

# How the Water Convention promotes implementation of the SDGs



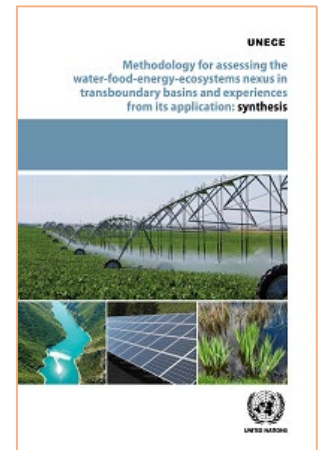
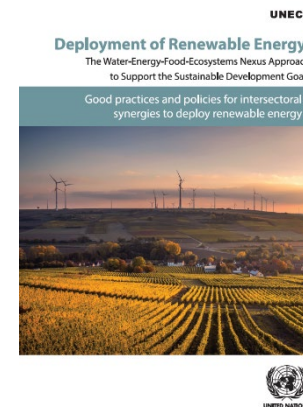
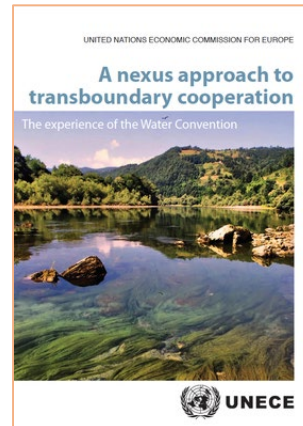
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# The Water Convention and the SDGs

- Convention supports countries in achieving the 2030 Agenda, for example:
  - SDG 6 and esp. target 6.5.2 on IWRM and transboundary cooperation
  - SDG 13 and 11 through its activities on climate and disasters: pilot projects, workshops, capacity-building, e.g. on preparing bankable projects, guidance preparation, e.g. words into action guidelines on water and disasters together with ISDR (2018)
  - SDG 7 and 2 through its activities on the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus: Basin assessments, synthesis methodology (2018), in cooperation with Energy sector/division: policy brochure on renewable energy and nexus and multi-stakeholder “Hard Talks” on Renewable Energy Investment
- Convention also supports SDGs 16, 15, 3,17



# Achievements 2018

## 1. Baseline report on transboundary water cooperation

*SDG Target 6.5: By 2030, implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate.*

*Indicator 6.5.2 Proportion of transboundary basin area with an operational arrangement for water cooperation*

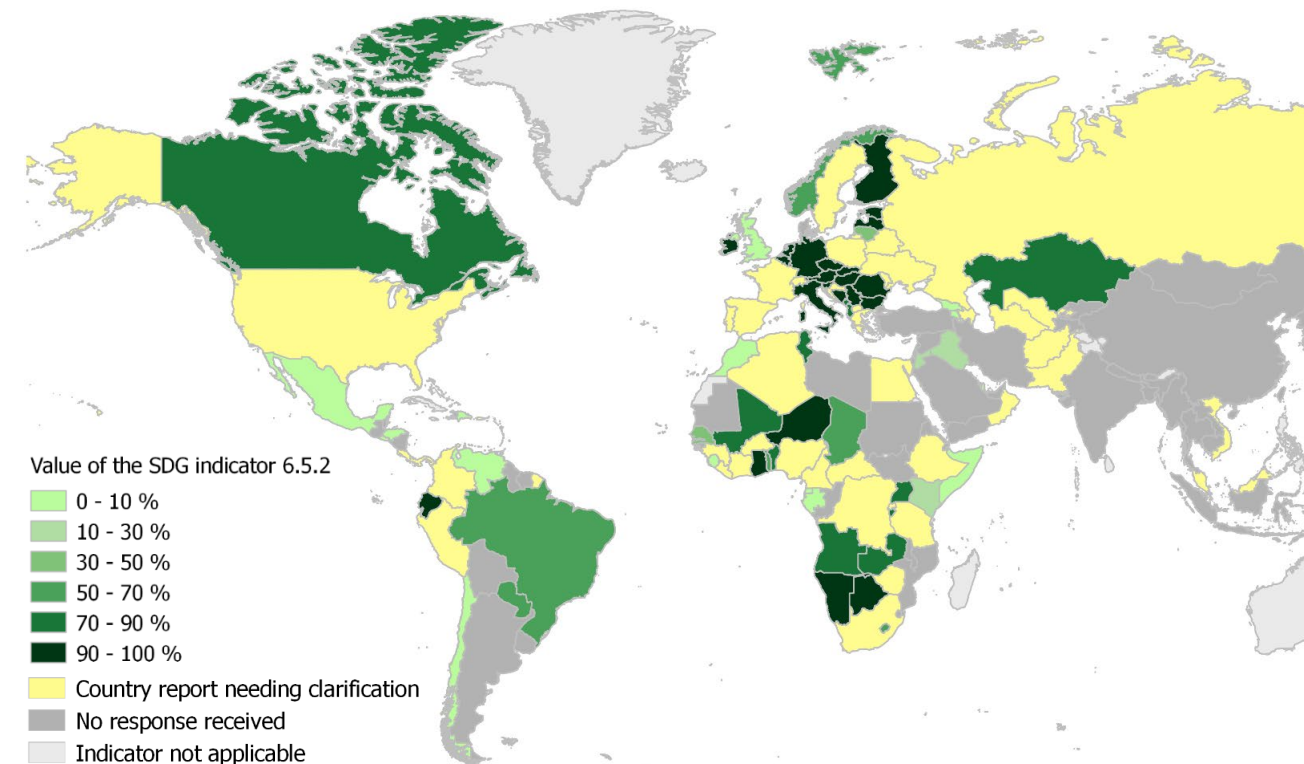
*Only indicator on transboundary cooperation => Catalytic role across multiple SDGs and targets*

