

Development of the Water Conventions future Programme of work for 2022–2024

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Water Convention Programme of Work 2019-2021

Delivering at different levels:



National

Basin

Regional

Global

OVERALL OBJECTIVE
Transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparian countries in accordance with the Water Convention, promoting sustainable development, peace and security

OUTCOME 1

Countries understand the Convention, accede to it, develop agreements and establish joint bodies



Awareness & accession
Programme Area 1

Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation

OUTCOME 4

Transboundary water cooperation is sustainably financed



Financing
Programme Area 5

Facilitating financing of transboundary water cooperation

OUTCOME 2

Transboundary water resources in transboundary basins are monitored and assessed, and information is shared among riparian countries



Monitoring & assessment

Programme Area 2

Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins

OUTCOME 3

Integrated water resources management is implemented at all levels in a changing climate



Integrated & intersectoral approach

Programme Area 3

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

OUTCOME 5

Transboundary water cooperation is monitored and partners are mobilized to support it



Reporting
Programme Area 6

Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention



Partnership & knowledge
Programme Area 7

Partnerships, communication and knowledge management



Climate change adaptation

Programme Area 4

Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins

Context and background the future programme of work for 2022-2024



- ❖ Transboundary water cooperation is vital for peace and sustainable development and it is included in the SDG targets (6.5);
- ❖ Water Convention is a powerful tool to promote achievements of SDGs, (Goals 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 17) as well as Paris agreement;
- ❖ Convention provides a key legal and intergovernmental framework for promoting transboundary water cooperation;
- ❖ Ghana acceded to the Convention in June 2020 as third non-UNECE country. 2022-2024 programme of work is the second one serving a global Convention and its implementation;
- ❖ Programme of work to be read together with strategy for the implementation at global level;

Approach for the future programme of work for 2022-2024



- ❖ **Overall vision: transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparian countries to promote sustainable development, peace and security**
 - ❖ The Convention has a long-term perspective, and its programme of work does too
 - ❖ Second work programme servicing a global Convention following accessions by Ghana, Senegal, Chad
 - ❖ The work under the Convention should respond to needs but should vary its focus over the years (weight and importance of programme areas varies over time)
 - => Continuity with change
 - ❖ Activities at different levels (national, regional/basin, global), but limited number of basin projects due to limited capacity in the secretariat (need to prioritize)
 - ❖ Activities under different areas supporting each other, e.g. nexus-benefits, nexus-climate, nexus-financing => need for even better communicating and implementing these linkages

Timeline Programme of Work 2022-2024

Time	Action
2 October 2020	Presentation of the timeline at the 15th meeting of the WGIWRM
October 2020	Discussion of suggestions for further work by the subsidiary bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force on Water and Climate (2 October 2020); • Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (22–23 October 2020)
Early November 2020	Launch of the online survey
30 November 2020	Deadline for completion of the survey
December 2020	Analyses
By the meeting of the Bureau in January 2021	Preparation of the draft document for the programme of work 2022–2024
15 February 2021	Submission of the document to the WGIWRM
26–28 April 2021	Discussion of the draft programme of work for 2022–2024 by the WGIWRM
May-June 2021	Revision based on comments received
End June 2021	Submission of the revised version to the Bureau for final review
21 July 2021	Official document submission
29 September-1 October 2021	Final discussion and adoption at the 9th Meeting of the Parties

Survey development



- ❖ **Objective:** This online survey aims at informing the development of the future 2022-2024 programme of work (POW) under the Water Convention;
- ❖ **Language:** English, French, Russian and Spanish
- ❖ **Structure:** based on the current POW and its programme areas;
- ❖ **Focal points are asked to fill it out in consultation with other relevant national actors by end of November 2020** > please provide input to your national focal points to include activities on the nexus



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