

MENBO Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations

REMOB Réseau Méditerranéen des Organismes de Bassin

REMOC Red Mediterránea de Organismos de Cuenca



MENBO Liaison Bureau Porto –September 2011



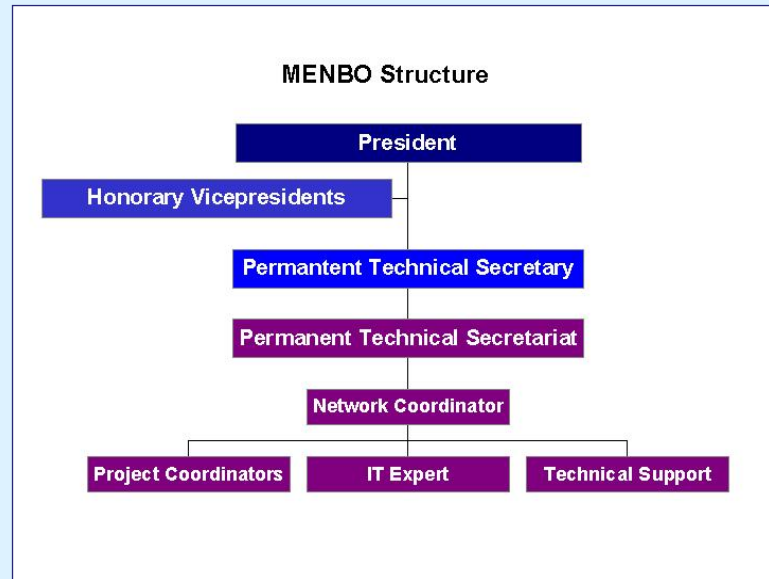
AGENDA

- 1) Opening of the Bureau
- 2) Introduction of the Permanent Technical Secretariat of MENBO.
- 3) Announcement of the members to be approved during the General Assembly.
- 4) Consideration of the agreements and results of the last Meetings of MENBO's Liaison Bureau.
- 5) Network progress: Report of the MENBO Presidency, activities, projects, new proposals
- 6) General Assembly
- 7) Other topics: announcements, proposals
- 8) Closing of the Liaison Bureau



2 INTRODUCTION TO THE PTS

- Presidency
- Permanent Technical Secretariat
- General Assembly + Executive Committee



2 GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES



- **CURRENT PRESIDENT 2009-2011:**
Dr. Fadi Comair



- **PERMANENT TECHNICAL SECRETARY:**
Dr. Javier Ferrer Polo



2 MENBO STATUTORY EVENTS


MENBO Statutory events (1/2):

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| 1st General Assembly (Constitutive) | 11-12 / 11 / 2003 | Valencia |
| Liaison Bureau | 26 / 09 / 2004 | Krakow |
| 2nd General Assembly (Members) | 11 / 10 / 2004 | Istanbul |
| Liaison Bureau | 11 / 10 / 2004 | Istanbul |
| Liaison Bureau | 23 / 05 / 2005 | Marrakech |
| 3rd General Assembly | 24-25 / 05 / 2005 | Marrakech |
| Liaison Bureau | 28 / 09 / 2005 | Namur |
| Liaison Bureau | 17 / 03 / 2006 | Mexico City |
| 4th General Assembly (Members) | 05 / 11 / 2006 | Athens |
| Liaison Bureau | 06 / 06 / 2007 | Debrecen |
| Liaison Bureau | 07 / 11 / 2007 | Rome |
| 5th General Assembly | 08-10 / 11 / 2007 | Rome |
| Liaison Bureau | 08 / 07 / 2008 | Saragossa |
| 6th General Assembly (Members) | 01 / 10 / 2008 | Sibiu |
| Liaison Bureau | 16 / 03 / 2009 | Istanbul |



2 MENBO STATUTORY EVENTS

MENBO Statutory events (2/2):

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| Liaison Bureau | 06 / 10 / 2009 | Beirut |
| 7th General Assembly | 07-08 / 10 / 2009 | Beirut |
| Liaison Bureau | 02 / 05 / 2010 | Tarragona |
| 8th General Assembly – MENBO Expert Meeting | 02 / 05 / 2010 | Tarragona |
|  Liaison Bureau | 27 / 09 / 2011 | Porto |
| 9th General Assembly | 28-30 / 09 / 2011 | Porto |



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Current state of recruitment members



SEPTEMBER 2011



3 NEW MEMBERS TO BE APPROVED

During tomorrow's General Assembly the following members and observers of the network will be approved:

MEMBER STATUS

- Arno River Basin Authority, Italy
- ARH do Norte, Portugal

OBSERVER STATUS

- Land Research Centre, Palestine

⇒ Currently there are **33** members from **16** different Mediterranean countries



4 CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENTS

Consideration of the agreements and results of the last **MENBO Liaison Bureaus**, celebrated in Beirut (Lebanon) in October 2009 and in Tarragona (Spain) in May 2010.

- Next General Assembly in Portugal.
- Participation in the 6th World Water Forum in Marseille 2012.
- Participation in the Union for the Mediterranean process.
- Etc.



