



MANAGING TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS TOGETHER RIVER, LAKE AND AQUIFER COMMISSIONS WORLDWIDE

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

Timing: Friday, 30 November 2012, 13.00 - 14.15

Location: Aula dei Gruppi

Organizer: International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Languages: English-Russian, with simultaneous interpretation

Light lunch will be provided.

This side event will be an opportunity to discuss lessons learnt by the international river, lake and aquifer commissions in developing cooperation of riparian countries on the management of transboundary surface and ground waters.

In particular, the moderated panel discussion will address the roles of international commissions in joint planning and implementation of transboundary cooperation, ensuring exchange of information, preventing differences and disputes, and financing cooperation in transboundary basins (surface and ground waters), and addressing new challenges.

The panel discussion is expected to contribute to cross-fertilization of experiences between the commissions involved, as well as to inspire the work under these and other joint bodies.

Programme

Chair: Mr. Jean-François Donzier, INBO Technical Permanent Secretary

- Welcome and Opening speech, **Mr. Jean-François Donzier**, INBO

The roles of international commissions in joint planning and implementation of transboundary cooperation

Moderator: Mr. Daniel Valensuela, INBO

- Joint management of the international aquifer shared between France, Flanders and Wallonia
Mr. Arnould Lefebure, Secretary, International Commission for the Scheldt
- Overcoming challenges and establishing cooperation: the Sava River Basin Commission
Mr. Dejan Komatina, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission
- Preparing to face future challenges: dam safety, climate change and other drivers
Mr. Sagit Ibatullin, Chairman, International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) Executive Committee
- Basin commission in transboundary Lake: case of Chad lake
Mr. Sanusi Imran Abdullahi, Executive Secretary, Lake Chad Basin Commission
- Knowing transboundary waters together: past and future
Mr. Roberto Bertoni, Scientific Advisor, Swiss-Italian Commission for the Protection of Common Waters (CIPAIS)

Concluding remarks: *Mr. Jean-François Donzier*, INBO