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Thematic Session on Integrated River Basin Management

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Introduction

Integrated River Basin Management is one of the key themes of the 5th International Yellow River Forum. The forum provides a unique opportunity for gathered leaders and water managers from the world's most renowned rivers to exchange views on the major challenges they phase in integrated river basin planning to safeguard water security in the basin for the future under the changing circumstances due to inevitable socio-economic developments and the anticipated effects from climate change.

The IRBM sessions are designed to learn from experiences in other basins, share innovative ideas and arrive at common views adaptable to the specific conditions applicable for the different river basins.

Draft program (note all speakers to be confirmed) – Day 3, Wed 26 September

Session	Sub-Theme and description	Comments
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome Session Welcome by chairpersons	Chinese Chair: (to be nominated YRCC)
9:10 – 10:10	Key note address – “River Basin Development Plans in Europe” – Dr. Fritz Holzwarth, German Water Director (confirmed) Key note address - “Next Generation River Basin Plans with uptake of 2011 No.1 Document on Water Policy” – Vice Commissioner YRCC (t.b.c. YRCC)	International Chair: Jean François Donzier (t.b.c.)
10:10 – 10:20	Questions and Answers on Key Notes	
10:20 – 10:50	Coffee/tea break	
10.:50 – 12:10	Challenges for the world's river basins I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral presentations (4 x 20min) 	Chair: Four River Basins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yellow River – (to be nominated YRCC) Amazone River – Alejandro Gordillo (t.b.c. by YRCC) Haihe – Representative Sino – French Cooperation (t.b.c.)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murray Darling – MD Basin Authority
12:10 – 12:30	Q&A Panel of presenters	
14:00 – 15:20	Challenges for the world's river basins II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral presentations (4 x 20min) 	Chair: Four River Basins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pearl River Basin (to be nominated YRCC) Danube or Rhine River Mekong Delta – Vietnamese on Mekong Delta Master Plan? (YRCC to provide contact?) Nile – Nile Initiative – Dr. Wael Khairy ((t.b.c. by YRCC))
15:20 – 15:50	Q&A Panel of presenters	
16:20 – 17.30	Panel discussion on Challenges for the world's river basins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral statements (6 x 5min) with key views/messages from the panel members on major challenges: flood security, water supply security, ecological security, energy security, food security, etc. Panel discussion plus contributions from audience in reaction to statements. 	Chair: Panel members: 3-4 international Dr. Holzwarth 2-3 Chinese (Jiang Bin – DRC; Wu Qiang – MWR Dep. Planning and Programming; ??; (to be nominated YRCC))

Draft program – Day 4, Thurs 27 September

Session & Topic	Description	Comments
9:00 – 10:00	Challenges for the world's river basins III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral presentations (3 x 20min) 	Chair: Three River Basins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yangtze River Basin (to be nominated YRCC) Mississippi – Mississippi River Comm. – Dr. Gerry Galloway (t.b.c.) Niger River – Amaka Nwokeji ((t.b.c. by YRCC))
10:00 – 10:20	Q&A Panel of presenters	
10:20 – 10:50	Coffee/tea break	
	Workshop Session – Common	This session will provide a final synthesis



10:50 – 12:30	challenges in Integrated River Basin Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the main technical topics to be addressed?- What are the main institutional arrangements to be fulfilled?- What are the common opportunities and key actions	to feed into 'Final Synthesis and Closing Ceremony session on Thursday afternoon) Format: sub-groups on round tables led by representatives world's river basins Summary based on group reports
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