

Invitation to contribute to the collection of lessons learned and good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary and national basins of river, lake and aquifer.

Dear Colleagues,

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), with the support of numerous partners such as transboundary basin organizations, are preparing a publication on lessons learned and good practices on the adaptation to climate change at the basin scale, particularly in transboundary basins. This publication is following a recommendation of the 6th World Water Forum (Marseille, France, March 2012) and is part of the programme of work for 2013-2015 of the UNECE Water Convention, programme area 4 on climate change adaptation, lead by the Netherlands and Switzerland.

This publication, like the previous INBO handbooks on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in 2009 and 2012, will be based on practical experience and know-how gained in basins worldwide. The publication will complement the 2009 UNECE Guidance on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change.

Prepared initially in English and French, this publication will be presented at the 7th World Water Forum in Daegu, Republic of Korea, in April 2015.

A Drafting Group has been created in December 2013 in order to facilitate the elaboration of this publication.

To meet the objective, the UNECE and the INBO invite you to contribute in this work, in particular for providing relevant case studies on the adaptation to climate change in your basins, according the following topics :

- The formal and informal arrangements to put in place
- The application of IWRM principles
- The information and data needed
- The vulnerability and impact assessments
- The measures to implement and prioritisation
- The economic and financial matters
- The evaluation of adaptation strategies
- The capacity building
- The communication and the involvement of stakeholders.

Your contributions can be sent by end of May to Sonja Koepfel (sonja.koepfel@unece.org) and/ or Daniel Valensuela (d.valensuela@oieau.fr).

The aim is to finalise the publication in January 2015. We are aware of the relatively short time given to perform this task, but, with the participation of all partners and their networks, and the particular involvement of the basin organizations we are confident to produce a high-quality and useful publication in the timeframe.

So, we are looking forward to your contribution.

Yours sincerely,