

Draft 2016-2018 programme of work under the Water Convention



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Workshop: Promoting transboundary water cooperation in the MENA region on the basis of the Water Convention
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Programme of work 2016–2018 General considerations

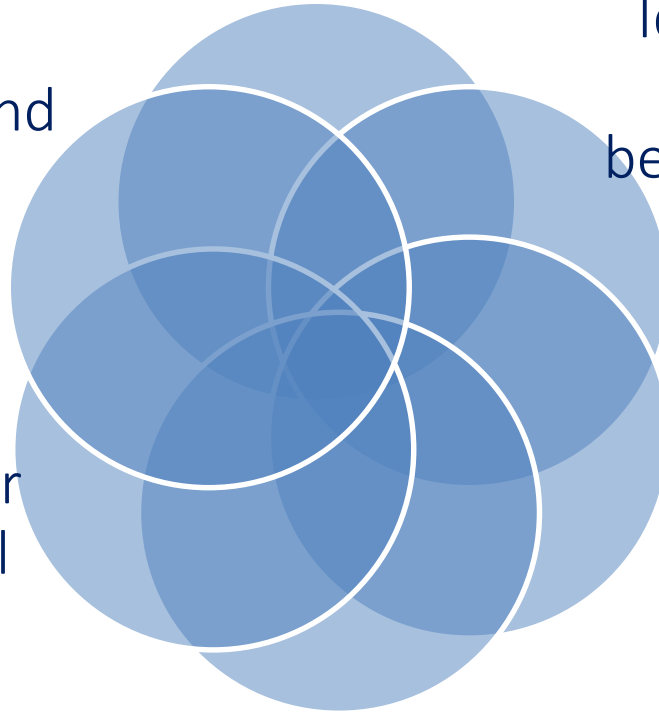
Objective: Assist countries (Parties & non-Parties) in implementing the Convention and improving their transboundary water cooperation

- Continuation of current activities and new areas of work to respond to needs
- Mix of policy development activities & concrete implementation on the ground through projects
- Globalization of the Water Convention
- Importance of partnerships
- 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

Support to implementation and application

Opening, promotion and
partnerships

European Union Water
Initiative and National
Policy Dialogues



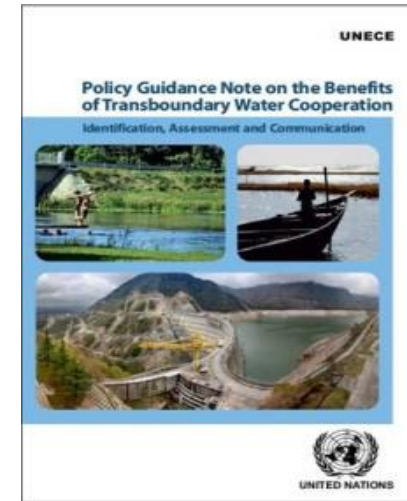
Identifying, assessing &
communicating the
benefits of transboundary
water cooperation

Adapting to climate
change in
transboundary basins

Water-food-energy-ecosystems
nexus in transboundary basins

Identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary cooperation

- *Policy Guidance Note on the benefits of transboundary water cooperation to be applied in pilot basins*
 - Foster improvement of cooperation by highlighting potential to generate broad range of benefits & contributing to reflection on possible accession to the Convention

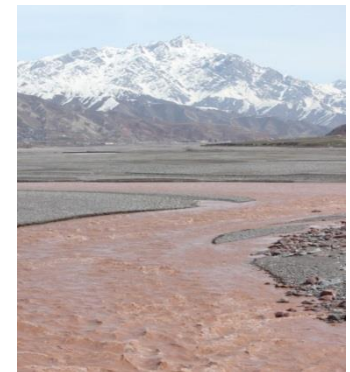
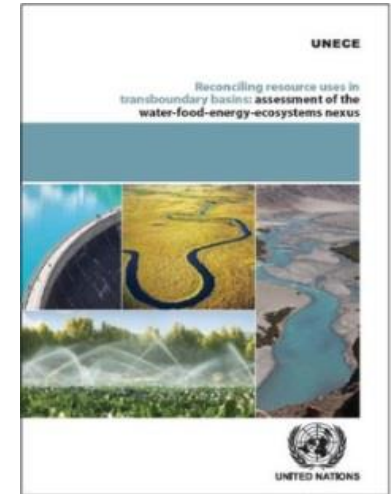


