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Third International Forum on Integrated Water Management

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The third International Forum on Integrated Water Management took place at the University Laval (Quebec City, Canada) on May 7-9, 2014.

It addressed the issues of transboundary water management in a context of climate change.

The event was organized by the North American Network of Basin Organizations (NANBO), the Regrouping of the River Basin Organizations of Quebec (ROBVQ) and the St-François River Basin Organization (COGESAF), in collaboration with the Quebec Metropolitan Community, the University Laval Environment, Development and Society Institute and the research consortium on climatology and adaptation to climate change OURANOS.

The 500 participants addressed the following themes :

- Governance and Strengthening of Institutional Capacities ;
- Water Resources and its uses management ;
- Risks Management and Adaptation to Climate Change.

Three case-studies, including the Great Lakes / St-Lawrence and Rio Grande or Rio Bravo systems and the Rhine Basin, were presented. Two roundtables answered the following questions :

- In a context of climate change how can we promote transboundary water management on the watershed scale and for what benefits ?
- What integrated water management for the Great Lakes and St-Lawrence System ?

Mr. Jean-François Donzier, INBO Secretary and IOWater General Manager, presented an introductory note on the best practices in transboundary basin management over the World.