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WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE: HOW TO DEVELOP AN ADAPTATION STRATEGY IN TRANSBOUNDARY BASINS

Workshop to be held in Geneva, 10-11 May 2010

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,
starting at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 10 May 2010

DRAFT PROGRAMME

3.00 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.: Session 1: An enabling environment: the international context

Introduction and welcome, UNECE

Introduction to the workshop and pilot projects programme

Mr. Joost Buntsma, Ministry for Transport, Public Works and Water Management, the Netherlands

The UNECE Guidance on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change

Mr. Jos Timmerman, Ministry for Transport, Public Works and Water Management, the Netherlands

The global context: Outcomes of COP 15, the Nairobi work programme and other relevant UNFCCC activities

Ms. Xianfu Lu, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Activities of the European Union on water and climate change

Mr. Jacques Delsalle, European Commission, Directorate General Environment

The Adaptation Learning Mechanism

Ms. Julia Wolf/ Juerg Staudenmann, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (tbc)

Weadapt.org

Mr. Ben Smith, Stockholm Environment Institute

4.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m: Session 2: Governance in a transboundary setting

Outcomes of the GLOWA project

Mr. Stefan Kaden, DHI- WASY, Germany

The Portuguese adaptation strategy and cooperation with Spain in the face of climate change

Mr. Luis Veiga da Cunha, Portugal



Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses
and International Lakes

Adapting the US-Canada agreement to climate change
Mr. Eugene Stakhiv, US Army Corps of Engineers

Water allocations and hydrological changes: assessing institutional resilience in global transboundary rivers
Ms. Kerstin Stahl, Institute of Hydrology, University of Freiburg, Germany

Moldova water resources in the face of climate change: role of interstate cooperation in raising the preparedness
Mr. Roman Corobov, Eco-Tiras, Republic of Moldova

Tuesday, 11 May

9.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m. Session 3: Jointly assessing climate change impacts

Freshwater and climate change
Mr. Zbigniew Kundzewicz, Coordinating Lead Author of the Technical Paper on Climate Change and Water and of the chapter on Freshwater resources and their management of the Working Group II contribution to the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the IPCC

Activities of the World Meteorological Organization to support climate change adaptation in countries
Mr. Giacomo Teruggi, World Meteorological Organization

Environmental Impact Assessment as a means for integrating climate change into development- the example of the canal between Croatia and Serbia
Mr. Micun Stanic, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Spatial Planning, Serbia

Jointly developing a transboundary climate change impact assessment: example of the Rhine
Mr. Ben van de Wetering, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine

Cooperation and difficulties in climate change scenario elaboration in the South Caucasus
Ms. Anna Sikharulidze, Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Drought management and objectives of regional cooperation in transboundary rivers basins (Aral Sea basin)
Ms. Natalya Agaltseva, Research Hydrometeorological Institute, the Centre of Hydrometeorological Service Uzbekistan

Joint approach to climate change adaptation in the Meuse basin- the AMICE project
Mrs. Fournier, EPAMA, France

Adaptation to climate change in transboundary rivers with emphasis on shared estuaries and coastal areas in Baltic, Black and Mediterranean Sea
Magdalena Muir, EUCC the Coastal Union

12.30- 2.30 p.m. Lunch

2.30 p.m. -4.00 p.m.: Session 4: Developing jointly adaptation measures

Preparing for drought through drought management plans (tbc)

Spain

Increasing ecosystem resilience as a measure to adapt to climate change- the example of the Danube

Mr. Sergiy Moroz, WWF

Adaptation in the Danube River Basin (tbc)

Adam project: adaptation and mitigation- mainstreaming climate adaptation into regional water and land use planning – example of Guadiana/ Tisza

Ms. Saskia Werners, Centre for Water and Climate, Wageningen University, the Netherlands

Adaptation plans from England and Wales – lessons from the 2009 price review

Mr. Mike Keil, Ofwat, United Kingdom

4-5.30 pm Session 5: Starting cooperation: Launch of the pilot projects and conclusion of the workshop

The pilot project on the Chu Talas river

The pilot project on the Dniester river

The pilot project on the Sava river

Conclusions by the chairpersons

5.30 close of the workshop

Special lunchtime session 11 May, 1.30 p.m.- 2.30 p.m.

Ms. Magdalena Mrkvickova: From floods to droughts - adaptation strategy in water management in the Czech Republic

Mr. Mladen Todorovic: A multidisciplinary approach for analyzing the climate change impacts on water availability and security in the Mediterranean region

Ms. Jose Luis Carrasco Terceros: Climate-related risk indicators and adaptive capacity of developing countries

Mr. Jerome Gandin: Responses to climate change by the communities residing in the Usumacinta river basin (Mexico-Guatemala)