

Joint GWP/INBO Handbook

“How to apply IWRM at river, lake and aquifer basin levels: a handbook for practitioners”

**Minutes of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Task Force meeting - Sunday 17 August**

**Main outcomes  
from following discussions with the Consultants - Monday 18 August**

**and 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee meeting of the UNESCO/MLIT IRBM Project – Friday 22 August**

**Handbook - Process**

Common agreement during Task Force meeting on the fact that the Handbook is not an end in itself: it is the starting point of a continuing, dynamic process, involving both GWP and INBO networks, on the subject of IWRM implementation at basin level.

However, it will not be possible to design nor fund this follow up process under the current “Handbook project”: reflexions on these issues will have to come later, and will be based on the final content/organisation of the Handbook.

**Handbook - Content**

Common agreement during TF meeting on the relevance and quality of available information (1<sup>st</sup> draft of Part B, produced by Bruce). The information was generally satisfactory but the Task Force found the presentation and style too complicated. It was agreed that this would be revised based on a set of questions that practitioners are likely to ask.

**Handbook - Organisation**

The organisation of the Handbook could be reviewed as follows, based on the various discussions:

- Part A (“*Background*”) – must provide the interest to the writer to read the book. Sections 1 (*Basin-scale IWRM*) and 2 (*Basin Organisations*) of the current draft Part B should be transferred to Part A. The presentation of the various types of BOs should therefore appear under Part A. Madiodio will send a first draft of Part A before 31 August.

- The actual Part B will be reshaped and should include, in terms of content, sections 3 (*Guidelines for Best Practice*) and 4 (*Top 10 frequently asked questions*) of actual draft Part B. It could also include Part C (*Effective Practice Examples*).

The idea is to:

- use questions as entry points;
- present, as a response to each of these questions, one of the critical steps identified under the “stepped procedure”
- illustrate the step by “attributes” (if a BO undertakes this step, how should it ideally look like / how should it ideally be organised)
- illustrate, in as far as possible, the step and attributes by concrete examples (can be taken from the types of BOs earlier presented).

- 9 themes have also been identified:
  - 4 from the IWMI/INBO/GWP issue brief 12 – coordinating decision-making between levels, establishing water allocation mechanisms, reducing water pollution, handling flooding and droughts
  - 5 from the kick-off meeting – economic and social development, environmental concerns, finances, participation & gender, informed decision-making.

It is still unclear how these themes will be articulated with the rest of the Handbook (create a third Part as initially planned? Use the themes to illustrate the procedures? Separate the themes from the procedures but use the same scheme as for the procedures, ie. questions/answers? Etc.)

- ➔ The structure will depend on the quantity, diversity and nature of the information available / communicated by the networks.

Task Force members are asked to send to the project Secretariat (A. Vitry) the **10 most important questions** related to IWRM at basin level **that they think should be addressed in the Handbook**.

In addition, three documents (types of BOs, procedures, themes) have been circulated among the Task Force members to be used as templates / support to provide information to Bruce Hooper. TF members have been asked to reply before **Wednesday 27 August**.

### Organisation of work between the writers

The TF decided to accept Madiodio's request to step down as one of the 2 main writers of the Handbook.

Madiodio has however agreed to perform the following tasks:

- produce a first draft of Part A (before 31 August),
- produce the work he has done so far on the "Effective Practice Examples" linked to benefit sharing and environmental concerns (before 15 September),
- produce examples related to some RBOs in Africa – in particular the Volta River, Senegal River, Niger Basin Authority, Lake Chad Commission (before 15 September),
- participate in the review of the final draft of the Handbook.

In order to compensate for Madiodio's stepping down, it was decided that:

- Bruce would take on more writing assignments than initially agreed,
- Axel Dourojeanni would be contracted to provide more input (also provide Latin-American perspectives in the project).

The project Secretariat (Aurélie, Axel and Daniel) will also have to increase their support to the drafting process.

### Format

General agreement during TF meeting on the desired format for the Handbook = **similar to the one used for the Outcome Mapping Handbook** (published by the International Development Research Center).

### Coordination with the UNESCO/MLIT/NARBO project

UNESCO (Division of Water Sciences) together with the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) have launched a project aimed at:

- a) exchanging information on Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) related activities around the globe,
- b) disseminating and promoting IRBM theory and practice,
- c) announcing draft "Guidelines" at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (WWF-5),
- d) acquiring political commitment at WWF-5.

The tentative title of the Guidelines is as follows: “*1<sup>st</sup> Series of IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Level – Integrated River Basin Management Principles*”.

The Guidelines will be composed of 2 main parts:

- *Part 1: Principles, Policies and Institutions*
- *Part 2: Implementation Guidelines*

Part 1 (50-60 pages) is expected to be completed by WWF-5. Target group = decision-makers, policy planners, government officials, RBOs.

NB: Electronic versions of the project documents will be asked to the Project Secretariat (based in UNESCO) and can be shared with the Task Force members if needed.

Axel and Aurélie attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee meeting of the project and presented the INBO/GWP Handbook project. There was a strong agreement **on the need for a good coordination** between both projects in order to:

- a) make sure that there is no contradiction between the 2 documents
- b) reduce overlap and repetitions as far as possible
- c) enhance complementarity, through use of cross-references in particular

The Guidelines could be focusing on the “service delivery” side while the Handbook would focus on the institutional and management issues.

It was also decided during the meeting to have a **joint launching event in Istanbul**. This joint event could be linked to topic 3.1 “Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation” co-coordinated by INBO and UNESCO. Mr. Toshihiro Sonoda (UNESCO) would be the contact person for the organisation of the event.

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