

Fostering implementation of the Water Convention

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Address critical issues

- Work outside the water box: integration of policies
- Cooperate in adapting to climate change
- Water quantity / water allocation
- Close the groundwater gap
- Strenghen the basis of cooperation: legal and institutional, and M&A





Work on different levels

- Technical / Political level
- Strategic guidance / Projects on the ground and capacity building
- National / Basin / Subregional / Regional / Global
- Parties / non-Parties
- => Create synergies between different levels



Work with different actors

- + International organizations
 - +/- Non-governmental organizations
 - Academia?
- Other national authorities
 Specific institutes: IWAC => other opportunities?
 Parlamentarians?

Different ways of cooperating

More ownership and legitimacy

- Formalize cooperation
- => Build a framework around the Convention to support it





Give the Convention the right tools

- Implementation Committee
- Financial means =>
 - Funding of future work programmes
 - Relationship with GEF Other IFIs?
 - Relationship with development assistance of Parties





























Ensure political support

- Increase visibility \Leftrightarrow Globalization
- Stronger ownership
 - Within Ministries of foreign affairs
 - Within the UN system
- Partie should use their political leverage to promote cooperation





























Thank you!

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