

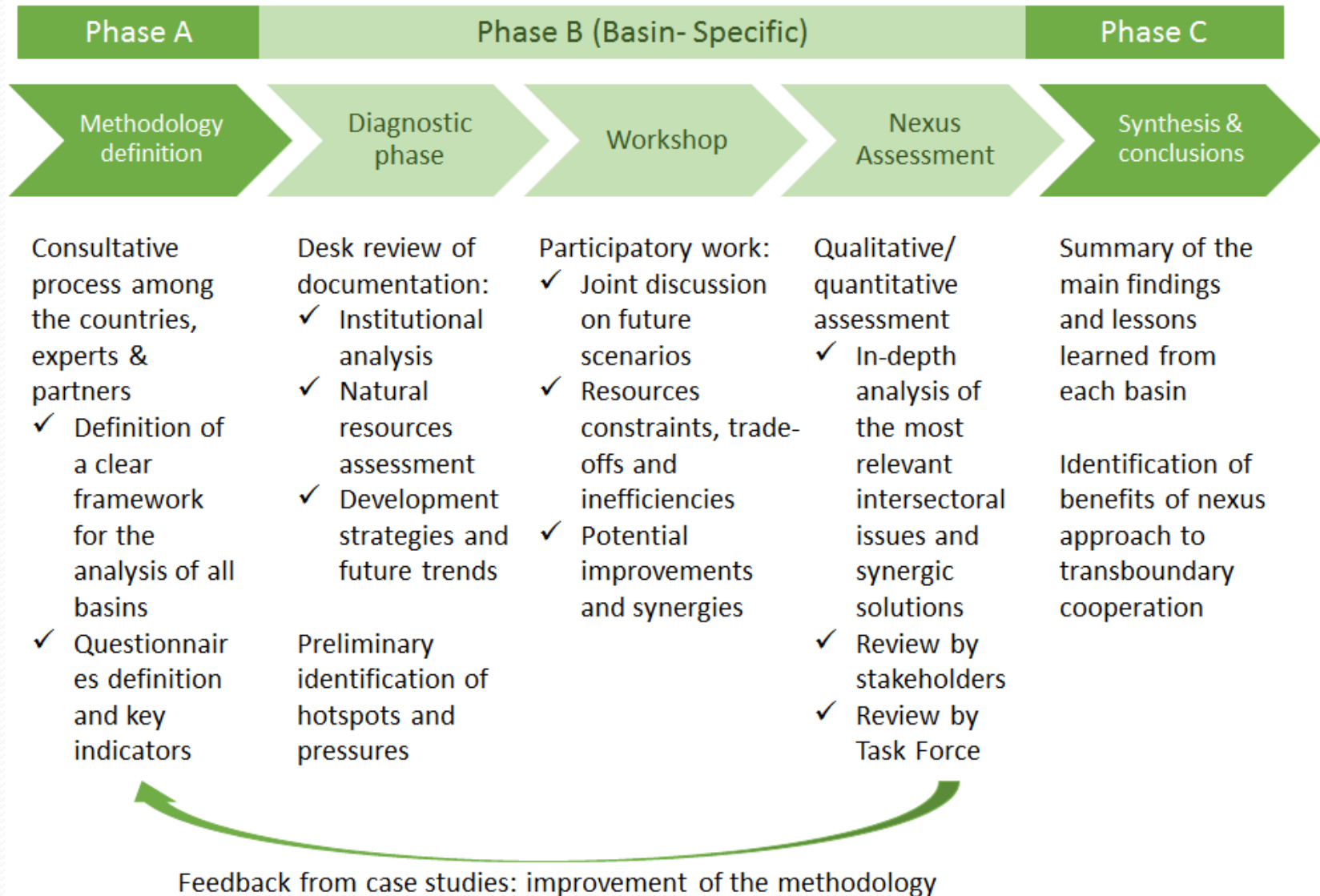
Assessing the water-food-energy-ecosystem nexus in the Syr Darya Basin: the status



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Process & key steps of the methodology



Substantive elements of the assessment

1. A survey with a factual **questionnaire** for a preliminary identification of the main pressures and hotspots
2. A **desk review** of the available documentation
3. A **participatory workshop** at transboundary level, with the economic sectors and other stakeholders to identify the inter-sectoral linkages and trade-offs & possible synergic actions
4. **Indicator based analysis**. Limited quantification. An institutional analysis
5. Preparation of **nexus assessment report** with the analysis i.e. Sectoral characteristics including development options; Inter-sectoral linkages and priority issues; **Qualitative future scenarios** (trends, climate change); **Potential solutions** identified, policy **recommendations**



Benefits of the assessment under the Convention

- **Improved knowledge base** about linkages between sectors to **support decision-making** at national, basin & transboundary levels, analysis/quantification of selected aspects; gaps
- **Joint identification of opportunities** for benefits and of solutions for capitalizing on the synergies, addressing trade-offs and reconciling different resource uses;
- **Promotion of dialogue between the different sectors** and the riparian countries at the basin level; bring together authorities, private sector, civil society
- **Exchange** of good practices
- **Capacity building**: workshops, exchanges, self-assessment, knowledge mobilization in the process
- Serves to inform/increase awareness, guide & stimulate action



Links between national and transboundary levels, with NPDs

- Discussed at the EUWI-EECCA meetings in Helsinki (October 2013) and in Geneva (June 2014)
- The transboundary assessment under the UNECE Water Convention has parallels with the NPD process through which a cross-sectoral and stakeholder approach is also being implemented
- Expected that additional benefits and opportunities related to inter-sectoral coordination will also emerge at national level in the transboundary assessment process
- Discussion of preliminary results at NPD Steering Committee meetings to reflect on the (water) policy implications



Status of preparation

- National focal points nominated by the Syr Darya countries
- Desk study under preparation
 - National key policy document and analytical studies needed
- National coordinators to support the process being engaged
- Workshop being prepared in cooperation with GWP, FAO contributing; 2-4 December 2014, Almaty, Kazakhstan
 - Composition of the national delegations urgently needed
- Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to fund



Follow up to the workshop envisaged

- The international experts with the UNECE secretariat carry out the analysis and draft the assessment, focusing on the jointly identified issues
- Draft assessment of the Syr Darya to be circulated for comments to the national administrations of the riparian countries (March 2015)
- Revised draft assessment to be presented to the nexus Task Force in its 3rd meeting (Geneva, 28-29 April 2015)
- The stock-taking and short basin assessments are to be submitted to the Working Group on IWRM (Geneva, 24-25 June 2015)
- Findings to be presented to the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (17-20 November 2015)
- Possible follow up/responses could be discussed nationally at NPDs

