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

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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.

OUTCOME 2
Transboundary water resources in transboundary basins are monitored and assessed, and information is shared among riparian countries.

OUTCOME 3
Integrated water resources management is implemented at all levels in a changing climate.

OUTCOME 4
Transboundary water cooperation is sustainably financed.

OUTCOME 5
Transboundary water cooperation is monitored and partners are mobilized to support it.

Financing Programme Area 5
Facilitating financing of transboundary water cooperation.

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.

Monitoring & assessment Programme Area 2
Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins.

Integrated & intersectoral approach Programme Area 3
Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water management at all levels.

Awareness & accesion Programme Area 1
Increasing awareness of and access to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation.
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
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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
Thanks!