

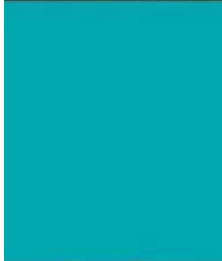


Second Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters

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



Objectives

- Shed light on effectiveness of measures => implementation of the Convention
- Highlight achievements in IWRM at transboundary level
- Develop knowledge and understanding for further action
- Identify situations of water crisis
- Provide guidance for strategic investments
- Serve as point of reference for Governments, IGOs, NGOs to improve management and status of waters





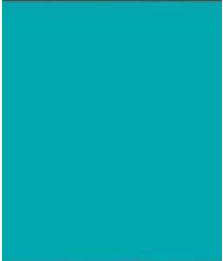
Strengths of the first assessment

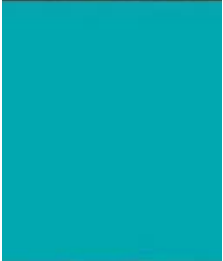
- Unique work for the region
- “Reasonably” complete, goes beyond well-known cases
- Presentation of new material especially for the EECCA part and for the groundwater part
- Broad participation=> ownership + importance of the process
- Courage to admit difficulties => good message
- Well-designed layout
- “One” Convention product



Weaknesses of the first assessment

- Assessment of groundwaters and surface waters not integrated
- More focus on quality than on quantity and hydromorphological alterations
- Gaps in ecological assessment
- Varying quality, not always assessment





Lessons learned

- Better integrate it in the Ministerial Conference agenda
- Cooperation with EEA
- Streamline with other activities under the Convention
- Involvement of EU countries, joint bodies, other experts
- Not only questionnaires
- Time, resources, resources and time!





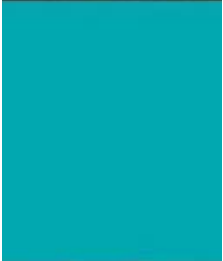
What's next, what are the options?

- 2nd assessment cannot be just the same as the 1st
- Geographic scope
- Thematic focuses
- Changes between assessments
- IWRM approach



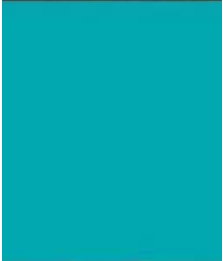
Questions to the WGMA

- How was the first Assessment received and used?
- What needs to be revised what was good and should not be changed?
- How can the Assessment support the works under the Convention?



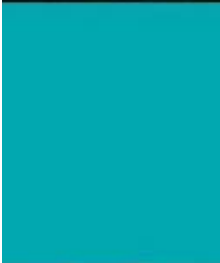
Scope and content

- Geographic scope (North America, neighbouring countries, GW in the whole region)
- Identify overarching thematic issues
- Address gaps of first assessment
- Pilots/case studies (biodiversity, Ramsar sites)
- Specific focus on central Asia because of Astana conference



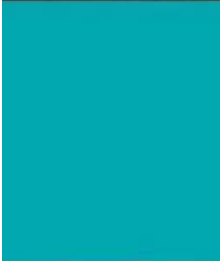
Timeline

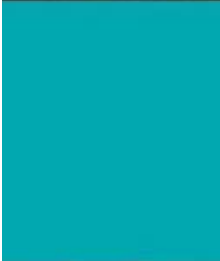
- Sept 2008: Outline and questionnaire
- Oct 2008-Apr 2009: data collection (3 sub-regional meetings), preparation of drafts
- July 2009: 10th meeting WGMA
- Jul-Nov 2009: data collection, preparation drafts
- Nov 2009: MOP5
- Nov 2009-Sept 2010: data collection (3 sub-regional meetings), preparation of drafts
- Sept 2010: 11th meeting WGMA endorse documents
- Sept 2010- Feb 2011: Finalization text, editing, publishing, recommendations for Ministerial Conference
- June 2011? Ministerial Conference



Working arrangements

- Lead countries and partners organizations => steering group
- Sub-regional workshops
- One devoted person, possibly in the secretariat, working on the assessment





Budget estimate

- Overall 710,000 USD
 - Personnel
 - Sub-regional meetings
 - Meetings WGMA
 - Consultancy (experts, editing, translation, design and layout)
 - Maps
- => How to raise the needed resources?**

