

**SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
REGIONAL APPROACHES TO RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AND
MANAGEMENT
IN THE LA PLATA RIVER BASIN:
FOCUS ON LAKE MANAGEMENT**

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CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Based on the recommendations of the First International Workshop, strengthened by the findings of this International Second Workshop it is strongly recommended to create and start the operation of the LA PLATA RIVER BASIN NETWORK FOR SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF RIVER/RESERVOIR SYSTEMS (LA PLATA RIVER RESERVOIR NETWORK).
 - (2) In order to successfully achieve a sound implementation and to start full operational capability of the network within reasonable short terms, a three stages procedure is recommended as follows:
 - a) Obtention of necessary funds to develop a **network feasibility and implementation project** by appointing a qualified specialist. The help of UNCRD and ILEC as well as from other patronizing organizations within the region will be sought to endorse the submission of the corresponding project proposal to funding agencies like UNDP, IDB, WB or UNEP to apply for the limited amount of money needed to carry out the study.
 - b) Design of the feasibility project including network objectives, components, structure, functioning, budget and action plan for the short and medium terms.
 - i) The design and implementation of the network should be carried out on the basis of a review and consultation of the existing organizations in the basin devoted to research, technology development or operation of river/reservoir systems in order to evaluate their capacity and willingness to participate and contribute to its objectives.
 - ii) The reports of the Working Group and the resource papers presented to the Seminars should be taken as base guidelines for the elaboration of the Network Project ^{/1}, together with the conclusions and recommendations of the First International Workshop.
 - c) Submission of the project to supporting organizations, to the recommended focal and regional proposed institutions and to the governments in order to proceed with the formal implementation of the network.
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- (3) At the same time that formal design and implementation of the network is carried out, it is recommended to initiate network activities with the aid of the representatives participating in the workshop and their organizations, depending upon their capabilities and possibilities. A technical committee integrated by a small number of persons and chaired by one of its members should coordinate and promote these starting activities.
- (4) In order to coordinate and carry out initial organizational activities comprising the elaboration and submittal of the network feasibility and implementation project to possible funding agencies and the starting of short term network activities, the Plenary approved the creation of a technical committee integrated by the following members elected by consensus among the participants:

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