



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

**Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management**

Third meeting  
Rome, 22–24 October 2008  
Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Informal paper 1

**Organization of work**

For practical reasons it was necessary to reorganize the sequence of agenda items of the Working Group meeting. The timing for each agenda item represents an approximate estimate.

**Wednesday, 22 October:**

Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.  
*9.30 a.m.–9.40 a.m.*

Item 2: Progress in the ratification process.  
*9.40 a.m. – 9.50 a.m.*

Item 3: Support for ratification and implementation of the Water Convention.  
*9.50 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.*

Item 9: Second Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters in the UNECE region.  
*11.15 a.m. – 12.30 pm*

*Lunch break 12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.*

Item 5: Water and industrial accidents:  
*2.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m.*

- (a) Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents;
- (b) Protocol on Civil Liability.

Item 7: Capacity for Water Cooperation project.  
*3.30 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.*

Item 8: European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues.  
*3.45 p.m. – 5.00 pm*

Item 13: Contribution of the Water Convention to activities of United Nations agencies and other organizations:

- (a) UN-Water and the United Nations World Water Development Report;
- (b) Environment and Security Initiative.

*5.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.*

**Thursday, 23 October:**

Session on forests and water

*9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.*

*Lunch break 12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.*

Item 6: Ecosystem services and payments for such services in integrated water resources management.

*2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.*

Item 4: Water and adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins, including flood and drought risk management.

*3.00 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.*

- (a) Water and adaptation to climate change;
- (b) Transboundary flood management.

Item 10: Management of transboundary groundwaters in the UNECE region.

*4.15 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.*

Item 11: Promoting transboundary water cooperation and integrated water resources management in Central Asia.

*4.30 p.m. – 5.30 pm*

**Friday, 24 October:**

Item 12: Third International Conference on Sustainable Management of Transboundary Waters in the UNECE Region

*8.30 a.m. – 9 a.m.*

Item 14: Ongoing workplan for 2007–2009 on integrated water resources management.

*9. a.m. - 9.20 a.m.*

Item 15: Workplan on integrated water resources management for 2010–2012 and beyond.

*9.20 a.m. – 10.10 a.m.*

Item 16: Other business.

*10.10 a.m. - 10.25. a.m.*

Item 17: Closing of the meeting.

*10.25 a.m. -10.30 a.m.*