

Global processes and contribution of the Task Force on water and climate

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Task Force on water and climate and links with global processes

- SDGs and 2030 Sustainable development agenda
- UNFCCC and Paris agreement: incl. Marrakech partnership (water day)
- Sendai framework on disaster risk reduction
- others

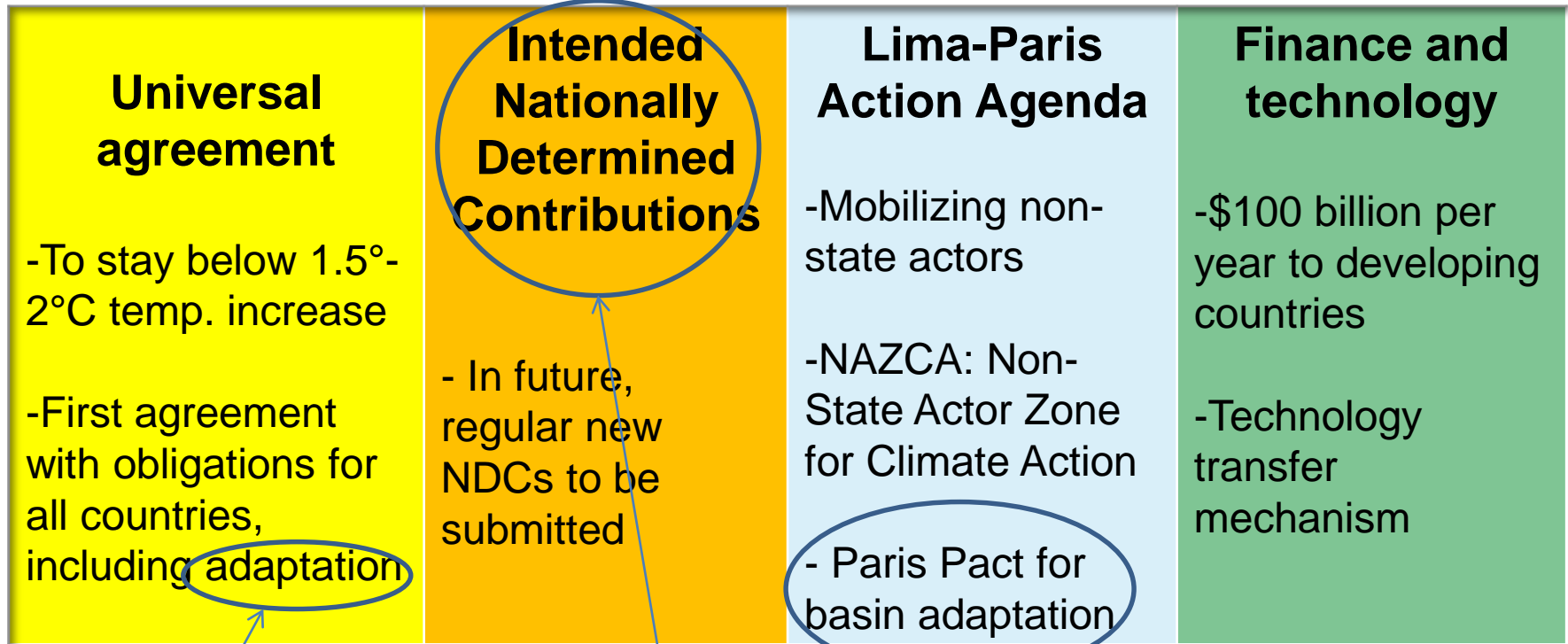
The Water Convention and the SDGs



Links between the Task Force on water and climate and SDGs

- SDG 6 on water, including target 6.5 on transboundary cooperation: *By 2030, implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate.* **Task Force supports the transboundary cooperation in adaptation**
- Target 6.4: *By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity.* **For example global water scarcity workshop.**
- Target 11.5 within the goal on cities: *By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global GDP caused by disasters, including **water-related disasters.*** **Several network basins focus on droughts and floods. Convention requires prevention of unilateral measures**
- Goal 13: *Take urgent action to address climate change and its impacts.* **Task Force raises adaptive capacity of basins**

Link with outcomes of COP21: 4 pillars



Support countries/ basins with regards to water and transboundary/ regional aspects

Can support countries in their implementation and in particular raise transboundary aspects

Contributed to its development, mobilized signatures and will supports its implementation/ monitoring

Paris agreement – elements where we can contribute

- Regional cooperation to be strengthened according to accompanying decision:

45. *Requests Parties to strengthen regional cooperation on adaptation where appropriate*

Parties recognize that adaptation is a global challenge faced by all with local, subnational, national, regional and international dimensions, and that it is a key component of and makes a contribution to the long-term global

- Water is not explicitly mentioned in Paris agreement, but ecosystems are:

Noting the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including oceans, and the protection of biodiversity, recognized by some cultures as Mother Earth, and noting the importance for some of the concept of “climate justice”, when taking action to address climate change,

- Ecosystem-based adaptation is one of the priorities of the network

Sendai framework for disaster risk reduction

- The Sendai framework:
 - Requests an increase international cooperation, including transboundary cooperation;
 - Counts on treaty bodies to support its implementation and the integration of disaster risk management in all national practices;
 - Water management, river basins, ecosystem management feature prominently.
- Contribution of the global network of basins:
 - Support the application of the very positive experience and practices in trans-boundary cooperation on water issues, incl. to other sectors;
 - Development of a Words into Action on “water/river basins management and transboundary cooperation” to illustrate application of integrated disaster risk management in water and transboundary cooperation
 - Sharing of good practices among countries

Plan for this item

- Presentation by UNFCCC on water under UNFCCC, such as in NDCs, Adaptation Committee, NWP etc.
 - Water day at COP 23, its preparations and outcomes
 - Marseille conference in October
 - Rome: summit of the great rivers of the world
- Outcomes
- Discussion on way forward