

First International Environment Forum for Basin Organizations

Towards Sustainable Freshwater Governance

Bangkok, Thailand, 26-28 November 2014

Timetable and Draft Agenda

25 November 2014

Regional Consultative Pre-session Events for Basin Organizations

Basin Organizations from Africa, Asia (tbc), Americas (tbc) will meet in parallel to consult on regional aspects and positions ahead of the First International Environment Forum for Basin Organizations.

26 and 27 November 2014

Technical Segment

The technical segment will include plenary sessions as well as parallel working sessions confined to the four themes of the technical segment: 1. Water Quality and Ecosystem Health; 2. Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Adaptation to Climate Change; 3. Environmental Laws and Regulations; and, 4. Institutional Challenges.

26 November 2014

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants

Plenary 1

(English, French, Spanish)

09:00 – 09:30 Official opening for the technical segment

09:30 – 10:30 Keynote address on the themes of the day

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea break

Parallel Thematic Working Sessions

(English only)

Theme 1 – Water Quality and Ecosystem Health	Theme 2 – Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Adaptation to Climate Change
11:00 – 12:30 Session 1 “Water Quality”	11:00 – 12:30 Session 1 “Water-Energy-Food Nexus”
<i>12:30 – 14:00 Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:30 Session 2 “Monitoring of Ecosystem Health”	14:00 – 15:30 Session 2 “Adaptation to Climate Change”

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea break

Plenary 2

(English, French, Spanish)

16:00 – 18:00 The Role of Basin Organizations in the Post 2015 Development Agenda

27 November 2014

Plenary 3

(English, French, Spanish)

09:00 – 09:30 Official opening for the technical segment 2

09:30 – 10:30 Keynote address on themes of the day

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea break

Parallel Thematic Working Sessions

(English only)

Theme 3 – Environmental laws and regulations

11:00 – 12:30 Session 1 “International Water Law Principles and the Environment”

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Session 2 “Regional and basin agreements and MEAs”

Theme 4 – Institutional Challenges

11:00 – 12:30 Session 1 “Regional and Basin Agreements: Good practices in the field of sustainable freshwater management”

14:00 – 15:30 Session 2 “Enabling Implementation: Creating and maintaining capacity”

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea break

Plenary 4

(English, French, Spanish)

16:00 – 18:00 Basin Organizations as Key Constituents of International Environmental Governance

***** 18:30 – 21:00 Reception hosted by the Government of Thailand*****

28 November 2014

High-Level Segment

The High-level segment will be composed of Ministers, heads of Basin Organizations and other invited high-level participants. The segment will be accessible to all participants.

09:30 – 10:30 Welcoming Ceremony

10:30 – 11:15 Opening Remarks

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea break

11:30 – 12:00 Summary of outcomes of the technical segment

12:00 – 13:00 High-Level discussion on the way forward for sustainable governance and management of freshwater basins

13:00 – 15:00 Ministerial Lunch (invitation only)

15:00 – 17:00 High-Level discussion cont'd

17:00 – 17:15 Coffee/Tea break

17:15 – 18:00 Adoption of the outcomes

18:00 – 18:30 Closing of the Forum
