



8th Session of the
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TO THE WATER CONVENTION**
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Side event

AN IMPACTFUL RELATIONSHIP: FOSTERING SOURCE-TO-SEA MANAGEMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY BASINS

**FRIDAY, 12 October | 1330 – 1445 | Room 2 Amu Darya
English – Russian**



Programme

13:30 A Platform to Support Source to Sea Action Management at

Transboundary Scales

**Birgitta Liss Lymer, Stockholm
International Water Institute (Source to
Sea Action Platform)**

13:40 Financing Source to Sea Action

**Christian Severin, Global Environment
Facility**

13:50 Interactive Discussion with Source to Sea Practitioners

14:15 Participant Question and Answer

Freshwater resources are essential for producing food, enabling the power industry, quenching our thirst and supporting ecosystems. Likewise, marine ecosystems provide food resources, protect our shorelines, provide recreation, and support essential biodiversity. However, unsustainable human activities on land, along rivers and the coast and at sea are imposing a heavy burden on water-related ecosystems. Water resources do not respect national borders; cooperation across political boundaries, and at multiple scales, is required to address these threats.

The GEF International Waters Focal Area attends to a unique demand in the global water agenda: fostering transboundary cooperation and building trust between and among states that often find themselves locked in complex and long-lasting marine resource and/or freshwater-use conflicts. The Action Platform on Source to Sea Management (S2S Platform) is a multi-stakeholder initiative to exchange and generate knowledge, and support joint action for improved management of land, freshwater, coastal and marine linkages. It supports source-to-sea management through generating and sharing knowledge, influencing policy making and program implementation as well as through networking activities for S2S Platform members.

The side event will include an examination of these efforts and a panel of practitioners working from source-to-sea.

Convenors: Mish Hamid, Global Environment Facility's IW:LEARN project and Ruth Matthews, Source to Sea Action Platform at the Stockholm International Water Institute