

# Workshop -8-

## Networking river and watershed BR

### Building a continental freshwater ecosystem MAB network



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- Objectives
  - Establish the basis for a worldwide Biosphere Reserve thematic network on Continental Aquatic Ecosystems
- Expected outcomes
  - Declaration on Continental Aquatic Ecosystems
  - Constitution of a preliminary network
- Workshop format
  - Introduction, background and rationale for the formation of the network
  - Presentation of issues, solutions and obstacles by representatives of Biosphere Reserves
  - Presentation of research on newspaper reportage of river issues
  - Discussion and adoption of a draft declaration

- Main issues discussed

- Problems and concerns respecting aquatic ecosystem health in Biosphere Reserves; Approaches and solutions to these problems developed by Biosphere Reserves; Obstacles and blockages encountered by Biosphere Reserves in promoting solutions.
- Role and functions of a Biosphere Reserve thematic network on Continental Aquatic Ecosystems



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- Outputs

- Declaration on Continental Aquatic Ecosystems expressing a common desire to establish a network to exchange information, collaborate on approaches and actions, and develop joint communications.
- Relevance to LAP
- Relevance to SDG

