transboundary waters signed by Romania and neighbouring countries include provisions for border crossing of the specialists from both parties that have the task of implementing these Agreements, as well as custom formalities.</p> <p>Cooperation within the Joint Commission in the event of emergency cases (floods, accidental pollution, and accidents at hydro technical works, etc.) is essential for combating reducing or eliminating the consequences of these types of situations on people and the environment, including restoration to previous state.</p> <p>Border crossing by specialists is done by taking into account the regime of travelling for citizens between countries, that is available at the time of the border passing (passport/identity card), or on the basis of documents foreseen in agreements (until 2007: permit for border passing). In the emergency situations, it is foreseen that construction materials, equipment, and others, that will be transported from one country to the other, will pass free of taxes, according the parties' domestic fiscal law.</p>		

Tool Nr 6	Presenter: Hubert Onibon, Regional Coordinator, GEF Volta River Basin Project	Round 1: English Round 2: French
<p>GEF-IW: Learn projects for the improvement of legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks</p> <p>This project for integrated management of the Volta River basin, titled "Addressing Transboundary Concerns in the Volta River Basin and its Downstream Coastal Area", has a primary focus on addressing the major environmental problems and issues of the basin causing degradation of the environment by human activities. The long-term goal is to enhance the ability of the countries to plan and manage the Volta catchment areas within their territories and aquatic resources and ecosystems on a sustainable basis.</p> <p>One of the main components of the project is to: develop regional policy, legal and regulatory frameworks for addressing transboundary concerns in the Volta Basin and its downstream coastal areas. The project is developed specifically to address priority regional transboundary issues and problems as identified through a preliminary</p>		



Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA). The project promotes, in a replicable manner, a more sectorally-coordinated management approach, based on Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) principles, both at the national and the regional levels, with a strong emphasis on an expanded role for all stakeholders (www.gefvolta.iwlearn.org).

Tool Nr 7	Presenter: Dejan Komatina, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)	Round 1: English Round 2: English
<p>Website and annual report of the International Sava River Basin Commission</p> <p>Involvement of a broad range of stakeholders from governmental, non-governmental, academic and business sectors in the implementation of the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB) is an important task of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC), which coordinates the implementation process.</p> <p>The ISRBC web-site (www.savacommission.org) is the key public information and consultation mechanism, providing an extensive information on the ISBRC activities and outcomes (e.g. meeting documents, projects, basic documents, annual reports, ISRBC decisions and recommendations, publications, reports and announcements of events), as well as a platform for consultation (e.g. on the Sava river basin management plan).</p> <p>The annual report is a reporting mechanism providing the annual overview of activities and achievements of the ISRBC in all fields of its work. It is regularly distributed to the officially nominated national institutions of the Parties, and also posted on the ISRBC web-site, for information of wide public.</p>		

Tool Nr 8	Presenter: Patrick Macquarrie, IUCN	Round 1: English Round 2: English
<p>Champion's Network</p> <p>The purpose of the BRIDGE Champion's Network is to exchange knowledge and information on transboundary cooperation and communication, promote dialogue through informal settings, and empower local leaders to engage in advocacy at wider, regional scales. Where no mechanisms for transboundary cooperation are in place, the priority of this tool is to build channels for dialogue, action and learning from which the new spaces needed for cooperation can emerge. The name of the Champion's Networks changes slightly from region to region. In Southeast Asia, it is referred to as the Leadership Development Programme, in Mesoamerica, it referred to as Abanderados.</p> <p>Network has begun to develop leadership expertise across several transboundary basins in Central and South America and Southeast Asia by serving as a mechanism for transmitting information and knowledge through virtual and physical networks of people who can advocate for good water governance and transboundary water and management. Supported by training workshops, members of the network are empowered to convey and advocate key information and knowledge on transboundary water management across multiple layers of government. This provides a means of challenging the status quo in a welcoming and productive manner while engaging in meaningful and constructive dialogue with peers and stakeholders. In just two years in BRIDGE, the Champion's Network has quickly transformed into a dynamic group of leaders with influence towards the creation of institutions for transboundary water management while acting as a vehicle for promoting good governance in transboundary basins.</p>		



Tool Nr 9	Presenter: Drissa Naman Keita, Legal Adviser, Niger Basin Authority	Round 1: French Round 2: French (with English interpretation)
<p>“Niger River Basin Shared Vision” process</p> <p>Niger River Basin Shared Vision represents a global vision for the basin development. It was negotiated and accepted by all Member States and stakeholders, using the basin resources. This ideal to develop the potential of the entire basin is wished by all Member States. It is therefore destined to promote understanding, strengthen cooperation among States and generate the greatest number of advantages for all Member States. Over time, it will allow to adopt solid and reliable cooperation instruments in order to share benefits and costs.</p> <p>Main objectives of the Niger River Basin Shared Vision are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a participative and consensual basis and implement on basin scale an integrated development strategic framework: the Sustainable Development Action Plan (SDAP), - Reinforce the existing legal and institutional framework, fostering dialogue and consultation for cooperative action among NBA Member States, and - Develop water resources sustainably and equitably in order to promote prosperity, security and peace among the Niger basin populations. <p>www.abn.ne</p>		

Tool Nr 10	Presenter: Ebenizario Chonguica, Executive Secretary, Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM)	Round 1: English Round 2: English
<p>OKACOM Stakeholder Integration Strategy and Access to Information Policy and Strategy</p> <p>In developing the OKACOM stakeholder integration strategy, it was recognised that such a strategy is more than simply communications. It is ultimately about engaging stakeholders in the governance process and facilitating connectivity amongst stakeholders. It is also about achieving synergy through creation of well-matched plans and interdependence across varied organizational groups and processes. Integration implies working together as stakeholders to achieve the same goal. In the case of the Cubango-Okavango river basin, this implies having a coordinated and responsive plan for knowledge management through OKACOM.</p> <p>In fulfilment of its mandate, OKACOM executes projects in partnership with local and international cooperating partners. In respect of these projects, OKACOM has a direct responsibility for the information (including reports) and data generated, for the dissemination of the findings and for archiving the information and data for future use. There are also projects executed by partners in support of OKACOM activities. For these projects, OKACOM has a responsibility to negotiate with the partners at project inception so that the information and data are generated in accordance with internationally recognized standards and so that the information and data can be handed over to OKACOM for archiving and long term retention and access. (www.okacom.org)</p>		

