



Second meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation

**13–14 February 2014, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. in Room VIII, Palais des Nations**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Background and objectives

The second meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation, which is organized in the framework of the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) in cooperation with the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), will offer a platform for comparing methodologies and approaches, fostering exchange of experience and promoting a shared vision between the participating basins.

The meeting will have the following objectives:

- review the progress and the lessons learned by the basins since the first meeting of the global network
- discuss how to further facilitate a regular exchange of experience between the participating basins and other similar initiatives
- review the results of the first meeting of the drafting group for the collection of good practices and lessons learned on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins and collect input from the basins

Thursday, 13 February

10.00– 11.00: Session 1: Introduction and welcome

Welcome words by the chairs, the Netherlands and Switzerland

Introduction to the agenda by UNECE and INBO

Introductory round

11.00– 13.00 and 15.00 – 16.00: Session 2: Advancing transboundary vulnerability assessments

10-minutes presentations by the basins according to a pre-defined template followed by group discussions

13.00–15.00 Lunch-break

15.00–16.00: Panel discussion

16.00 – 18.00: Session 3: Collection of good practices and lessons learned

The meeting will review the results of the first meeting of the drafting group for the collection of good practices and lessons learned on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins which is expected to be launched at the seventh World Water Forum (Republic of Korea, 2015).

Interactive group discussion aimed at collecting best practices and lessons learned

Participants will be requested to provide input and discuss how to further contribute to the compilation, analysis and synthesis of existing knowledge, experience, lessons learned and good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins.

19.30 Dinner

Friday, 14 February

9.30 – 11.30: Session 4: Developing basin-wide adaptation strategies and implementing measures

10-minutes presentations by the basins according to a pre-defined template followed by group discussions

Interactive group discussions on the main lessons learned

Thematic presentations– *to be defined*

11.30 – 12.30: Session 5: Ensuring implementation and financing of adaptation strategies through mainstreaming water and climate change perspective into river basin management plans and national adaptation activities

Presentations – *to be defined*

12.30– 14.30 Lunch-break

14.30 – 15.30: Session 5 continued: Group exercise

15.30 – 16.20: Session 6: Continuation of platform for exchanging experience, evaluation of the meeting and suggestion of themes for future meetings

The meeting will discuss how to further facilitate a regular exchange of experience between the participating basins and other similar initiatives. The meeting will also consider initial plans for the fifth workshop on water and adaptation to climate change scheduled for 13–14 October 2014.

In addition, the meeting will be invited to discuss cooperation with other similar initiatives carried out by other organizations in particular under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the World Meteorological Organization, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) etc.

Participants will be requested to evaluate the meeting and come up with concrete suggestions for the themes of future meetings.

16.20–16.30: Session 7: Next meeting of the global network and closing

Practical information

The meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation will start at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 13 February 2014 and end at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 14 February 2014. It will be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, conference room VIII. The working languages will be English, French and Russian. Documents and other information for the meeting will be made available at:

http://www.unece.org/env/water/global_network_basins_climate_change_2014.html

Eligible participants from countries with economies in transition and developing countries may apply for financial support to facilitate their participation in the meeting. Requests for financial support should be submitted to the UNECE secretariat (sadaf.shamsie@unece.org) as soon as possible, but not later than **7 January 2014**.

Participants requiring entry visas to Switzerland (Schengen) should inform the secretariat as soon as possible. The minimum amount of time needed for obtaining a visa is now 15 working days. **Participants needing a visa are therefore requested to submit their application as soon as possible and initiate visa procedures at least three weeks before the meeting.**

In accordance with United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to complete the attached registration form and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat by 3 February 2014 by e-mail (sadaf.shamsie@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix (see map on the UNECE Water Convention website). Please allow time for this. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 2650.

Practical information on the Palais des Nations, as well as on transport and accommodation in Geneva, is available online at:

<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>.
