



Breakout session – Day 2

Group 1:

Setting up Basin Organizations

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Setting up Basin Organizations 1/2



- Legislative framework in India: important but no silver bullet. Exists in India since 1956 and never applied,
- Very little number of basin organizations as compared to the number of basins. No standardized structure and mandate, no standard financing mechanism.
- Administration complexity: Central government, State AND Districts (where RBMPs are produced, if any).

Setting up Basin Organizations 2/2

- From the lessons in India and Europe, long term goal in India should be BOs following successful models of BOs in EU (should be noted here: possible to have good basin management without BOs), with:
 - New regulation from central government on BOs establishment (which needs to be compulsory ; it wasn't the case for the 1956 River Board Act)
 - Pilot project of BOs establishment (in an inter-State basin? Or in a basin concerning one single State?)
 - For BOs establishment:
 - Systematic planning/monitoring,
 - Clear mandate (including environmental monitoring,)
 - Financial autonomy and decision-making (we are almost there).



Thanks for your attention!
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