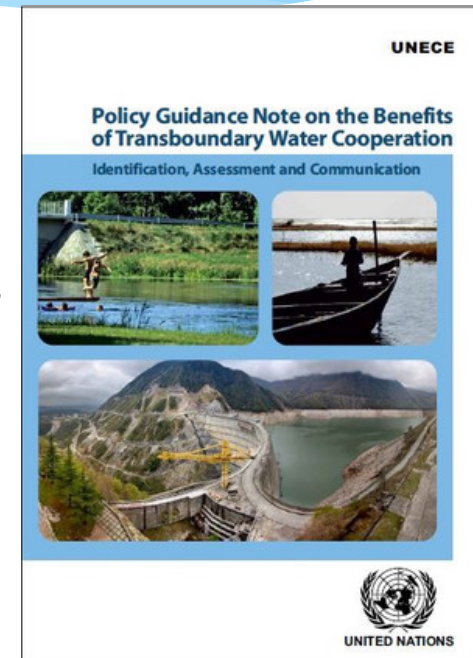


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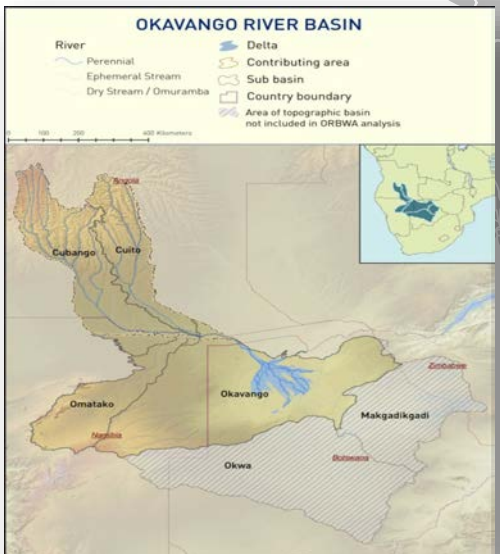
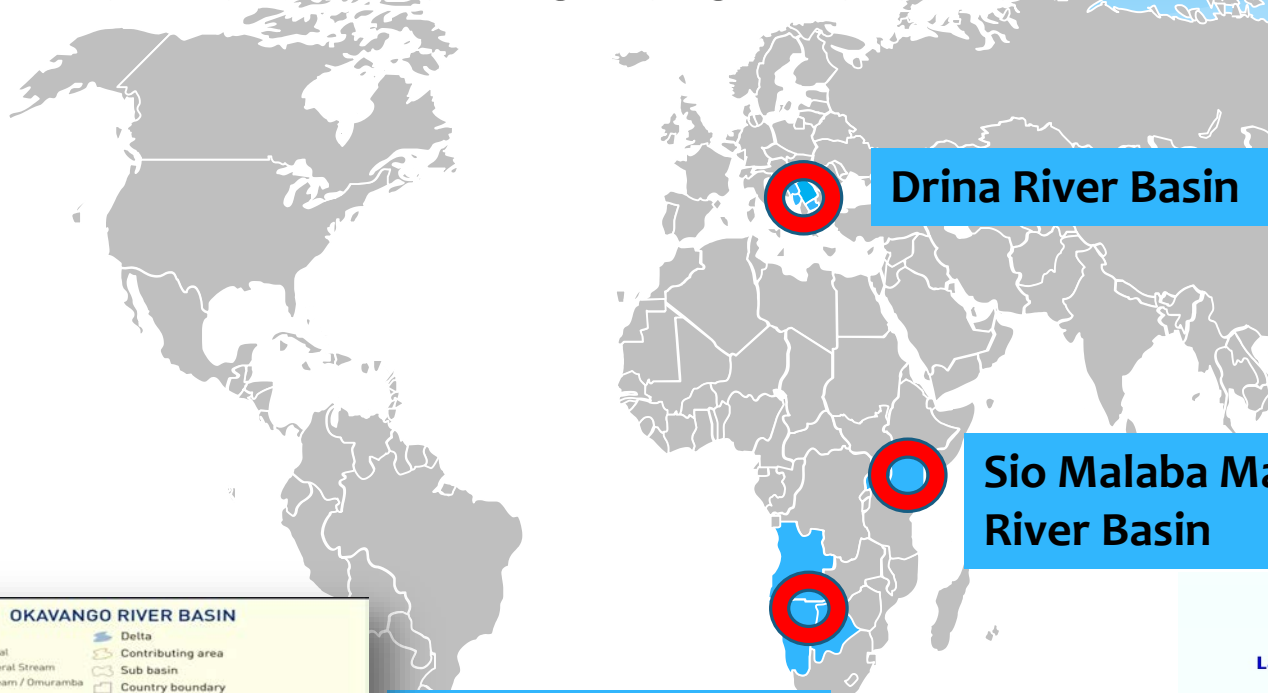
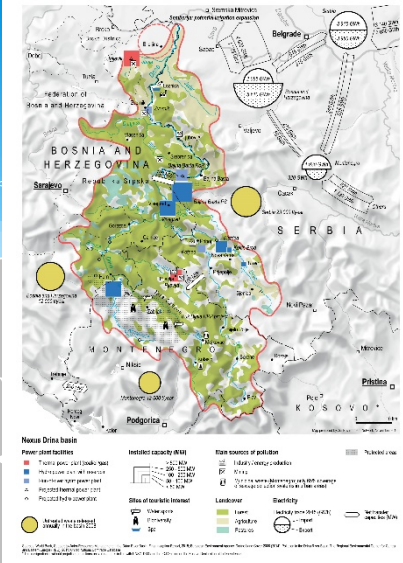
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Progress and activities in this area of work in late 2016-2017

