



Convention of the Protection and Use of
Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
Expert Group on the Transboundary Water Allocation Handbook
Third Meeting

Video Conference, 20-21 October 2020

**FINAL PROGRAMME FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP
ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY WATER ALLOCATION HANDBOOK (BY VIDEO CONFERENCE)**

20-21 October 2020

Starting main videoconference both days at 11 a.m. Geneva time (Central European Time)

DAY 1 – October 20

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Presenter/ Moderator/ Facilitator</i>
	MAIN VIDEO CONFERENCE (11:00–15:45 CET)	
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	Optional Session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15:45-17:00 CET for participants in the Americas timezones 	
11.00-11.15	Session 1: Introduction	
	<i>Objectives:</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome participants.</i> • <i>Outline Agenda, goals and logistics for videoconference</i> 	
	Opening remarks and the overall status of the process.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary) and Remy Kinna (Water Convention Secretariat)
	Participants to introduce themselves, specifically new additions to give brief background on expertise.	
	Brief outline of Agenda for DAY 1 – PART 1 and basic outline of technical logistics for the online meeting.	
11.15-11.45	Session 2: Overall status of Handbook & regional processes	
	<i>Objectives:</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on progress and status of the Handbook's development</i> • <i>Update on regional processes, including International Water Assessment Centre projects for Central Asia and regional workshops.</i> 	
	Overview of the current status of the Handbook's development, key milestones and upcoming plans.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)
	<i>[10 minute presentation]</i>	

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	Update on regional processes and inputs for Handbook, including International Water Assessment Centre projects for Central Asia and regional workshops. <i>[10 minute presentation]</i> Expert Group members discuss and provide feedback.	Zhanar Mautanova (International Water Assessment Centre) & Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)
11.45-12.30	Session 3: Discussion of Preface & Chapter 1	
	<i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on rationale and structure of Chapter and Preface.</i> • <i>Feedback on main content and order of sub-sections in Chapter.</i> 	
	Brief explanation of Chapter 1 and Preface, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested structure with key topics and content • Suggested illustrative case studies • Suggested use of diagrams 	Remy Kinna (Water Convention Secretariat) and Suvi Sojamo (Finnish Environment Institute)
	Brief overview of the Main Messages to consider during the meeting, Expert Group members discuss and provide feedback. <i>[45 mins: 10 mins presentation; 35 mins feedback]</i>	
12.30-13.00	LUNCH	
13:00-15.30	Session 4: Discussion of Chapter 2-5	
	<i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on rationale and structure of Chapters.</i> • <i>Feedback on main content and order of sub-sections in each Chapter.</i> 	
	Brief introduction to the format of the session and the process, noting the feedback already received via email.	Antti Belinskij (University of Eastern Finland)
	Four sessions to discuss four of the main chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ch II: Issues & Challenges to Address 	Suvi Sojamo (Finnish Environment Institute)
	<i>[45mins: 15 mins presentation; 30 mins feedback]</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ch III: Limitations to Water Allocation and Broader Approaches 	Annukka Lipponen (Water Convention Secretariat)
	<i>[30mins: 10 mins presentation; 20 mins feedback]</i>	
	COFFEE BREAK @ 14.15 – 14.30	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ch IV: Principles and objectives of water allocation <p><i>[30mins: 10 mins presentation; 20 mins feedback]</i></p>	Antti Belinskij (Finnish Environment Institute)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CH V: Cooperative frameworks for Water Allocation <p><i>[30mins: 10 mins presentation; 20 mins feedback]</i></p> <p>Drafters give brief overview of rationale, structure and content on each chapter including the sub-sections, their order, selection of illustrative case studies and functionality of the information as it relates to other sections, main points received from written feedback.</p> <p>Expert Group members discuss and provide feedback.</p>	Antti Belinskij (Finnish Environment Institute)
15.30-15.45	Session 5: Next steps tomorrow, remaining Chapters	
	<p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Outline next steps & DAY 2 – PART 1 Agenda</i> • <i>Close DAY 1 – PART 1</i> <p>Brief outline of the Agenda for DAY 2 – PART 1</p>	Remy Kinna (Water Convention Secretariat)
15.45-17.00	Session 6 (OPTIONAL – held for participants in the Americas timezones or who missed earlier sessions): Recap on Chapters 1-5 feedback & Handbook development including regional processes	
	<p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on progress and status of the Handbook's development</i> • <i>Update on regional processes, including International Water Assessment Centre projects for Central Asia and regional workshops</i> • <i>Update on rationale and structure of Chapters.</i> • <i>Feedback on main content and order of sub-sections in each Chapter.</i> <p>Summary of Handbook development and regional processes</p> <p>Expert Group members discuss and provide feedback.</p> <p><i>[10 mins with 5 minutes for feedback]</i></p> <p>Drafters give brief overview of rationale, structure and content on each chapter including the sub-sections, their order, selection of illustrative case studies and functionality of the information as it relates to other sections, main points received from written feedback.</p>	Remy Kinna (Water Convention Secretariat)
		Antti Belinskij (University of Eastern Finland), Suvi Sojamo (Finnish Environment Institute), Annukka

