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PARTNERING ON RIVER BASIN CONSERVATION

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SESSION OVERVIEW

River basin management is a key challenge and opportunity for sustainable water resource management. Countries are establishing river basin organizations as a tool for improved water management, moving toward IRBM and IWRM. While some river basin organizations have been functioning for some time, many are just being established or function only on paper. Plans and institutions will only succeed, however, if the policies and programs exist to bring about real changes in ensuring water and development needs are met at local levels.

This seminar is designed to provide real-world examples of how a range of partners can work together to reconcile the short-term emphasis on development with the long-term view of creating compatible biodiversity conservation and sustainable human use in multiple river basins across cultures. The seminar will feature discussions about;

- collaborating with governmental entities, the private sector, trade associations, and non-governmental organizations in partnering around conservation of river basins;
- the importance of building the capacity of partner organizations (business, political and community leaders who drive change in river basin ecosystems) to work together; and
- identifying ways to secure funding for river basin conservation to ensure sufficient quantity and quality of water resources for people and biodiversity.

Presenters will also offer models, based on examples in a variety of rivers in Brazil as well as the Yangtze, Zambezi and Mississippi river basins, for working with the public and private sectors to integrate the value of freshwater ecosystem services into development and river basin management.

The output of the seminar will be case studies on lessons learned to help inform policy and management of river basins and influencing existing river basin organizations to conserve large rivers by using ecosystem services based on sound science.

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CHAIR:

Michael Reuter, Director, Great Rivers Partnership, TNC, USA

CO-CHAIR:

Jerome Delli Priscoli, Senior Advisor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Editor-in-Chief of Water Policy, USA

9:00am

Welcome and Introduction. Michael Reuter, Director, Great Rivers Partnership, TNC, USA

PART 1: RIVER BASIN PLANNING & MANAGING INFRASTRUCTURE

09:15am

IRBM: From Theory to Praxis. Prof. Benedito Braga, Director, ANA, Brazil

09:35am

China Blueprint: Eco-Regional Assessment of the Upper Yangtze River. Shuang Zhang,
Director of Blueprint Project, TNC, China

09:55am

Questions & Answers

10:10am

Coffee Break

PART 2: OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES OF RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT

10:30am

Yangtze Water Resources and the Yangtze Forum. Mr. Jicheng Yu, Project Officer, Bureau of International Cooperation, Science & Technology, CWRC, China

10:50am

Working across Cultures, Economies & Ecosystem Values. Jimmiel Mandima, Director,
Zambezi Heartland, AWF, Zimbabwe

11:10am

Discussion and Panel Debate

12:00pm

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