- * 3 projects applying the *Policy Guidance Note on the Benefits of transboundary water cooperation*
 - Conceptual framework and guidance (starting point), no technical guidance, benefit assessment exercise to be tailored to context/needs of basin
- * Benefits of cooperation «lens» promoted through regional / national events
- * *Policy Guidance Note* adapted and used by partners for analysis in other regions (Central Asia, Jordan River)

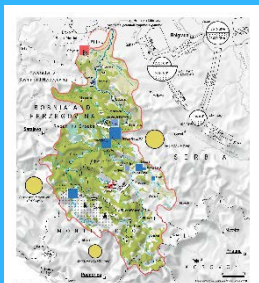


3 projects applying the Policy Guidance Note on benefits



3 benefit assessment exercises

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Part of a UNECE Nexus Assessment (with ISRBC)

2 basin multi-stakeholders workshops, incl. participatory look at past and future benefits

Discussion of benefits of actions in priority nexus areas: Hydropower, Rural development, Water quality

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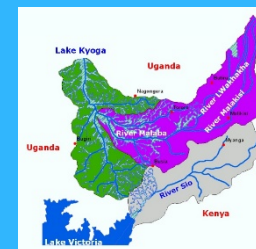


In parallel with Multi Sectoral Investment Opportunities Assessment (MSIOA) project (World Bank, OKACOM)

3 national workshops (→ perception papers), 1 basin workshop on benefits

Develop a basin vision of the benefits of cooperation, incl. on the benefits of OKACOM.

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Basin // regional components of a project to strengthen cooperation in IGAD region (IGAD, OES, IUCN, UNECE)

1st of 3 basin workshops (link with regional level)

Potential to support adoption of broader view, prioritization of projects, integration in national processes

Lessons learned and challenges

* **Main outcomes**

Development of a “basin perception” of the benefits of cooperation, building on consultation with multiple stakeholders / sectors / beneficiaries

Policy Guidance Note provides flexible guidance. Scope of the benefit assessment exercise can be tailored to the needs and status of progress of the cooperation process.

Lessons learned and challenges

* **Lessons learnt on the process**

Importance of identifying the target audience

Individual country perspectives (Local/national workshops, interviews)

// basin perception of benefits of cooperation

* **Challenges: selected issues**

Possible confusion Outputs of TWC processes vs Benefits of TWC processes
Necessity to differentiate:

- “Process benefits” and “outcome benefits” (cf typology of benefits)
- Past (accrued) and future (potential) benefits

Focus on benefits and beneficiaries, but also on costs of inaction



Planned future activities in this area in 2017-2018

- * Continue **application of Policy Guidance Note** in «pilot» basins:
 - Policy brief on benefits of cooperation in Cubango Okavongo basin
 - Continuation of the Benefits Opportunities Assessment Dialogue in SMM basin
 - Additional benefit assessment in MENA region / Latin America / Europe?

- * **Global workshop** on the benefits of transboundary water cooperation in February 2018

Suggestions for activities beyond 2018,

- * Enlarge the geographical scope of benefit assessments exercises to other regions: Africa, Asia, South America, follow in Europe
- * A flexible approach, which:
 - * Use Water diplomacy, Water and Peace panel recommendations together with benefit assessments
 - * Can be tailored to the needs of the basin
 - * Facilitates the involvement of multiple stakeholders , incl. from different sectors
 - * Generates information for stakeholders and policy makers to help move from perception to facts
 - * Can combine qualitative, quantitative and monetary assessments.