



Water allocation in transboundary basins: a global workshop on the status and good practices

To be held in Geneva, 16-17 October 2017
 Salle V, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,
 starting at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 16 October 2017

Tentative programme

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Opening session		
<i>Chair:</i> Seppo Rekolainen, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland		
10:00-10:05	Welcoming remarks	Seppo Rekolainen, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland
10:05-10:15	Introduction to the aims and the programme of the workshop	Francesca Bernardini, UNECE
10:15-10:40	Key note speech: Allocations in Practice– What Happens in the Room	Aaron Wolf, Oregon State University, USA
Session 1: Considerations for Water allocation		
<i>Session objectives:</i> Provide an overview of water allocation considerations in theory and practice.		
<i>Moderator:</i> Isabelle Fauconnier, IUCN		
10:40-11:00	What does international water law say about water allocation?	Alistair Rieu-Clarke, UNECE
11:00-11:20	Characteristics of robust water allocation regimes	Kathleen Dominique, OECD
11:20-11:35	Transboundary aquifer systems: the challenge of an equitable distribution of the resource	Rachid Taibi, Coordination Mechanism of the North-West Sahara Aquifer System
11:35-11:50	Determination of environmental flows: development of a technical and participatory methodology for the Upper Niger and the Inner Delta of Niger (Guinea –Mali)	Mohamed Gareyabe, Wetlands International; Ismael Dia, Ministry of Energy and Water, Guinea; and Navon Cissé, Ministry of Energy and Water, Mali
11:50-12:05	Transboundary water allocation and benefits sharing: The Lesotho Water Highlands Project	Mahlalele Tlali, Department of Water Affairs, Lesotho
12:05-12:10	Conclusions of session 1	Juan Carlos Sanchez, IUCN



12:10-13:00	Small group discussions: - Experiences with water allocation; - Questions on water allocation	
13:00-15:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00-14:50	Side Event: “The global water conventions: all your questions answered” Salle V, English, French	
<p>Session 2: Informing Water allocation decisions to deal with conflicting interests and uses <i>Session objectives:</i> Understand the data needs and other requirements to inform water allocation decisions in the transboundary context, including modelling approaches and stakeholder participation. <i>Moderator:</i> Kathleen Dominique, OECD</p>		
15:00-15:15	Water allocation in the Maure – Mauri transboundary basin (Peru – Bolivia)	Juan Carlos Pomareda Munoz, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru
15:15-15:30	Cooperation on the Austrian-German geothermal aquifer	Michael Belau, Bavarian State Ministry of Environment, Germany
15:45-16:00	Economic analysis to support decisions on water allocation in the case of multi-purpose infrastructure	Alexandre Martoussevitch, OECD
16:00-16:15	Time for discussion	
16:15-16:30	Water allocation in the Upper Pripyat transboundary basin (Belarus–Ukraine)	Vladimir Korneev, Central Research Institute for Complex Use of Water Resources, Belarus
16:30-16:45	Working with stakeholders to link environmental flows, water allocation and transboundary governance in the Runde-Save-Busi river basin (Mozambique–Zimbabwe)	Dominic Mazvimavi, University of the Western Cape, South Africa (by video)
16:45-17:00	Water Management in the Senegal and Gambia Rivers	Ababacar Ndao, Organization for the Development of the Senegal River, Senegal
17:00-17:15	Discussion and conclusions of session 2	Kathleen Dominique, OECD
17:15-18:00	Expert Panel answering questions on water allocation	Kathleen Dominique, OECD Mara Tignino, Geneva Water Hub Aaron Wolf, Oregon State University, USA Moderator: Francesca Bernardini, UNECE
18:30-20.00	Blue Peace Cocktail Cocktail at the invitation of the Geneva Water Hub with presentation of the report of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace	



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10:00-10:15	<i>(Deferred from session 2)</i> An energy sector perspective to optimizing flow regulation in the Drina Basin: Estimating benefits from coordinated operation of hydropower plants	Youssef Almulla, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
10:15-10:25	Reflections and conclusions of day 1, outlook on day 2	Mara Tignino, Geneva Water Hub
<p>Session 3: Process of agreeing about water allocation <i>Session objectives:</i> Learn about different steps towards agreeing on water allocation, including building trust and addressing the joint management of infrastructure. <i>Moderator:</i> Gábor Baranyai, National University of Public Service, Hungary</p>		
10:25-10:40	Building trust: Guidelines for water allocation in the OKACOM	Ebenizario Chonguica, the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission
10:40-10:55	Joint investment with water allocation: The Doosti dam on the Tejen/Harirud, (Iran – Turkmenistan)	Jabbar Vatanfada, Ministry of Energy and Mohammad Hossein Jafari, Khorassan Razavi Regional Water Authority, Iran
10:55-11:10	Time for discussion	
11:10-11:25	Discussion with your neighbours: Investments and other driving factors for agreeing on water allocation	
11:25-11:40	Reporting back	
11:40-11:55	Integrating flexibility and hydrological changing conditions into an agreement: The case of the Albufeira Convention (Spain – Portugal)	Pedro Cunha Serra, Adviser to the Board of TPF Planege Cenor, Portugal
11:55-12:10	Bilateral water allocation agreements in the Meuse and Scheldt basins	Dré Maes, Flanders Waterways Authority, Belgium (by video)
12:10-12:30	Discussion and conclusions of session 3	
<p>Session 4: Implementation of water allocation arrangements; challenges, lessons learned and success factors <i>Session objectives:</i> Explore enabling factors and challenges in implementing water allocation arrangements, in particular in light of changing hydrological patterns. <i>Moderator:</i> Annukka Lipponen, UNECE</p>		
12:30-12:45	Historical allocation arrangements in the Amu Darya basin and current challenges	Dinara Ziganshina, Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia
12:45-13:00	Water allocation provisions in the Genevese Aquifer agreement	Gabriel De los Cobos, Genevese Aquifer Commission, Switzerland
13:00-15:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:14-15:00	Side Event: Tools for integrated analysis of nexus issues: Towards more sustainable energy sector development Salle V, English, French	



Session 4: Implementation of water allocation arrangements; challenges, lessons learned and success factors (continued)		
15:00-15:15	Implementation of water allocation provisions in the Columbia River treaty (Canada – United States of America)	Jim Barton, Transboundary Water and Hydropower Specialist, USA
15:15-15:30	Time for discussion	
15:30-15:45	Regulation of outflow from Saimaa Lake and the Vuoksi River Discharge Rule	Seppo Rekolainen, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland
15:45-16:00	Discussion & Conclusions of session 4	
Session 5: Final reflections and Conclusions		
<i>Chair:</i> Seppo Rekolainen, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland		
16:00-16:15	Water allocation in the European Union: the interaction between UNECE, EU water law and basin treaties	Gábor Baranyai, National University of Public Service, Hungary
16:15-17:20	Small group discussions: What are countries' needs on water allocation in the transboundary context? How could the Water Convention respond to such needs?	
17:20-17:50	Reporting back from small group discussions	
17:50–18:00	Conclusions	Seppo Rekolainen, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