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	Expert Group members discuss and provide feedback. <i>[15mins each: 5 mins presentation; 10 mins feedback]</i>	Lipponen (Water Convention Secretariat)
	Close DAY 1 of the Meeting.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)

DAY 2 – October 21

MAIN VIDEO CONFERENCE (11:00–15:30 CET)

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Optional Sessions

- **10:00-11:00 CET for participants in the Asia-Pacific timezones)**
- **15:30-17:00 CET for participants in the Americas timezones**

10.00-11.00	<p>Session 7 (OPTIONAL – held for participants in the Asia-Pacific timezones or who missed earlier sessions): Recap on Chapters 2-5 feedback</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on rationale and structure of Chapters.</i> • <i>Feedback on main content and order of sub-sections in each Chapter.</i> <p>Drafters give brief overview of rationale, structure and content on each chapter including the sub-sections, their order, selection of illustrative case studies and functionality of the information as it relates to other sections, main points received from written feedback.</p> <p>Expert Group members discuss and provide feedback.</p> <p><i>[15mins each: 5 mins presentation; 10 mins feedback]</i></p>	<p>Antti Belinskij (University of Eastern Finland), Suvi Sojamo (Finnish Environment Institute), Annukka Lipponen (Water Convention Secretariat)</p>
11.00-11.15	<p>Session 8: Introduction and Agenda Day 2</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome and summarise technical logistics.</i> • <i>Recap of sessions and main outcomes of Day 1.</i> • <i>Overview of Agenda session and aims for Day 2.</i> <p>Welcome and basic outline of technical logistics for the online meeting.</p> <p>Brief outline of the Agenda for DAY 2 – PART 1.</p>	<p>Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)</p> <p>Remy Kinna (Water Convention Secretariat)</p>

