



CONFERENCE DAILY

Thursday 10 January 2013

In yesterday's sessions.... Rural and urban water cooperation cases were shared from Africa, Asia, South America, Europe, North-America and the Pacific

Lessons learnt from shared cases

Success factors

- Timing
- Trust
- Data and information
- Participation, women play an important role
- Set objectives

Supporting factors

- Political will
- Legal framework
- Enforcement
- Technology
- Partnerships
- Accountability
- Money
- Institutional structures
- Transparency



"Go do-able rather than perfect. Be creative, be pragmatic, but overall keep your ideals and be persistent." - Brice Lalonde, UN-DESA

"The process of participatory strategic planning -in which stakeholders are brought together and learning is facilitated- is even more important than achieving a fantastic plan" - Marcos Sanjuan Garcia, ECODES Secretary for the Water Alliance

"Sharing South-South lessons from different countries on conferences like these is a also form of water cooperation" - Rudolph Cleveringa, IFAD

"We see water, like Mother Earth, as a person, with whom you should talk and listen to and who deserves respect" - David Luis Salazar Vega

What's for today?

Side event. The case of stakeholders platforms in Spain and the Ebro River Basin

(Note: Session open to the public. English/Spanish translation will be available)

Session Chair: Xavier de Pedro. President of the Ebro River Basin Authority

09:30 - 10:00 Overview of the framework of participated water management in Spain

Victor Arqued. Planning director, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain

10:00 - 10:15 Photo presentation of participated processes

10:15 - 12:00 Panel Discussion on Strengths and Weaknesses of Cooperation at basin level in the Ebro River Basin

Moderator: Mario Gaviria (sociologist)

- The legal perspective. *Antonio Embid. Law Professor at the University of Zaragoza*
- The social perspective. *Manuel Omedas and Andres de Lucas. Office of Planning at the Ebro River Basin Authority*
- The view of hydroelectricity users. *Clemente Prieto. Deputy Director at Iberdrola*
- The view of the irrigation water users. *Cesar Trilla. President of the WUA "Riegos del Alto Aragón"*
- Q&A with case presenters from Peru, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Guatemala, Madagascar et al.

12:00 - 12:15 Coffee break

12:15 - 13:30 Panel discussion on Strengths and Weaknesses of other cooperation arrangements

Moderator: Josefina Maestu. Director, UNW-DPAC

- Solidarity financing mechanism in Aragon. *Alfredo Cajal. Director of the Water Institute of the Regional Government*
- Financing participatory processes by the Spanish Water Fund. *Adriano Garcia-Loygorry. Coordinator Spanish Water Fund*
- Stakeholder participation in river basin management planning in Navarra. *Eva García Balaguer. Environmental Resources Centre of Navarra (CRANA)*

13:30 - 13:45 Closing

Bert Diphoom, UN-Water Vice-Chair

Field visit

Water Users Association "Riegos del Alto Aragón"

The WUA of the "Riegos del Alto Aragón" was created in 1952. Its main objective is to perform functions of policing, distribution and administration of water and deal with all conflicts that may arise among the users and the different communities in the system. The WUA includes 58 sub communities (WUA) with 125000 hectares of crops and provides drinking water supply to 114 local communities in Huesca and Zaragoza and to ten industrial areas. Around 25,000 families live from the irrigation crops: rice, maize, fruit, vegetables and other. Water is distributed through 2000 Km of Channels and 3000 KM of return flows channels.

The Headquarters of the WUA are located in the outskirts of Huesca. Registered participants in the side event will be picked up by a bus (courtesy of the irrigation association) outside the venue at 14:30.



Field visit

Zaragoza Water Cluster

The ZINNAE Urban water cluster aims to boost the city of Zaragoza as a place for experimentation, to test the efficiency of the existing good practice, solutions and technologies in order to increase the water use efficiency in terms of water and energy consumption. The cluster integrates the main economic agents that are linked with an efficient use of water in the city of Zaragoza: companies of different nature (water saving technology, water measuring and meter reading technology, companies linked with the water supply, sanitation and treatment, water facilities, etc.), the main research and training centers in the region, as well as the local, regional and national water public administrations.

Zinnae is located at the "Chamber of Commerce" of Zaragoza. Zinnae representatives will pick up registered participants at 14:30 and will go with them in different cars and (if necessary) in the recently inaugurated Zaragoza Tram to the Side event.

