

Proposed procedure for proposing the hosting of future sessions of the Meeting of the Parties

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Rules and Practice under the Water Convention

- Meetings of the Parties are held every three years, mostly outside Geneva
- Decision on location three years in advance by the MOP
- A representative of the host country is chairing the Bureau and Meeting of the Parties for the following three years
- United Nations rules: bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters **when a host government agrees to defray the additional costs directly or indirectly involved** (see ST/AI/342 and GA resolution 40/243).
- Need for **preparation of a host country agreement**



Role and benefits for the host country

- **Political support** from the host country is important for:
 - creation of **consensus and support** to the different decisions adopted at the Meeting of the Parties; and
 - ensuring **visibility and impact** of the event, including by promoting high-level participation and by promoting its results in relevant international fora.
- Some of the **benefits** for the host country:
 - promotion of **multisectoral engagement** at the national level for the implementation of the Convention;
 - **raising the profile of the host country and its key officials** among the Water Convention's institutional framework, across the UN system and more widely;
 - opportunities for **high-level discussions, networking** and developing joint **projects**.

Chairmanship of the Convention

- **Chairmanship** by the host country for the following **3 years**
- The role of the Chair and of the country is fundamental for:
 - **promotion and support to the Convention** worldwide, and
 - the **positioning of transboundary water cooperation** on the international agenda.
- **Time and resources**, including financial resources, are needed to attend international events and other relevant meetings
- Important role of the **different ministries, embassies and missions** of the host country

Possible procedure for selecting Parties hosting sessions of the MoP under the Water Convention

- **20 months** after the last session of the Meeting of the Parties, i.e. June 2020:
 - ✓ a **call for proposals is sent out** from the secretariat to host the Meeting of the Parties
- **30 months** after the last session of the Meeting of the Parties, i.e. April 2021:
 - ✓ **deadline for submitting proposals** to host the MOP to the Secretariat
- Monitoring of the proposals by the Bureau
- **6 weeks before** the next Meeting of the Parties
 - ✓ **the secretariat submits an overview of the proposals** received, for consideration and decision by the Meeting of the Parties.

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