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OUTLINE OF THE FINAL PUBLICATION ON THE NEXUS ASSESSMENT

Note prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus

At its sixth session (Rome, 28–30 November 2012), the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes requested the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus, in cooperation with the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, to prepare a thematic assessment focusing on the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus with a view to its publication prior to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (see ECE/MP.WAT/37, para. 38 (i)).

The present document presents an outline of the final publication on the assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus under the Convention. The outline and the contents have been discussed by the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus at its second and third meetings (Geneva, 8–9 September 2014 and 28–29 April 2015).

The outline will be used to structure the contents of the final publication prepared for submission to the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session (Budapest, 17–19 November 2015) for endorsement, taking into account any comments from the Working Group.

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The publication aims at documenting the experience acquired from the development and application of the methodology for assessing the nexus in transboundary basins, findings from the individual basin assessments as well as general conclusions and recommendations.

Foreword by the Executive Secretary (1 page)
Preface by the Chair of the Task Force (1 page)
Acknowledgements (1 page)
Table of contents (1 page)
Acronyms (2 pages)

Introduction, including background to the assessment (1 page)
Objectives and scope (2 pages)

The application of a nexus approach in transboundary basins (10 pages)
Governance and the nexus in a transboundary context (15 pages)
(document ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2015/6, “Chapters on selected aspects of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus”)

Methodology (25 p.)
(document ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2015/8, “Methodology for assessing the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in transboundary basins”)

Major findings of the basin-level assessments (20 pages)
(document ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2015/7, “Major findings of the basin-level assessments of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus”)

Basin assessments (as short versions; approximately 25 pages each)

- Alazani/Ganikh (document WG.1/2015/INF.4)
- Sava (document WG.1/2015/INF.5)
- Syr Darya (document WG.1/2015/INF.6; this is a more detailed, longer document which needs to be synthesized)
- (- Isonzo/Soča, if possible)

General conclusions and recommendations (5)

Annexes

- Glossary (2 pages)
- Tools (5 + a table; 10 pages in total)
- Information sources for the indicators and other annexes of the methodology (12 pages)

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Total: approximately 200 pages

¹ The number of pages is indicative only. Editorial efforts will be made to streamline the text and to reduce the overall number of pages.