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11:15-12.00	<p>Session 9: Structure & content development: Knowledge Base for Transboundary Water Allocation</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on rationale and structure of Chapter.</i> • <i>Provide an overview on the main content and order of sub-sections in the Chapter.</i> • <i>Outline the suggested use of case studies.</i> • <i>Receive recommendations on structure, content, use of case studies and references from experts</i> <p><i>[10 minute presentation; 35 minutes discussion]</i></p> <p>Brief explanation of the Chapter on “Knowledge Base for Transboundary Water Allocation”, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested structure with key topics and content • Suggested illustrative case studies • Suggested use of diagrams <p>Feedback from the experts on format, content and use.</p>	Lauri Ahopelto (Aalto University) & Suvi Sojamo (Finnish Environment Institute)
12.00-12.30	<p>Session 10: Explanation of Flow Chart on “Operationalising Transboundary Water Allocation” and Feedback</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Outline the current proposed flow chart for operationalising transboundary water allocation</i> • <i>Gain feedback on the sub-sections, flow for steps in operationalising transboundary water allocation.</i> • <i>Discuss proposed flow chart and provide feedback on structure and</i> <p><i>[10 minute presentation; 20 minutes discussion]</i></p> <p>Presentation of the current proposed draft of the Flow Chart for Operationalising TB Water Allocation and rationale behind the main headings and key steps.</p> <p>Experts provide feedback on the main steps of the current Flowchart.</p>	Lauri Ahopelto (Aalto University) & Suvi Sojamo (Finnish Environment Institute)
12.30-13.00	LUNCH BREAK	
13.00-13.30	<p>Session 11: Structure & content development: Operationalising Transboundary Water Allocation</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on rationale and structure of Chapter.</i> 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide an overview on the main content and order of sub-sections in the Chapter.</i> • <i>Outline the suggested use of case studies</i> • <i>Receive recommendations on structure, content, use of case studies and references from experts</i> <p><i>[10 minute presentation; 20 minutes discussion]</i></p>	
	<p>Brief explanation of the Chapter on “Operationalising Transboundary Water Allocation”, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested structure with key topics and content • Suggested illustrative case studies • Suggested use of diagrams <p>Feedback from the experts on format, content, use of case studies and utility.</p>	Lauri Ahopelto (Aalto University) & Suvi Sojamo (Finnish Environment Institute)
13.30-14.30	Session 12: Structure & content development: Main messages	
	<p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussion of the main messages to be distilled out of the overall Handbook</i> • <i>Update on rationale and structure of Chapter.</i> • <i>Provide an overview on the main content and order of sub-sections in the Chapter.</i> • <i>Receive recommendations on structure, content, use of case studies and references from experts</i> • <i>Checking consistency with the Chapters</i> <p><i>[10 minute presentation; 50 minutes discussion]</i></p>	
	<p>Brief explanation of the Chapter on “Main Messages”, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested structure with key topics and content • Suggested use of diagrams <p>Feedback from the experts on format, content, use of case studies and utility.</p> <p>Feedback from the experts on format, content and use.</p>	Remy Kinna & Annukka Lipponen (Water Convention Secretariat) & Antti Belinskij (University of Eastern Finland)
14.30-14.45	COFFEE BREAK	
14.45-15.30	Session 13: Next steps, responsibilities and concluding remarks	
	<p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discuss water allocation possible inputs into Convention’s next Program of Work</i> 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify the roles of the secretariat, Handbook team and Expert Group for major tasks and clear lines of communication moving forward. • Revisit case studies list, updates on progress and agree on follow up actions & coordination. • Reiterate project schedule and main milestones moving forward. 	
	Revisit list of case studies, who is leading on each and how to help Drafter with information and resources.	Remy Kinna (Water Convention Secretariat)
	Preliminary timeline and next steps in the process for the development of the Handbook and key inputs from the Expert Group between now and launch at MoP9.	Remy Kinna (Water Convention Secretariat)
	Updates on water allocation as possible inputs for Convention's next Program of Work and seek feedback.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)
	Concluding session remarks and thanks to Expert Group.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)
15.30-17.00	<p>Session 14 (OPTIONAL – held for participants in the Americas timezones or who missed earlier sessions): Recap on Chapters 6-9 feedback & next steps, roles and responsibilities</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap on rationale and structure of Chapters 6 & 7 including feedback on main content and order of sub-sections in each Chapter. • Recap on Operationalisation Flowchart feedback • Recap on Main Messages Chapter and feedback including discussion of main messages to be distilled from the overall Handbook • Recap on water allocation possible inputs into Convention's next Program of Work • Recap on the progress of case studies, project schedule, main milestones through to MoP9 • Clarify the roles of the secretariat, Handbook team and Expert Group for major tasks and clear lines of communication moving forward. 	
	Chapters 6 & 7: Drafters give brief overview of rationale, structure and content on each chapter including the sub-sections, their order, selection of illustrative case studies and functionality of the information as it relates to other sections, main points received from written feedback.	Antti Belinskij (University of Eastern Finland), Suvi Sojamo (Finnish Environment Institute), Lauri Ahopelto (Aalto University), Annukka Lipponen (Water Convention Secretariat)
	Expert Group members discuss and provide feedback.	

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	<i>[15mins each: 5 mins presentation; 10 mins feedback]</i>	
	Recap on Flowchart for Operationalisation	Lauri Ahopelto (Aalto University) & Suvi Sojamo (Finnish Environment Institute)
	Expert Group members discuss and provide feedback.	
	<i>[15 mins: 5 mins presentation; 10 mins feedback]</i>	
	Recap on Chapter of Main Messages.	Remy Kinna & Annukka Lipponen (Water Convention Secretariat)
	Expert Group members discuss and provide feedback.	
	<i>[15 mins: 5 mins presentation; 10 mins feedback]</i>	
	Revisit list of case studies, who is leading on each and how to help Drafter with information and resources.	Remy Kinna (Water Convention Secretariat)
	Recap on timeline and next steps in the process for the development of the Handbook and key inputs from the Expert Group between now and launch at MoP9.	Remy Kinna (Water Convention Secretariat)
	Updates on water allocation as possible inputs for Convention's next Program of Work and seek feedback.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)
	<i>[30 mins: 10 mins presentation; 20 mins feedback]</i>	
	Concluding session remarks and thanks to Expert Group.	Péter Kovács (Chair, Hungary)
	Close DAY 2 and the Meeting.	
17:00	END OF DAY 2 / CLOSE OF MEETING	