



International Office for Water & INBO Event

"Knowledge for transboundary cooperation:

**The importance of information systems and collaboration for
the valorisation of water data"**

Wednesday, 23 March

From 16 to 17.30 / Dakar time



Background

Water resources are under increasing pressure from global factors such as population growth, economic development and climate change. Good knowledge and easy access to data and information on the state and evolution of water resources and uses is one of the keys to a successful water policy. Thus, water resource managers need reliable, regularly updated and relevant information to make the right decisions, monitor the impact of implemented measures and communicate with the public.

Where it exists, the necessary data are often fragmented, inconsistent, and difficult to use because they are produced by multiple institutions operating in different sectors with little coordination. Experience shows that adopting appropriate governance rules and technical procedures can build capacity and promote inter-institutional collaboration while building on existing systems and strengthening the roles and capacities of each actor.

These issues are all the more important in the context of transboundary basins. Inter-state cooperation through common management strategies and regular data sharing is indeed essential to strengthen cooperation and allow sustainable exploitation of water resources.

This event will be an opportunity to exchange on these various topics with, in particular, the intervention of major witnesses involved in water data management in transboundary and international contexts.

Programme :

Master of ceremony(5mn)

Mrs Stéphanie Laronde, Director of International Cooperation,
International Office for Water (IOWater)/RIOB

Introduction (10 min)

Mr. Paul Haener, International Water Information Systems Manager,
International Office for Water (OiEau)

Great witnesses (55 min):

Moderator :

Ms. Marie-Paule Adde, Project manager,
International Office for Water (OiEau)

Integrated data management within the OMVG in connection with national services

Ababacar Ndao, Secretary General
Organization for the Development of the Gambia River (OMVG)

Dakar/WMO Water Cluster: towards an "innovation, knowledge and capacity" pillar

Niokhor Ndour, Coordinator Dakar Water Hib
Johannes Cullmann, Director of the Climate and Water Department at World
Meteorological Organization

Examples of data and experience sharing on water and biodiversity in aquatic environments in transboundary basins in Latin America

Mr. Patrick Lecante, President of the Water and Biodiversity Committee of Guyana, Mayor of
Montsinéry-Tonnegrade
&
Mr Carlos Lazary, Directeur exécutif,
Organisation du traité de coopération amazonienne

The African Water Documentation and Information System of ANBO

Mr. Pape Ndiaye, Head of communication,
African Network of Basin Organizations (ANBO)

Questions & Answers (15 min)

Conclusion (5 min)

Mr. Prof Mark Zeitoun, Director, Geneva Water Hub