**Custodian agencies: UNECE and UNESCO**



### Results of the first reporting exercise 2017-2018 launched in 2018

- **Among 153 countries** sharing transboundary waters **107 responded**
- **59 %** = average of the national percentage of transboundary basins covered by an operational arrangement (62 out of 153 countries)
- **Only 17 countries** with all transboundary basins covered by operational arrangements
- **Significant effort needed to increase cooperation on transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers**
- **UNECE region is the most advanced one as shown in first report on Convention's implementation also launched in 2018**



**=> Role of the Water Convention to strengthen monitoring and implementation**

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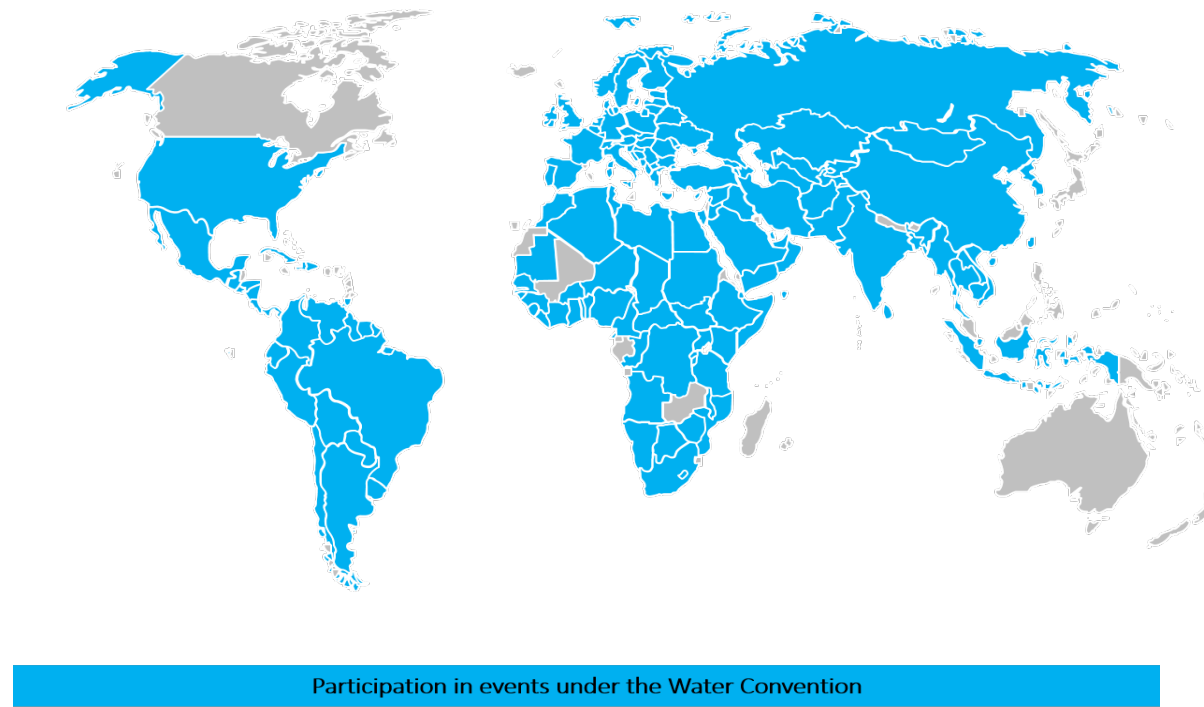
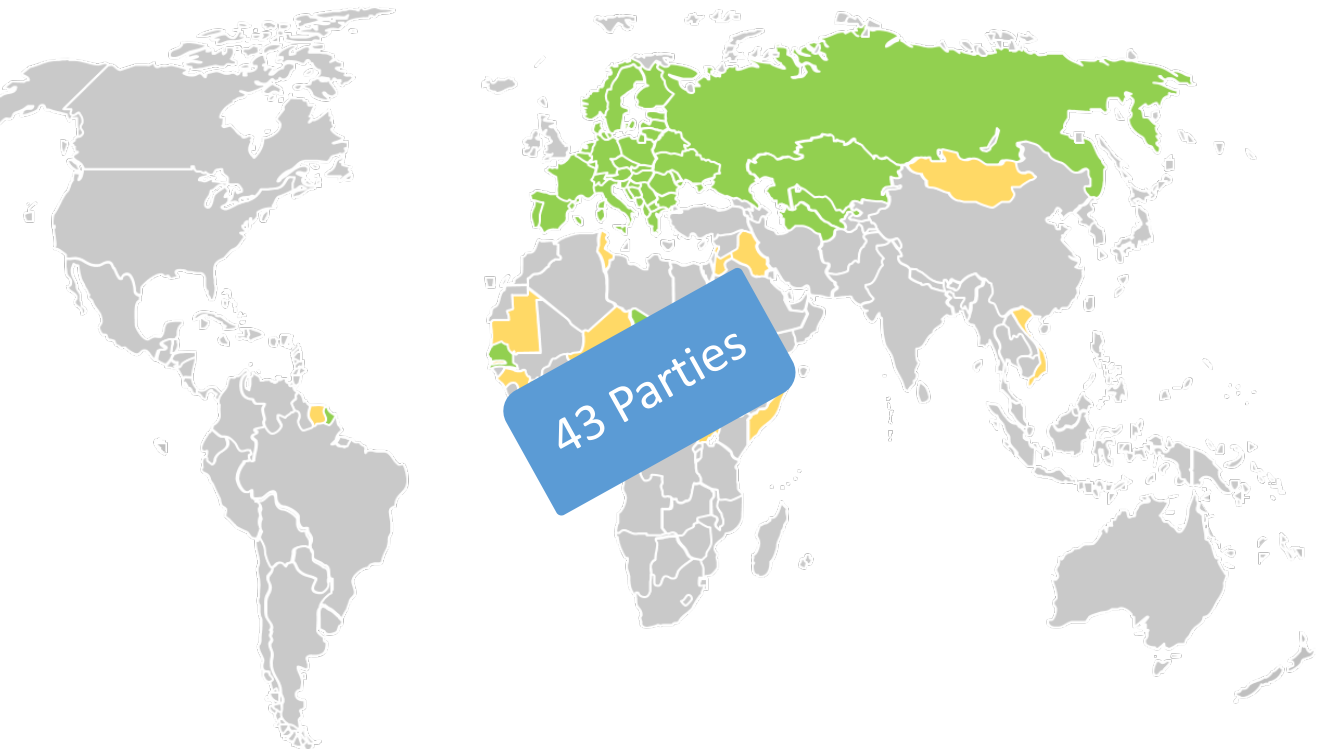
## 2. Acceleration of the process of universalization of the Water Convention

- **Global opening of the Convention became a reality in 2018, with the accessions of Chad and Senegal; 20 other countries have shown interest in accession:** Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Central African Republic, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Iraq, Jordan, Mauritania, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, Togo, Tunisia, Somalia, Suriname and Viet Nam
- **8th Meeting of the Parties (Astana, 10-12 October) confirmed the Convention's role as global platform for transboundary water cooperation:**
  - More than 600 participants from 88 countries
  - 16 Ministers/ Deputy Ministers






# Membership of the Convention



In practice, participation in the Convention is already global



# Laying the basis for the implementation of the Convention at the global level

MOP8 took a number of key decisions for the future of the Convention:

- Adoption of a strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level
- Adoption of a programme of work which addresses the need of both existing and perspective Parties from all regions
- Alignment to the 2030 agenda, including a stronger focus on financing issues
- Role of partners, including regional partners from other regions and IFIs, is emerging as ever more important
- Financial and human resources to implement the programme of work are increasing: MOP called upon an increase in XB resources and requested the secretariat to “take all necessary measures, including the provision of additional human and financial resources from the regular budget, to ensure the effective management and full implementation of the Convention’s programme of work”



Thank you for your attention!

**More information**

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