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Governments and other stakeholders are invited to commit on a voluntary basis to implement some specific actions, taking into account the different situations in countries of the region and rely on analyses provided by the UNECE on the "Sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems".

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<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;background:whitesmoke;vertical-align: top">*** The SIAEAG Water Days</o:p></o:p>**

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<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">As part of the "SIAEAG" Water Days (Syndicate of Intermunicipal Water Supply and Sanitation of Guadeloupe), Guadeloupe hosted from 2 to 7 October 2011 two preparatory workshops for the World Water Forum in <st1:place w:st="on"><st1:city w:st="on">Marseilles</st1:city></st1:place> :</o:p></o:p>

<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">*** "Local water management and policies"** chaired by Messrs. André Flajolet, French Deputy, Commissioner of the World Water Forum and Patrick Lavarde, Vice President of the Thematic Process Commission ;</o:p></o:p>

<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">*** "Water management in the Outermost Regions of the European Union and cooperation with non-European neighboring countries"**, chaired by Mr. Daniel Chomet, President of the Basin Committee of the Martinique, and facilitated by Messrs Pierre Roussel, representative of the French Ministry of Ecology in the European regional process of the Forum and Jean-François Donzier, Coordinator of the European Regional Process, respectively IOWater President and General Manager.</o:p></o:p>

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the project for the creation of a new "Islands Basin Network" within INBO.

* **Preparatory Conference for RIO+20**

19-20 October 2011 - Dushanbe ‐ Tajikistan

The Conference on "**Towards the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) : Cooperation for Water**" was held in Dushanbe (Tajikistan) on past 19 and 20 October, at the initiative of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and UN-Water.

Nearly 140 participants, water specialists and representatives of governments and international institutions took part in this conference.

Work focused on three points :

* **Strengthening cooperation and dialogue to achieve the Millennium Development Goals ;**

* **Presentation of best practices from all over the world**, in terms of cooperation at local, national and regional levels, to improve access to safe water and sanitation, and effective use of water resources for development and environmental protection ;

* **Making recommendations** on approaches and mechanisms to be implemented for a

joint use of water resources in the basins of transboundary rivers, aquifers and lakes.<o:p></o:p>

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Jean-François Donzier, General Manager of IOWater, presented INBO Action Plan.<o:p></o:p>

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<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;background:whitesmoke;vertical-align: top">*** WWF6 Regional Preparatory Meeting for <st1:place w:st="on">Caucasus</st1:place><o:p></o:p>**

<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;background:whitesmoke;vertical-align: top">**14-15 November 2011 - <st1:city w:st="on">Tbilisi</st1:city> - <st1:place w:st="on"><st1:country-region w:st="on">Georgia</st1:country-region></st1:place><o:p></o:p>**

<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">The WWF6 Regional Preparatory Meeting for Caucasus, organized by **the Regional Environmental Center for Caucasus**, was held in <st1:city w:st="on">Tbilisi</st1:city> (<st1:country-region w:st="on"><st1:place w:st="on">Georgia</st1:place></st1:country-region>) on 14 and 15 November 2011.<o:p></o:p>

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French Development Agency<o:p></o:p>

**Capitalizing on the experience of <st1:place w:st="on"><st1:placename w:st="on">Transboundary</st1:placename> <st1:placetype w:st="on">Basin</st1:placetype></st1:place> Organizations
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<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">Integrated Transboundary Water Resources Management (IWRM), by appropriate governance and investment planned in the basin, is the key to sustainable use and conservation of natural resources. With fair sharing of resources and benefits, it helps prevent conflicts between uses and between States.<o:p></o:p>

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<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">* Capitalization of each relevant experience and appropriation of best practices by the other institutions ;</p></p>

<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">* Support to and coordination of the French technical assistants working in the institutions ;</p></p>

<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">* Improving the strategic vision of their

activities by the beneficiary institutions ;<o:p></o:p>

<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">* Organization of benchmarking, particularly on the following topics :<o:p></o:p>

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<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">- Looking for autonomous and sustainable financing ;<o:p></o:p>

<p class="MsoNormal" style="text-align:justify;mso-hyphenate:auto;mso-layout-grid-align:none;text-autospace:none">- Strategic planning and implementation of actions ;<o:p></o:p>

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