5 NETWORK PROGRESS: REPORT OF THE PRESIDENCY

Report by Dr. Fadi Comair, MENBO President since October 2009





5 NETWORK PROGRESS: MELIA PROJECT

“MELIA”: Mediterranean Dialogue on Integrated Water Management



- Objective: create an efficient regional management of water resources under scarcity conditions and to improve communication amongst Mediterranean countries.
- September 2006 – End of 2011
- Participation of representatives of practically the whole group of Mediterranean countries

More information about the MELIA project in the 2nd Statutory Session of MENBO’s General Assembly and in the next INBO-Newsletter.



5 NETWORK PROGRESS: MELIA PROJECT



MELIA Project

- MENBO’s role: member of the Steering Committee and participation in 5 working groups
 - Assessment of Technological Perspectives in Water Management
 - Water Policy
 - Prevention and Mitigation of water conflicts
 - Building Knowledge
 - **Recommendations on the application of the WFD (co-leader of the group)**



5 NETWORK PROGRESS: MELIA PROJECT

MELIA Project - Conferences and Workshops :



- June 2011, Agadir: *Final Conference*
- October 2010, Venice, *Capacity building seminar on integrated water resources management in the Mediterranean*
- March 2010, Amman: Workshop *Benchmarking exercise and recommendations on the applications of the WFD*
- March 2009, Istanbul: Workshop *Water Value Impacts on the Mediterranean Water Policies*
- October 2008, Marrakech: Workshop *Rational Use of Water Resources*
- November 2007, Tunisia: Workshop *Water Culture and Water Conflict*

All related documents and more information can be found here: <http://www.meliaproject.eu/>



5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

Participation in the **INBO World General Assembly** in Dakar (Senegal), January 2010.





5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES



Participation in the 1st Meeting of the **Latin American and Caribbean Network of River Basin Organisations** in Foz de Iguazú (Brasil), November 2009.



5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

Celebration of the **MENBO Experts Meeting** in Tarragona (Spain), May 2010. Invited experts discussed the MENBO Action Plan proposed by the network President 2009-2011 Dr. Fadi Comair (Lebanon).





5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

Participation in the **EURO-INBO Conference** in Mégève (France), September 2010.



5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

Special INBO session on the occasion of the International Yellow River Forum in Dongying (China), October 2009:





5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES



Attention of the **3rd Beirut Water Week** in Beirut (Lebanon), October 2010.



5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

The Permanent Technical Secretariat of MENBO organised several **Technical Visits** of expert groups, for example from Turkey, Egypt and Colombia, mainly to Spanish RB Authorities.





5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

MENBO is active member of **Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean** and member of the Partnership Council



- **13th Meeting of the GWP-Med Partnership Council**, November 2010 in Athens (Greece)
- **14th Meeting of the GWP-Med Partnership Council**, December 2010 in Cairo (Egypt)

More information about GWP-Med and the collaboration with MENBO in the **2nd Statutory Session of MENBO's General Assembly**.



5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

Mediterranean Joint Process - Water Scarcity and Drought working group meeting and International Conference on Water Scarcity and Drought in Madrid (Spain) February 2010





5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

Joint Egyptian-Dutch Water Conference: Towards the new Long Term Strategy on Water in the Mediterranean Cairo (Egypt), November 2009



5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

World Water Forum VI, Marseille (France), March 2012



- Attention of **Kick-off Meeting** in Marseille, June 2010 and **Stakeholder Consultation Meeting** in Paris, January 2011
- Participation in the **European Regional Process** and co-leader of SERPT 2: Achieve a good ecological status of European water bodies by 2015



5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

Mediterranean Steering Committee

- Coordinates the **Mediterranean Cross-Continental Process** and writes the Mediterranean Regional Document for the WWF VI in Marseille
- Organises the **1st Mediterranean Water Forum 19-20 December 2011 in Marrakech** (Morocco)

MENBO is an active member of the Steering Committee.



5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

Union for the Mediterranean



Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean
Secrétariat de l'Union pour la Méditerranée

- Observer in all **Water Expert Group Meetings 1-4** of the **Union for the Mediterranean**.
- Participation as observer in the **Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water 2010** and related Preparatory Meetings.





5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES

Upcoming events

- Oct 2011: Steering Committee Meeting of the Mediterranean Regional Process for the WWF VI and Preparation of the 1st Mediterranean Water Forum, place to be confirmed.
- Nov 2011: General Assembly of the Latin-American Network of Basin Organisations, Panama City (Panama)
- **19-20 Dec 2011: 1st Mediterranean Water Forum, Marrakech (Morocco).**
- March 2012: World Water Forum VI, Marseille (France)



5 NETWORK PROGRESS ACTIVITIES



NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

- The network receives constantly proposals for new participation in projects, that are evaluated by the Permanent Technical Secretariat.
- Possibility of a collaboration with GWP-Med.
- Some other proposals are pending of approval.



6 NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28-30 September 2011, Porto

- The **1st statutory session** of the General Assembly of MENBO will take place at 12:00 tomorrow.
- The **2nd statutory session** will be held on Friday at 11:30, several programmes and initiatives will be presented.



7 OTHER TOPICS

Announcements and Proposals





8 CLOSING OF THE BUREAU



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