

# First Meeting of the Expert Group on the Transboundary Water Allocation Handbook

21 October 2019

Room IV, Palais des Nations  
Geneva, Switzerland



## **Eighth Meeting of the Parties in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan 10-12 October 2018**

- Agreed on the Water Convention's Programme for 2019-2021 (ECE\_MP.WAT\_54\_Add.1\_ENG)

*Programme area 3:*

*Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water management at all levels*

### **3.3 Supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation in the transboundary context (Lead Party: Hungary)**

#### **3.3.1 Development of a handbook on water allocation in the transboundary context**

*A handbook based on existing practices will be developed covering the key aspects of equitable and sustainable allocation of water in the transboundary context, addressing both surface waters and groundwaters, and also environmental flows.*

## Mandate

- Programme of Work designated a *Drafting Group* would guide the Handbook development
- For practical purposes, was renamed *Expert Group* to reflect its function as an advisory group

## Role

- To provide general technical oversight and advice on the Handbook structure and content
- Propose case studies for inclusion that are illustrative of specific elements of water allocation

## Expectations

- Participation in Expert Group meetings
- Review and feedback on documents submitted to the Expert Group (can be specific sections)
- Provide inputs and assist with resources on case studies relevant to your expertise/region
- Assist with recommending and/or contacting relevant experts to join the regional workshops
- Promote the publication with stakeholders and in forums relevant to water allocation issues

# Agenda Summary – First half of the day



## **Session 1: 10.00 – 11.00am**

- ‘Background to the development of the handbook on water allocation, the role and responsibilities of the Expert Group, introductions’

## **Session 2: 11.00 – 11.30am**

- ‘Overview of the handbook development, team and rationale for the scope, structure and content of the Handbook’.

## **Session 3: 11.30am – 12.30pm**

- Group work by thematic expertise

**LUNCH: 12.30pm – 1.45pm**

# Agenda Summary – Second half of the day



## **Session 4: 1.45pm – 2.45pm**

- Rapporteurs feedback on thematic areas

## **Session 5: 2.45pm – 3.30pm**

- Group work to brainstorm case studies

## **COFFEE / TEA BREAK: 3.30pm – 4.00pm**

## **Session 6: 4.00pm – 5.00pm**

- Update on content, proposed case studies, and workshops/meetings for information gathering

## **Session 7: 5.00pm – 6.00pm**

- Next steps, tasks and responsibilities

# Announcements regarding logistics

## Financial

- Alexandra will be approaching each of you with financial support to give you your cheques
- You can cash them at the UBS branch on the ground floor

## Dinner

- New location!
- 'Auberge de Savièse' for traditional Swiss food
- Rue des Pâquis 20, 1201 Genève
- 7pm
- Please indicate by close of meeting if you will not join so we can adjust booking
- Remy & Annukka will be leading groups from the Palais directly there via Tram

# 'Tour de table' to introduce each expert



Please introduce yourself one by one to the room.

1 minute maximum:

- Name
- Position
- Country/Institution
- Expertise as it relates to transboundary water allocation
- What do you hope to contribute to the Expert Group for this publication?