

6th World Water Forum

Thursday March 15th : 14h30 – 16h30
PEu 3 - Europa 3 > Palais de l'Europe

Session 1.5.7 - Description & Programme

Target PfA 1.5.7	By 2018, develop mechanisms to share and monitor information at the transboundary level especially on (i) scientific and social data for information systems: contribution to an online inventory and establishment of a water observatory, and (ii) indicators and guidelines for programmes monitoring the quality of cooperation and the impact of the lack of access to water on cooperation and peace-building.
Session title	Sharing and monitoring information at the transboundary level for sustainable water management
Session teaser/description	<p>The success of cooperation policies in the water sector depends on the use of efficient governance tools where transparency and confidence in access to information on the status of water resources and their use is fundamental.</p> <p>The establishment of information systems to support sound management of water resources and transboundary cooperation is not easy, data are often widely distributed, of inconsistent quality and collected for a range of different purposes, at different spatial and time scales.</p> <p>This session will demonstrate solutions already implemented and other still emerging to support the cooperation between riparian countries sharing the same water resources.</p> <p>It will also discuss the commitment necessary to move towards an open data behaviour within the water community worldwide.</p>
Duration	2-hour long
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Time	Descriptions of items/presentations
10'	<i>Introduction and setting the scene</i> Walter MAZZITTI, EMWIS President Eric MINO, EMWIS coordinator
10'	<i>Towards a Mediterranean Water knowledge Hub: Developing harmonized National Water Information Systems</i> Shaddad ATTILI, Minister of water, Palestine
	Panel 1 – Practical approaches for sharing and monitoring information
7'	<i>Support for developing Environment Observatories in Africa</i> Janique Etienne FFEM secretariat
7'	<i>Capacity building in data administration for assessing transboundary water resources in the Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia –EECC-A countries</i> Paul Haener, International Office of Water -OIEau
20'	Debate with Panellists and participants Boris Minarik - International Water Assessment Center Jacob Tumbulto – Volta Basin Agency -ABV
	Panel 2 Supporting tools from the International Community
7'	<i>Support to assessment, monitoring and management internationally shared ground waters</i> Dr Neno Kukurić UN-IGRAC - International Groundwater Centre
7'	<i>World Hydrological Cycle Observing System</i> Tommaso Abrate, WMO
7'	<i>Transboundary Waters Assessment Programme (TWAP)</i> Peter Koefoed Bjornsen, Director, UNEP-DHI
15'	Debate with Panellists and participants
	Panel 3 – Empowering local actors
7'	<i>Transboundary Cooperation on shared river basins, the case of Lower Jordan River Basin</i> Gidon Bromberg, Friends of the Earth Middle-East
15'	Debate with Panellists and participants
7'	Conclusions