**November 17: Cross-border regional water governance**

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In August 2009, cross-border water management was the subject of the annual World Water Week in Stockholm. Many of the typical technical and legal issues involved in cross-border water management, were discussed there at length.

Attention was also paid to the relationship between cross-border water management and peace. Good cross-border water governance may lead to a sustainable development of shared water resources. Cross-border water ways may even become the route for cooperation between states, which contributes to sustained social-economical development and regional integration.

Other topics in Stockholm were the necessity to educate different water-managers. Cross-border water management is based on an intricate combination of knowledge, politics and communications and therefore has so many facets that it is unrealistic to assume that managers themselves are able to control all these facets in detail. Water managers in the area of cross-border water management will therefore have to work together with skilled specialist colleagues and / or hired specialists. One of the conclusions was that for the water managers themselves, a shift is needed from β-oriented to increasingly γ-oriented managers.

On November 17 we will focus on the following issues:

1. water governance, and river basin governance in particular

2. the importance of cross-border cooperation in river basin governance

3. how to put cross-border cooperation into practice?

4. how to become a more γ-oriented water manager?

The result of this session should be that the students get a clear notion of the issues 1 and 2, and that they get some useful guidelines with respect to the issues 3 and 4.

During the day the students will be put to work a couple of times. These working sessions will be preceded by short introductory presentations or examples from my own every day practice. In addition some short movies will be showed.

In order to prepare themselves for this session the students are asked to read one particular article on water governance, which will be forwarded to them prior to the session.