- Countries and basins invited to express interest in carrying out benefit assessment exercises (for both surface water and groundwater)



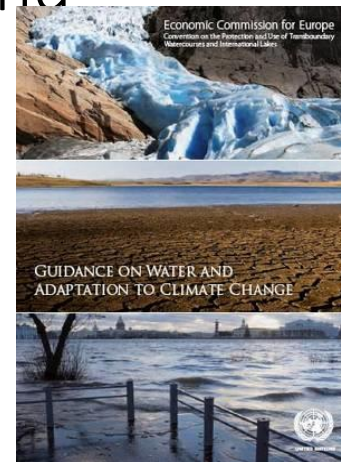
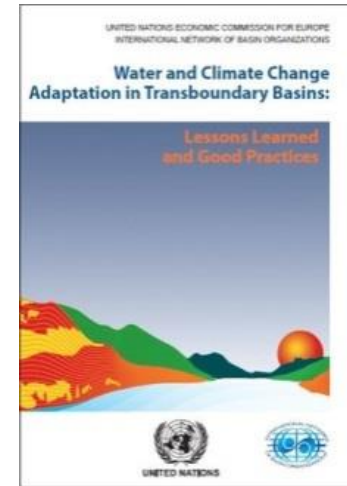
Water-food-energy-ecosystem nexus in transboundary basins

- A methodology described in *Reconciling resource uses in transboundary basins: assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus*
 - Identify opportunities intersectoral synergies & determine measures to reconcile multiple sectors' needs of riparian countries for common resources
- Consider applying the methodology and carrying out nexus assessments in transboundary basins



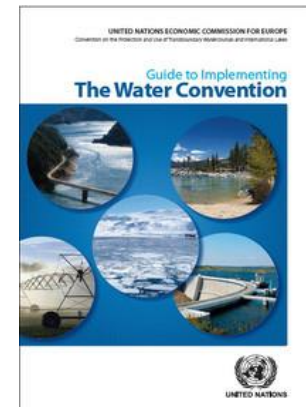
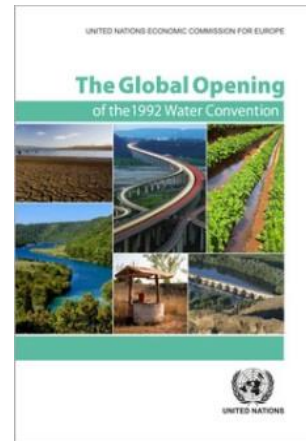
Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins

- Guidance documents, projects on the ground, exchange of experience (*Collection of good practices*, global network of basins)
 - Support to countries and basins in cooperating in climate change adaptation and mitigation across borders
- Countries and basins are invited to express interest in activities, e.g. in new pilot projects



Opening, promotion and partnerships

- Promoting the Convention, its products & achievements and transboundary water cooperation worldwide
 - Raise awareness on the Water Convention, support accession and build capacity for its implementation for non-Parties
 - Promote exchange of experience with other regions of the world
 - Ensure synergies with other legal instruments on water (UN Watercourses)
- Countries invited to express interest in capacity building activity, support to national accession process, involvement in Convention's activities



Support to implementation and application of the Convention

- Assistance projects on the ground, application model provisions on transboundary groundwaters
- Implementation Committee
- Reporting
- Development of a concept for a third comprehensive assessment
- Exchange of experience of joint bodies