



# Capacity building on UNECE Water Convention

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Convention of the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

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Components:

- Strengthening institutional and legal frameworks of regional water cooperation
- **Capacity building on international water law**
- Strengthening cooperation on monitoring and data exchange



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# Capacity building (1) on international water law

- Regional seminar “International Water Law and Negotiation of Mutually Beneficial Multilateral Water Agreements in Central Asia” (April 2009)
- National seminar on Espoo Convention (Tajikistan, July 2010)
- National seminar on Water Convention (Kazakhstan, October 2010)
- National seminar on Water, Espoo and Industrial Accidents Conventions (Turkmenistan, December 2010)



## Capacity building (2) on international water law

- National seminar on Water Convention (Tajikistan, March 2011)
- Side-event on ECE Conventions for the representatives of Central Asian countries (Geneva, March 2011)
- Regional training on Espoo Convention and SEA for water professionals (Almaty, March-April 2011)
- National seminar on Espoo and Industrial Accidents Conventions (Turkmenistan, June 2011)



## Capacity building (3) on international water law

- National seminar on Water Convention and adaptation to climate change (Kyrgyzstan, 26-27 September 2011)
- International High Level Conference on Water Convention (25 October 2011) followed by Workshop on Protocol on Water and Health (26-27 October 2011) in Almaty for 5 CA countries
- National training on Espoo&SEA (Uzbekistan, November 2011)
- National training on IA Convention (Uzbekistan, December 2011)
- Training on IA Convention for Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan (Kyrgyzstan, December 2011)
- Working group on Water Convention under NPD (Turkmenistan, December 2011)





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# Lessons learned

- Enormous needs
- Different approaches - Close cooperation with host country
- Benefit from strong expert and Parties' participation
- Require strong involvement of the secretariat
- The Guide welcomed
- Great interest in the Protocol on W&H
- Strong coordination with NPDs
- Synergies with other instruments, in particular ECE Conventions
- Both national and regional

