Side event

**KICK-STARTING TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION: ESTABLISHING SOUND INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS**

Friday, 12 October | 8.30 – 9.45 | Room n°3 Ishim (English-French-Russian)

Water knows no borders: worldwide, there are 276 transboundary rivers and lake basins and 592 transboundary aquifers. Over 90 percent of the world’s population lives within countries that share transboundary basins. This session will present how to kick-start successful transboundary cooperation to make the most of these natural resources.

**Convenors:**
- International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

**Programme**

**Introduction:**
- Mr. Eric Tardieu, Technical permanent secretary, INBO
- Mr. Fawzi Bedredine, OMVS

**Panel:**
- Mr. Daniel Claude WANG SONNE
  Ministry of Water Resources and Energy, Cameroon
- Mr. Alexis Mauricio OCHOA MARMOL
  Undersecretary of Water and Sanitation, Ecuador
- Mr. Oleksandr Bon,
  Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ukraine
- Mr. Désiré Armand Ndemazagoa Backotta, ECCAS

**Questions & answers**

**Conclusion:**
- Mr. Eric Tardieu,
  Technical permanent secretary, INBO
- Ms. Tracy Molefi, former ANBO President, Ministry of Land management, water and sanitation services, Botswana

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