

Group Work 2

Ways of addressing specific deficiencies identified in Group Work 1

The participants were divided into three groups of nine members each. In each group, there was at least one, and not more than two, participants from each of the six countries.

The groups were asked to focus especially (but not exclusively) on the following three subject areas :

Group A : Organisation and co-ordination

Group B : Public participation

Group C : Environment, including water quality

The groups were asked to prepare reports on the following questions, which had been identified as frequent problems, from the reports and discussions in Group Work 1 :

Group A : In most countries, the government's activities in relation to water are spread among many ministries. What steps should a river-basin management system take, in order to improve co-ordination?

Group B : How should we increase the participation of the public in decisions and actions about river-basin management?

Group C : Most of the country reports in Group Work 1 have identified deterioration of water quality, biodiversity, etc. What institutional changes can you recommend for reversing this trend?