INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FOR WATER

Capacity building for better water management

Jean-François DONZIER

- **Position** — **General Manager of the International Office for Water**
- **Qualifications**
  - **General in the Bridges, Water and Forestry French National Corps of Engineers,**
  - Engineer in agronomy from Paris National Agronomy Institute
- **Key experience**
  - Jean François DONZIER was entrusted by the French Government **with the setting up of the International Office for Water** and has been General Manager since 1991.
  - He was **Governor of the World Water Council at its creation in 1997 and now GWP Steering Committee Member.**
  - **He is Permanent Technical Secretary of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)**, **Vice-President of the Mexican Training Center for Water and Sanitation** (**CEMCAS)** and Administrator of the **Gdansk Water Foundation** – GWF – (Poland) and of the **International Water Secretariat** – IWS – (Canada), **Member of the Royal Water Academy of Norway, of the Advisory Committee of UNEP International Environmental Technology Centre (IETC) in Osaka, and of the French Commission for UNESCO, and expert to the City of Paris regarding water utilities**.
  - He was entrusted with the organization of the **Paris International Conference on Water and Sustainable Development** (1998), **Marseilles Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Local Water Management** (1996) and the **Rome Mediterranean Conference on Water** (1992).
  - As Deputy Director at the Ministry of Agriculture – DERF, he had previously managed the **French National Fund for Rural Water Supply (FNDAE)** and **supervised Regional Development Companies** in charge of irrigated areas in the South of France (1987-1991).
  - He was Secretary General to **the Inter-ministerial Fund for Rural Development and to the National Council for Mountains,** for the French Prime Minister, and Chairman of the **Commission of Rural Utilities at OECD** (1980-1986).
  - In charge of the development of mountainous areas and Corsica, he was ***Commissioner of the Government fulfilling interministerial coordination*** *for debating the law of 9 January 1985 on "mountainous areas" at the State Council, the National Assembly and the Senate.*
  - As Deputy Director of Agriculture and Forestry in the Upper-Savoy Department, he managed **Franco-Swiss multiyear projects for the protection of Annecy and Leman lakes** against pollution and **development projects for waste water treatment plants in national winter resorts in the Northern Alps** (1975-1979).
  - As **Head of the Regional Supervision Office in the Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform,** he controlled agricultural and rural water supply projects in the Southern region of the country (1973-1974).
  - He carried out studies in Quebec in 1973 on wastewater treatment in cold continental climate.

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