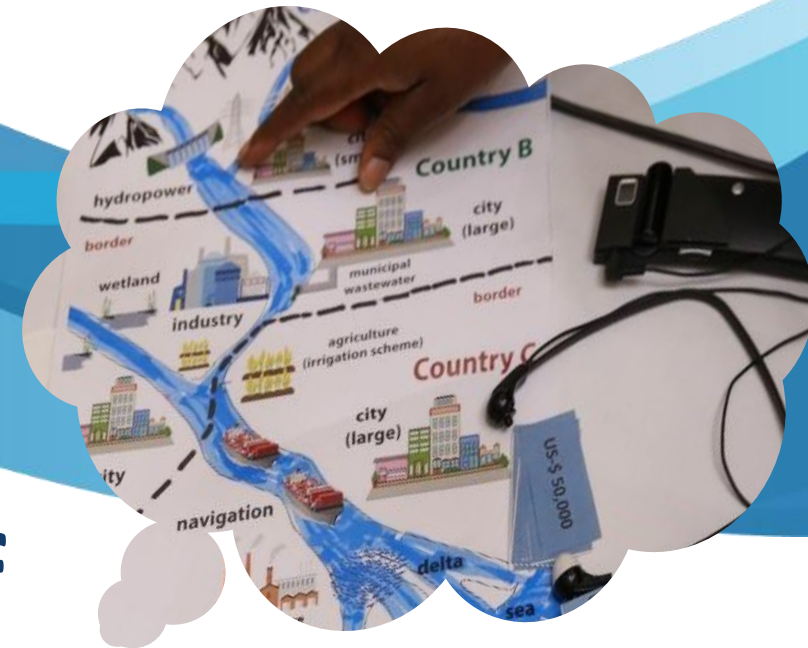



Programme Area 5: Facilitate the financing of transboundary water cooperation



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Progress and activities in this area of work :

High-level workshop on financing transboundary basins development on 9 Oct.2018 organized with **GEF-IW LEARN, World Bank, EIB, ADB, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands and Switzerland:**

→ 100 participants with about 10 Ministers, 30 countries, 7 River Basin Organizations

→ Case studies/experiences sharing from countries/RBO (from 12 shared basins) to discuss **fundings sources** and **modalities** for:

- **Cooperation processes and institutions**
- **Information production and sharing**
- **Infrastructure investments**

→ Main Outcome: **conclusions/recommendations** shared at the high-level segment of the Water Convention MOP 8



- Contribution to global discussions on financing transboundary water cooperation in international meetings such as the *Joint IW:LEARN & LME:LEARN Project 2019 Steering Committee Meeting* (May 2019)
- Increased partnerships with organizations/IFIs on financing issue :
 - African Development Bank (AfDB)
 - United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)
 - Geneva Water Hub
 - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
 - WWF
- Special mission in **Washington DC** in March 2019 to **strengthen partnerships** with the **World Bank** and the **Global Environment Facility (GEF)**
- Mission to **Abidjan** (Ivory Coast) to strengthen partnership with the **African Development Bank**

August 2019- Session at Stockholm World Water Week on : Mobilizing financial resources for transboundary water cooperation and management and partners meeting



Some key messages of the discussions:

- * Access to financing for transboundary activities requires a **strong institutional framework at basin level**, a **common strategic vision** of the basin development, **political leadership** from riparian countries and capacity to set up **bankable projects**.
- * **Multilateral and regional development banks** contribute to **build trust among riparian countries** and can provide **capacity building** to countries and basins on how to access funding to improve transboundary water management and cooperation.



Lessons learned and challenges



- Partnering and working closely with different International Financial Institutions (IFIs) is key;
- The private sector offers a new potential to leverage additional funding for cooperation and basin development (including blended finance);
- Countries, basins institutions and financial actors need to better understand each other (speak the same language);
- RBOs models (legal and financial status) may play a key role in their capacity to access financing for transboundary water cooperation and management;
- There is a need to further engage Ministries of finance into the discussion.
- Leverage the potential of water as an entry point for multi-sectoral collaboration (e.g Blue Peace approach)

Planned future activities in this area in 2019-2021:

16-18 December 2020:

Global workshop on financing transboundary water cooperation and basin development in partnership with Switzerland, The Netherlands, AfDB, ADB, EIB, The World Bank, GEF, GEF IW-LEARN, OECD, WWF.



Objective ?

→ Discuss **opportunities and challenges** with regards to financing of transboundary water cooperation and enable countries and RBOs **to learn about financial mechanisms available for transboundary water cooperation.**

Preparation of the workshop:

→ **Background study** on financing opportunities and challenges for transboundary water cooperation and basin development will be developed.



→ Collection of **good practices and lessons learnt** on financing transboundary water cooperation received from countries and basins

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Thank You!



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