TOPIC SESSION REPORT	Chair:Jean Marie Wauthier	Reporter: Jean Francois Donzier and Lena Salame
Theme: Managing and protecting water resources and their supply systems to meet human and environmental needs Thematic coordination group:	Thematic coordination lead: Organization: Name contact person: e-mail:	
Topic: IWRM basin management and transboundary cooperation Topic Main Question: How to improve basin management and transboundary cooperation	Topic coordination lead: Organization: UNESCO INBO	
Topic coordination group: UNESCO and INBO		
Key Topic Issues	What are the success stories and failures (and their reasons) of IWRM and hydrosolidarity at basin level.	Success stories and failures (and their reasons) of IWRM and hydrosolidarity at basin level. 3 elements of IWRM to assess the success stories and failures (enabling environment, Institutional framework, management tools). Presentations of success and failures stories at 3 basin levels: local, national, transboundary. Adaptation of IWRM at different types of situations Proposal of guidelines for better IWRM (Hydrosolidarity v/s hydro sovereignty IWRM at different levels)

How can transboundary (surface and groundwater) resources be managed in a more sustainable manner by concerned riparian.	Sustainable management of transboundary (surface and groundwater) resources by concerned riparian.
	Sustainable management of transboundary groundwater resources.
	Sustainable management of transboundary surface water
	Integration of both.
	Look at:
	Institutions - Conflict resolution and cooperation building mechanisms - International legal instruments and implementation (1997 convention, draft articles on groundwater resources, ECE convention, WFD) - Prerequisites and basis for cooperation - Ethical principles for allocating transboundary water resources (Dublin principles and their review to adapt to global changes) - Training and capacity building
How to organize and enable stakeholders' participation in basin management and transboundary cooperation?	Organization and enablement of stakeholders' participation Different kinds of participation (institutional frameworks, basin committees, education and empowerment, consultation, information, involvement) on 3 basin levels Different kinds of groups (women, NGOs)
	Multistakeholders processes Information and communication technology for
	participation
	Definition of stakeholders (Local authorities, Municipalities, Elected people, NGOs, researchers, economic sector, citizens' organizations, water consumers, media, international organization) Presentation of success and failures stories
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What are the operational tools to achieve better: Operational tools to achieve better: - Basin management - Basin management - Transboundary cooperation over surface and - Transboundary cooperation over surface and groundwater resources? groundwater resources Focus on operational tools: Management plans/Master plans including risk and disaster management plans Programme of measure Financing Information monitoring, assessment Research Joint planning and operation Modelling Training Decision support systems Dispute/conflict resolution mechanisms and cooperation building tools