

Transboundary Water Cooperation

National Commitment, Stakeholders and IWRM in the Mekong, the Nile and SADC/Zambezi

Lessons learned and which way forward?

Copenhagen, March 1-2, 2007

Workshop venue: Eigttveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads, 2G, 1448 Copenhagen K, Denmark

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

March 1

Registration at the workshop venue (08:00 - 08:45)

Morning plenary session (09:00 - 13:00)

Workshop opening

- Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Head of South Group/Secretary of State or Head of Technical Advisory Services
- Danish Water Forum: Chairman Dr. Torkil Jønch Clausen

Opening addresses presenting key features and development challenges in the basins

- Mekong basin, Dr. Olivier Cogels, CEO, Mekong River Commission
- Nile Basin, Mr. Audace Ndayizeye, Executive Director, Nile Basin Initiative
- Zambezi basin, Dr. Jeffer Sakupwanya, Zambezi River Authority

Key note addresses on the workshop themes

- Transboundary water cooperation - national commitments: Mr. Tran Duc Cuong, Deputy Secretary General, National Mekong Secretariat, Vietnam and Professor Steven FitzGerald, Graduate School of Government, University of Sidney
- Transboundary water cooperation - stakeholder involvement: Mr. Melakou Tegegn, Project Manager, Nile Basin Discourse and Gordon Mumbo, Regional Project Manager, Confidence Building and Stakeholder Involvement, Nile Secretariat
- Transboundary water cooperation - civil society involvement: Dr. Phera Ramoeli, Coordinator, SADC Water Directorate and Dr. Chris Brown, Executive Director, Namibia Nature Foundation

Lunch (13:00 – 14:00)

Afternoon working group session (14:00 – 16:30)

First working group session: “Sharing of experience and lessons learnt”

Two working groups will draw lessons learned/good practices from the three basins or other international experience on:

- National commitment to transboundary water cooperation. Facilitator: Dr. Torkil Jønch Clausen, Director, DHI Water Policy, advisor to GWP and UNEP. Rapporteur: Mr. Philip Hirsch, Director, Australian Mekong Resource Centre.
- Stakeholder participation in transboundary water planning, management and decision making. Facilitator: Ambassador, Former Head of Technical Advisory Services, Birgit Storgaard. Rapporteur: Professor Joakim Öjendal, School of Global Studies, Gothenburg University.

Short presentations/issue papers can be made by the participants in the beginning of the working group session.

Evening (19:00 – 22:00)
Workshop dinner at Restaurant Salt, Hotel Admiral

March 2

Morning plenary session (09:00 – 9:30)

Report from group sessions by the rapporteurs and introduction to second working group session

Morning working group session (09:30 – 12:30)

Second working group session: “Way forward”

The two working groups will prepare a list of recommendations from the three basins or other international experience on:

- National commitment to transboundary water cooperation
- Stakeholder participation in transboundary water planning, management and decision making

Each working group will continue with the same facilitator, who will again set the scene for the working group and analyse the key issues and the same rapporteur as during the first working group session.

Also in this working group session short presentations/issue papers can be made by the participants in the beginning of the working group session.

Lunch (12:30 – 13:30)

Afternoon plenary session (13:30 – 15:00)

Facilitated discussion of consolidated list of workshop recommendations of the two working groups
Prioritization of the recommendations (across the three basins and within each of the basins).

Panel discussion (15:00 – 16:00)

Panellists from the Mekong, Nile and Zambezi basins, countries in the basins, civil society and donors will respond to the prioritised recommendation and how they may take the recommendations forward.

Closing session (16:00 – 16:15)

Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Head of South Group/Secretary of State or Head of Technical Advisory Services and Danish Water Forum: Chairman Dr. Torkil Jønch Clausen