



TWINBASIN MISSIONS : REPORTING GUIDELINES

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<u>Mission Report</u>	
Wording of mission	<i>In short, objective or content of mission</i> To participate in the 1 st Meeting of the Seine-Normandy Basin Agency and to present the 4 th WWF in the 2005 Pollutec Salon.

1. CONTEXT

Place, location	<i>Country visited, Basin Organization concerned, other information about location</i> <i>Paris, France. Agence de l'Eau Seine - Normandie</i>
Mission duration	<i>30th November to 4th December , 2006</i>

2. OBJECTIVES

	Initial objectives	Results	Results indicator
1	Coordination Meeting with the Agence de l'Eau Seine Normandie in order to define its participation in the 4 th WWF	The number of sessions to be convened by the Agence was specified as well as the mechanisms of the sessions and other possibilities for participation (Fair, Special Events etc.)	The Agence's program of participation.
2	To participate in the 1st Meeting of the Seine – Normandy Basin Agency.	Participation as an observer in the Agency's meeting.	Report of the Basin Agency's session. Dialogue with the President of the

			Agency in order to formalize its participation in the 4 th WWF.
3	Presentation of the 4 th WWF in the 2005 Pollutec Salon.	Interview in the Pollutec Salon's closed-circuit TV	Interview and dissemination of the 4 th WWF
4	Technical visit to the Achères SIAAP residual water treatment plant.	Knowledge of the management strategy for residual water in Paris's metropolitan zone.	Tour of the treatment plant's installations. The SIAAP Achères activity report.

3. ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED DURING THE MISSION

Activity 1	Topic : Coordination Meeting with the Agence de l'Eau Seine Normandie in order to define its participation in the 4 th WWF
Description (Exchange of experience or practice, Increasing of knowledge and learning, Development of methodology, Training ...)	<p>Participation in the meeting programmed by the Water Agency's technical team, in charge of preparing the Agency's participation in the Forum, with the Mexican officials participating in the mission. The place of meeting was the Agency's venue in Paris, France.</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Mr. Olivier Bommelaer, the Agency's Manager of International Projects, with the participation of Ms. Myriam Calle, Mr. Jacques Sicard, Mr. Matthieu Ahyerre and Mr. Jean-Baptiste Revillon of the Seine-Normandy Basin Agency. The participating Mexican delegation included myself and Mr. Jorge Malagón Díaz, Regional Manager for the Valley of Mexico Basin and Cutzemala System.</p> <p>The IAEA meeting's main subjects for discussion were the sessions proposed by the Agency and the analysis of further forms of participation, thus the Organism's interest in knowing information relative to the Mexico 2006 4thWorld Water Forum in further detail.</p> <p>With this in mind, the presentation made on behalf of the 4th WWF Secretariat included the following elements: a) Components and topics of the Forum; b) General Program; c) Preparatory Process; d) How the Water Basin Agency can participate.</p>

		<p>It was of the participants' interest to know the number and titles of the sessions registered to date, given that the establishment of partnerships with those organizations that had registered sessions related to water management in twinbasins, had been proposed.</p>
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<p>Activity 2</p>	<p>Topic : To participate in the 1st meeting of the Seine-Normandy Basin Agency.</p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>In response to the invitation received by the 4th WWF Secretariat from the Seine-Normandy Basin Agency, (Comité de Bassin Seine-Normandie –the agency’s name in French), attendance as a special guest and exclusively as an observer in the new Committee’s 1st meeting, representing the Secretariat of the 4th World Water Forum. The place of meeting was the venue of the Ministère de l’Écologie et du Développement Durable in Paris.</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Mr. André Santini, former minister and delegate of Hauts en Seine, with the presence of the basin’s water users.</p> <p>More than 110 representatives of the various uses of the basin’s water, representatives from governmental institutions in charge of water resources management and several of the basin’s local authorities were summoned to the meeting. This highlights the importance of the event and the great opportunity that was given to the 4th World Water Forum’s Secretariat to encourage the participation of these representatives.</p>

<p>Activity 3</p>	<p>Topic : Presentation of the 4th WWF in the 2005 Pollutec Salon.</p>
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<p>Description</p>	<p>Participation in a television interview in the Pollutec Salon, where questions related to the 4th World Water Forum were posed and answered. Mr. Claude Heller, Ambassador for Mexico in France, Mr. Daniel Zimmer, Executive Director of the World Water Council and Mr. Jean-Francois Donzier, Director of the International Office for Water also participated in the Program.</p> 
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<p>Activity 4</p>	<p>Topic : Technical visit to the Achères SIAAP residual water treatment plant.</p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>On the twinning of the Seine-Normandy and Valley of Mexico basins, the site-visit to the Achères Water-treatment Plant was made on the 3rd of December. This treatment plant provides water services to 8 million inhabitants of Paris’s suburbs. The treatment plant is operated by an organization called Interdepartmental Union for the Treatment of the Parisian Agglomeration (French initials – SIAAP).</p> <p>The Regional Manager for the Valley of Mexico Basin had the opportunity to explain the hydraulic functioning of Mexico City’s metropolitan zone, specifying the challenges and social demands shared by the institutions of both basins.</p>

4. LESSONS LEARNT during the mission *(what could be shared with other partners and/or introduced in guidelines, as far as IWRM is concerned)*

- **About Methodology :**

The attendance at the Seine-Normandy Basin Agency's meeting, as observers, allowed for the understanding of these types of meeting's procedure and structure. It was especially important to learn the way in which the water basin's users reached consensus, as well as to see the level of participation of the many participating organizations.

- **About Practice :**

It was important to see that the members of the Committee value and respect the implementation of the agreements made in the agency's core. The level of commitment observed in the attitudes of each of the basin's users is notable.

5. **DISSEMINATION (opportunities and difficulties).** In what measure these learnt lessons are applicable to :

a) **The Basin Organization the expert belongs to:**

The learnt concepts' level of applicability in the Valley of Mexico Basin Council is high, given that this is one of the Councils with greatest activity in Mexico.

b) **National IWRM practice:**

The experience reinforces the application of the IWRM concept in Mexico, especially in the Valley of Mexico. IWRM is a priority action in this region of the country, where the fulfillment of the Regional Water Plan 2002-2006 – a document which favors IWRM - is currently being carried out.

c) **Regional experiences:**

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d) **Worldwide :**

The celebration of the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico in March 2006 will be a great opportunity to discuss the state of affairs regarding IWRM in this international frame. In fact, one of the five thematic discussion days will be dedicated to the subject of IWRM. In face of this fact, the lessons learnt during the mission will have an immediate application.

6. IDENTIFIED TIPS

⇒ Identified tips which could be useful for colleagues

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7. PERSONAL COMMENTS

⇒ What does the missionary think about his mission

It would be very useful to have a video containing a Basin Agency session prototype, translated into Spanish or English, in order to serve as guidance, to illustrate the ways in which these meetings are carried out in France and to show the consensus in decision making to the participants of Mexican Basin Councils.

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9. BIBLIOGRAPHY

⇒ Main documents, manuals or supports used during the mission which could be useful for colleagues

Bibliography		
Name	Description / Notice	Reference
<i>La gestion de l'eau dans l'agglomération parisienne, au coeur du bassin versant de la Seine</i>	<i>Panorama de la gestion de l'eau dans la agglomération parisienne qui se trouve au coeur du bassin versant de la Seine. Cette gestion est introduite en effectuant un survol historique du développement des systèmes d'assainissement et d'eau potable.</i>	

Websites		
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N.B. This framework provides necessary information for further capitalisation and dissemination, but should not prevent experts from making any other comments (as far as basins characterisation is concerned, for instance).