



National workshop on frameworks for transboundary water cooperation: Focus on the UNECE Water Convention

**Amman, Jordan, 10 March 2015
Hotel Le Méridien, Shmeisani**

Draft agenda

8:30-9:00 Registration and welcoming coffee

9:00-9:30 Opening and welcoming remarks

Mr. Basem Telfah, Secretary General of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation
Mr. Massimo Cozzone, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Water Convention
Ms. Marguerite de Chaisemartin, International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Pr. Michael Scoullou, Chairman, Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

Introduction to the organization of the workshop, *Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, UNECE*

9:30-10:00 Theme 1 - Situation of transboundary water cooperation in Jordan

Chair: Ms. Marguerite de Chaisemartin, UNESCO-IHP

Introduction to challenges and progresses of transboundary water cooperation in Jordan
Representative from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation

10:00-11:30 Theme 2 - International water law supporting transboundary water cooperation

Chair: Ms. Anthi Brouma, GWP-Med

Recent development in international water law: two global legal agreements for transboundary water cooperation

Mr. Alistair Rieu Clarke, Centre for Water Law, Policy & Science, University of Dundee

Why to be a Party to both water conventions?

Ms. Massimo Cozzone, Ministry of the Environment Land and Sea, Italy

Fostering cooperation on transboundary aquifer resources: 2008 draft Articles on the Law of Transboundary Aquifers and Model Provisions on Transboundary Groundwaters

Ms. Marguerite de Chaisemartin, International Hydrological Programme (IHP), UNESCO

Reaction from representatives from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and interactive discussion with participants

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00-13:10 **Theme 3 – Implementing the UNECE Water Convention on the ground**

Chair: Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, UNECE

Strengthening transboundary water cooperation on the ground under the UNECE Water Convention
Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, UNECE

The UNECE Water Convention supporting cooperation in the Drin River Basin
Ms. Anthi Brouma, GWP-Med

The Albufeira Convention: cooperation between Spain and Portugal for the management of transboundary waters
Ms. Pilar Garcia Doñoro, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain

Concretely addressing water challenges in transboundary basins: adapting to climate change in transboundary basin
Ms. Sonja Koepfel, UNECE

Q&As between participants and presenters

13:10-14:10 **Theme 4 – Detailing the UNECE Water Convention obligations**

Chair: Mr. Massimo Cozzone, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention

Interactive discussion on the obligations under the UNECE Water Convention and benefits of being a Party
Presentation by Ms. Sonja Koepfel, UNECE
Reflections by the Inter-Ministerial Committee

Questions and answers between participants and a panel of experts (UNECE, Party to the UNECE Water Convention, UNESCO-IHP, Dundee University)

14:10-14:45 **Theme 5 – Next steps**

Chair: Ms. Janseit Haobsh, Legal adviser, Ministry of Water and Irrigation

Summary of the highlights of the workshop
Mr. Massimo Cozzone and Pr. Michael Scoullas

Discussion on next steps and on a possible roadmap to study possible accession to the UNECE Water Convention
Introduction by the Inter-Ministerial Committee
Tour de table followed by moderated discussion

14:45-15:00 **Closing**

Concluding remarks
Ministry of Water and Irrigation, UNECE, UNESCO-IHP, GWP-Med

15:00 **Lunch**