

**HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WATER COOPERATION
(20-21 August 2013, Dushanbe, Tajikistan)**

SPECIAL FOCUSED EVENT

“Reinforcing the integrated and shared water data management for a better cooperation in transboundary water management”

With study case of the FFEM-EECCA project outputs

(21 August 2013 – 9h00- Hall №11 - KohiSomon)

I. CONTEXT/ OBJECTIVE

Context

A special focused event is organised the 21 August, between 09h00 and 10h30, in the framework of the “High Level conference on water cooperation” to be held in Dushanbe. (hall n°11)

This side event aims to exchange about the importance and methodology of “reinforcing the integrated and shared water data management for a better cooperation in transboundary water management “, with presentation, as a study case, of the main outputs of the FFEM-EECCA project outputs which is directly dealing with that subject.

Purpose/ relevance to the conference/ potential input to the conference

Transboundary freshwater cover 45% of the world land mass, connecting two or more countries.

The management of this type of resources faces many challenges among which the regular exchange of data and information which is fundamental for establishing a good cooperation between countries, whether for the daily water resource operational management or for the medium or long-term basin planning, with monitoring of the program of measure and investments.

This “special focused event” (side event) will allow to exchange on “how to reinforce the integrated and shared water data management as a basis for a better cooperation in transboundary water management”

Regional and national representatives will share their experience on the importance and of having access to reliable, up-to-date and relevant information for decision making in water resource management.

Several successful cases will be presented, in particular the main outputs of the FFEM-EECCA project, financed by France and established in collaboration with the UNECE Water Convention on 2 transboundary basins, with the aim to study how water data management could be reinforced in order to facilitate transboundary basins water management.

The concluding discussion will aim to collect the points of view of participants and **to identify the main recommendations proposed be considered in the conference outputs, in order to promote “a better cooperation in data management for a better cooperation in transboundary water management”.**

II. PROGRAMME / INTERVENANT

Chair and moderator: Bo Libert - UNECE

09h00: Welcome/introduction: Bo Libert - UNECE,

09h05: Exchange on the needs: How an easier access to water related data and information can improve water management and cooperation between institutions?

- Comments of representatives form regional/transboundary organizations:
 - o Executive Committee of IFAS (EC-IFAS)
 - o United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA)
 - o International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
 - o Euro-Mediterranean Water Information System (EMWIS)
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- Comments from national and local organization representatives (open list)

09h20: Lesson learnt from the FFEM project on the reinforcing of transboundary water data management (Paul Haener – OIEau, Yvan Machara – SHMI)

- Global methodology
- Main outputs and recommendations

09h30: Examples of concrete actions aiming to reinforce national and transboundary water data management:

- National level in Kazakhstan: Developing online access to the daily surface water level data collected by various organizations in Kazakhstan– Mr. Medet Ospanov/ Mr. Amirkhan Kenshimov (KZ branch of IFAS)
- National level in Turkmenistan: Process of integration of the main principles for strengthening data administration in Turkmenistan legislation: Mr. Arslan Berdiyev
- Transboundary Aral Sea Basin: Through a regional hydrological bulletin in Central Asia : Mrs. Lydia Nikiforova (Kazhydromet) and Mrs. Svetlana Shivareva (RCH), Mr. Fedor Klimtchouk (UNRCCA)- tbc
- Transboundary Dniester Basin: Developing a online access to regularly updated Surface Water Quality Index of the Dniester basin – Mrs. Svetlana Stirbu (Hydromet service Moldova)
- Regional Euromed region: developing the Euro-Mediterranean Water Information System (Mr. Eric Mino - EMWIS)

10h10: Moderated discussion – Mr. Bo Libert - UNECE

“What recommendations could be proposed to be included in the Dushanbe conference conclusions?”

10h25: Wrap up and close, Mr. Bo Libert - UNECE

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