



Convention of the Protection and Use of
Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
Expert Group on Transboundary Water Allocation Handbook Meeting
First meeting

Geneva, Switzerland, 21 October 2019

**FINAL PROGRAMME FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP
ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY WATER ALLOCATION HANDBOOK**

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Held at Room IV, Palais des Nations, starting at 10 a.m.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Presenter/ Moderator/ Facilitator</i>
10.00-11.00	Session 1: Background to the development of the handbook on water allocation, the role and responsibilities of the Expert Group, introductions	
	<i>Objectives:</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome the members.</i> • <i>Introduce to the Handbook activity under the Water Convention's Programme of Work.</i> • <i>Establish a common understanding regarding the role and responsibilities of the Expert Group in relation to the development of the Handbook.</i> 	
	Opening remarks	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)
	Background to the Transboundary Water Allocation Handbook and the purpose of the task under the Water Convention's Programme of Work 2019-2021 and the role of the Expert Group in achieving this outcome.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary) and Annukka Lipponen (UNECE Secretariat)
	Introductions by each of the Expert Group members in a 'tour de table'.	
11.00-11.30	Session 2: Overview of the handbook development, team and rationale for the scope, structure and content of the Handbook.	
	<i>Objectives:</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide an overview of the current structure and main topics elements of the Handbook for consideration and feedback.</i> • <i>Provide a detailed overview of the timeline for drafting the Handbook and relevant meetings including the regional workshops.</i> • <i>Introduce the project team and each of their roles.</i> 	

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	Introduction of the Handbook structure, general scope and timeline including meetings and regional workshops. Introduce University of Eastern Finland and SYKE and their role in the Handbook publication.	Rémy Kinna (UNECE Secretariat)
	Provide an overview and rationale for the structure, topics and rationale for case study selection.	Antti Belinskij (University of Eastern Finland) and Anna-Stiina Heiskanen, (SYKE)
11.30-12.30	Session 3: Group work by thematic expertise	
	<i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Establish an understanding of the thematic content and designated sections for feedback.</i> • <i>Define what elements should be added to, edited or subtracted from the Handbook based on their respective thematic area of water allocation.</i> • <i>Identify case studies that could potentially illustrate respective thematic areas of water allocation.</i> 	
	Group discussions on the detailed content of the Handbook to provide feedback on the thematic areas and possible illustrative case studies.	Rémy Kinna (UNECE Secretariat) and groups by thematic area
12.30-13.45	Lunch break	
13.45-14.45	Session 4: Rapporteurs feedback on thematic areas	
	<i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reporting back from the expertise and regional groups – main recommendations for adding, editing, subtracting from the Handbook outline.</i> • <i>Agree on key edits to the structure and content of the Handbook outline to be drafted.</i> 	
	Designated rapporteurs to provide feedback on the detailed content and propose illustrative case studies.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary) and group rapporteurs by thematic area
14.45-15.30	Session 5: Group work to brainstorm case studies	
	<i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discuss potential case studies that are illustrative of specific elements of water allocation.</i> • <i>Propose a number of relevant case studies to be considered for possible inclusion which outlines key features, their demonstrated value and potential information sources (expert, organisation, country).</i> 	

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	Case studies proposed will be discussed in groups and then selected case studies including basic details will be submitted in writing to the secretariat at the end of the session to be listed and displayed later in the plenary.	Annikka Lipponen (UNECE Secretariat) and groups by region
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00-17.00	Session 6: Update on content, proposed case studies, and workshops/meetings for information gathering	
	<i>Objective:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide an overview of the main adjustments to the structure and content of the Handbook based on feedback from the group work sessions.</i> • <i>Provide an overview of the case studies that have been proposed from the group work sessions.</i> • <i>Identify information and elements for following up with different experts and points for clarification to be noted for further action by the Handbook team.</i> • <i>Outline of regional workshops, Convention events and other regional/global processes related to Water Allocation that will be used for gathering information for drafting the Handbook content.</i> 	
	Give an update on key information and elements for following up and clarification to be noted for action.	Remy Kinna (UNECE Secretariat) with Antti Belinskij (UEF) and Anna-Stiina Heiskanen, (SYKE)
	Outline of regional workshops, Convention events and other regional/global processes related to Water Allocation that will be used for gathering information.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary) and Zhanar Mautanova (IWAC)
	Questions and comments from the floor, including suggestions on existing processes, additional sources of information to draw upon in the Handbook drafting and any extra needs for the Expert Group to address gaps.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)
17.00-18.00	Session 6: Next steps, tasks and responsibilities	
	<i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Clarify the roles of the secretariat, Handbook team and Expert Group for major tasks and clear lines of communication moving forward.</i> • <i>Define tasks and persons responsible for following up between now and the next meeting.</i> • <i>Reiterate the schedule for the overall project.</i> 	

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	Preliminary timeline and next steps in the process for the development of the Handbook and key inputs from the Expert Group between now and the next meeting.	Annikka Lipponen (UNECE Secretariat)
	Concluding remarks and close of meeting.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)
18.00	End of the day	
19.00	Dinner (self-paid, restaurant 'La Colombe', Chemin des Colombettes 11, Geneva 1202)	