

SESSION 5: Group work to brainstorm case studies

Transboundary Water Allocation Handbook

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1. Analysis of different aspects of water allocation in the practice worldwide

Material for the Handbook team to draw upon for the drafting. Makes up an inventory to find examples -> the more the better

A possible annex to the Handbook (even an electronic one)

2. Examples illustrating specific features/solutions/limitations

Describe a specific aspect (not comprehensive!): solution to a need, scope of an agreement/instrument, a process, etc. -> selected relevant few

Boxes to appear in relevant sections

General considerations of case study selection for examples

Diversity aimed at in terms of geography, cooperation framework, level of formality

Not only good and effective examples but **also cases that demonstrate challenges** and situations where it has not been possible to agree or find a solution

Content/draft to be provided by joint bodies (transboundary commissions etc.) or countries concerned, or experts who have studied the case, or synthesized by the Handbook team from published material

Irrespective of the origin/drafting, the **examples are to be reviewed** by the parties concerned to ensure that they are balanced. Differences of opinion or motivation can be reflected.

Aim of brainstorming case studies in groups **UNECE**

Regional group work => assess case studies that are illustrative of topics/elements

Result: Case studies are proposed by representatives/experts from those regions

Divided Experts into groups based on regional representation & expertise:

- EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA
- CENTRAL ASIA & CAUCASUS
- ASIA & AUSTRALIA
- MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA
- SOUTHERN & WESTERN AFRICA

Priority areas for group review & feedback



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1st PRIORITY: Assess case studies *from your region* that clearly illustrate elements of key topics from your region to propose for inclusion in the Handbook

Points to consider in proposing the case studies:

- Which basins have been proposed, which countries are involved, why
- What transboundary water allocation elements they clearly illustrate & why?
- Available resources and expert contacts to assist in gathering information?
- Any key gaps or queries to address in preparing case studies for the Handbook?
- Who in the Expert Group could act as point person/s for the drafting team?

Designate a rapporteur to take notes = maximum 5 minutes report in next session

SOUTHERN & WESTERN AFRICA

Heiskanen

Ramoeli

Arntzen

Lautze

Ndour

Balde

Thamae

MENA

Lipponen

Ahmad Arshid

Wolf

EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA

Kovacs

Belinskij

van der Veeren

Moy

Imamovic

Baranyai

Abrate

Vermont

Moreno

CENTRAL ASIA & CAUCASUS

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