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# INBO - World Pact for better Basin Management

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Initiated by the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), and the 12 French basin committees (metropolitan and overseas), this pact was signed in Marseilles by 69 basin organizations from all continents. It consists in recommending the principles recognized as the most relevant and operational to organize the management of water resources and aquatic ecosystems using the experience of the current 215 INBO member organizations :

- \* Management organized at the level of local, national and transboundary basins ;
- \* Establishment of national organizations or international commissions ;
- \* Development of basin water information systems ;
- \* Participation of users and citizens represented in basin committees ;
- \* Development of a vision shared by the stakeholders before 2020, resulting legally in basin management plans ;
- \* Implementation of multiyear action and investment plans ;
- \* Financing mechanisms for the basin organizations themselves and their action plans, for investment and operation, based on the use of the "user-polluter pays" principles.

Among the 69 signatories, there are the transboundary basin organizations of the Senegal, Gambia, Niger, Volta, Congo and Orange Rivers and Lake Chad, corresponding to the territories of 23 African countries.

Among the other signatories, there are all the basin committees of Quebec and all the Brazilian basin committees represented by their national associations, as well as the pilot basin organizations of Laos and Vietnam in the Mekong River Basin and even those of Spain, Portugal, France, Italy (Arno River), Romania, Bulgaria, Panama, Colombia.

The commitment also provides for the establishment of a symbolic basin passport to reinforce the feeling of citizenship in their river basin.

The French basin organizations committed themselves to use the legal maximum allowed 1% of their budget in their cooperation with least developed countries and to double their twinning arrangements with basins abroad.

Finally, the overseas departmental water boards committed themselves to establish a specific network of Basin-Islands to integrate in the development concepts the insular and specific nature related to the smallness of the territory and the strong connection between terrestrial waters and coastal waters, including coral lagoons.