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A large, dynamic splash of blue water dominates the background, with droplets and bubbles captured in mid-air, creating a sense of movement and freshness.

Implementation Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation

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Words into Action

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Aims and scope

- Support to the implementation of the Sendai framework in (transboundary) basins
 - Ensure that IWRM issues are considered at all levels including the international level
 - Ensure that the role of water and basins is taken into account
- Taking into account various international commitments including the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



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Target audience

- Practitioners in DRR and water management
 - water managers and institutions responsible for water management
 - authorities and institutions responsible for DRR, at local, regional, national and international level
- Also relevant for, but not specifically target water users, a.o. from the industry, agriculture and energy sectors
- The guide will also be brought to the attention of the humanitarian sector and development aid.



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Typical steps

Defining goals and scope



Analysing context



Defining stakeholders, roles and responsibilities



Assessing disaster risks



Developing and prioritizing measures



Implementing measures



Monitoring and evaluating

Transboundary cooperation elements

Joint goals and agreed scope at basin level, role of basin organization

Relevant international commitments. Flexible transboundary agreements

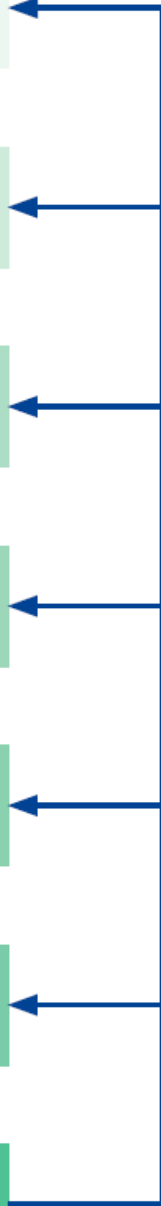
Involve and link to all relevant basin stakeholders

Sharing of data. Basin-wide joint modelling and vulnerability assessments. Common information and early-warning systems

Agreement of priority measures of transboundary relevance. Development of basin-wide strategy.

Sharing benefits and costs

Joint (or coordinated) monitoring and evaluation



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Key messages for disaster risk management

- Water management can limit or enhance the risk of disaster in water-related sectors
- Transboundary cooperation is both necessary and beneficial
- Need for joint bodies and/or regional organizations
- Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is imperative
- Disaster risk management measures need to be flexible
- Data and information are crucial
- Uncertainty should never be a reason for inaction
- Need for coordination across all governance levels
- Need for a cross-sectoral approach
- Degrading ecosystems are often a contributing factor to the development of hazards



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