

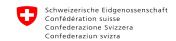
Future programme of work for 2022-2024 of the Water Convention

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Process for the work programme development for 2022-2024

- 1. Discussion of future activities at the last Task Force meeting on water and climate on 2 October 2020; collection of written comments
- 2. Online survey:
- •Developed to collect suggestions & expectations from countries and partners to inform the development of the 2022-2024 POW;
- •Sent countries, organizations & some partners and answers collected by 18 December 2020;
- •The structure was based on the current POW 2019-2021 & its 7 Programme areas
- •Proposed activities were identified from (1) discussion at intergovernmental bodies (2) proposals by lead Parties & partners (3) needs identified through reporting under the Convention and on SDG indicator 6.5.2

TOTAL of 73 complete answers were received.

3. Preparation of the draft overall programme of work by the Bureau and secretariat

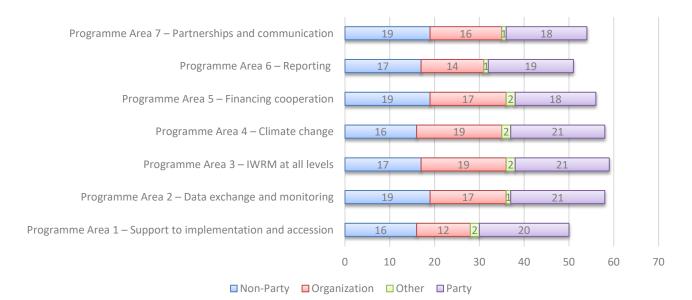






Analysis of number of responses by programme area	Number of responses for each PA
Programme Area 1 – Support to implementation and accession	50 (72% of respondents)
Programme Area 2 – Data exchange and monitoring	60 (87% of respondents)
Programme Area 3 – IWRM at all levels	61 (88% of respondents)
Programme Area 4 – Climate change	59 (86% of respondents)
Programme Area 5 – Financing cooperation	57 (83% of respondents)
Programme Area 6 – Reporting	52 (75% of respondents)
Programme Area 7 – Partnerships and communication	55 (80% of respondents)

Number of Responses received for programme areas, by category



Water Convention Programme of Work 2022-2024

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparian countries in accordance with the Water Convention, promoting sustainable development, peace and security

Delivering at different levels:



National

Regional

Basin

Global



Awareness & accession

Programme Area 1

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OUTCOME 1

Countries understand the Convention, accede to it, develop agreements and establish joint bodies

OUTCOME 4

Transboundary water cooperation is sustainably financed



Financing Programme Area 5

Facilitating financing of transboundary water cooperation



Programme Area 6

Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention

OUTCOME 2

Transboundary water resources in transboundary basins are monitored and assessed, and information is shared among riparian countries



Monitoring & assessment

Programme

Area 2

Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins

OUTCOME 3

Integrated water resources management is implemented at all levels in a changing climate



Integrated & intersectoral approach

Programme

Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water management at all levels



OUTCOME 5

Transboundary water

cooperation is monitored

and partners are mobilized

to support it

Climate change adaptation

Programme Area 4

Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins



cation and knowledge

management

Proposed future prorgamme of work 2022-2024: Programme area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins



Lead Parties: The Netherlands and Switzerland

Objectives:

- Increase adaptive capacity and improve cooperation on climate change adaptation and mitigation in transboundary basins
- Facilitate access to climate funds for basin-wide or coordinated climate change adaptation measures in transboundary basins and build related capacity



- Increase awareness of the importance of water and transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction at national and transboundary levels and in intergovernmental global processes
- Sub area 4.1: Supporting development of transboundary adaptation strategies and implementation of priority measures
- Sub area 4.2: Supporting transboundary basins in financing climate change adaptation

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Proposed activities:

 Max. 3 projects in such pilot basins as the Chu-Talas, the Dniester, the Bug-Neman, the Tisza and the Sava (to be confirmed)



 Organization of one in-person and one virtual meeting of the Global network of basins working on climate change adaptation, in cooperation with INBO



 2 meetings of the Task Force on Water and Climate and 2 global thematic workshops in 2022 and 2023



Sub area 4.1: Supporting development of transboundary adaptation strategies and implementation of priority measures



Proposed activities:

• Mainstreaming of water and transboundary cooperation into national climaterelated documents, for example, facilitation of including transboundary approaches in water management into countries NDCs, NAPs, etc. in some pilot basins/regions



- Cooperation with global policy processes on climate and disasters, such as under the UNFCCC, UNDRR and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Creating an online compendium of good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

Anticipated funding needs: USD 1,162,000

Sub area 4.2: Supporting transboundary basins in financing climate change adaptation



Proposed activities:

• Organization of up to 2 sessions/webinars/trainings on preparing bankable project proposals for climate change adaptation in transboundary basins in partnership with multilateral development banks and climate funds



 Contributing to developing bankable projects proposals, in cooperation with partners, transboundary basin organizations and national relevant stakeholders in 1 or 2 pilot basins



 Intensification of cooperation with global climate funds, such as the Adaptation Fund and the Green Climate Fund, to raise the importance of water and transboundary cooperation for climate funding mechanisms

Anticipated funding needs: USD 448,000

Possible partners for programme area 4



Adaptation Fund

Alliance for Global Water

Adaptation

AfDB

ADB

European Commission

European Investment Bank

GEF IW:LEARN

GIZ

Global Commission on

Adaptation

Green Climate Fund

GWP

Inter-American Development Bank

INBO

IUCN

OSCE

Stockholm Environment Institute

SIWI

UNCCD

UNDP

UNESCO

UNFCCC

UNDRR

World Bank

WMO

World Water Council

WWF

Joint bodies

Next steps



- ✓ Collecting feedback from the members of the Task Force by 15th April 2021

 Document is available here https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/twelfth-meeting-task-force-water-and-climate; at the same time review by all focal points

 Comments to water.convention@un.org
- ✓ Discussing the overall draft work programme at the Working Group on IWRM (26-28 April 2021)
- ✓ Preparation of revised work programme by Bureau and secretariat and sharing with Parties and non-Parties
- ✓ Review and approval by the 9th session of the Meeting of the Parties 29 September - 01 October 2021



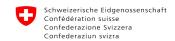
Thank you for your attention!

Any comments, questions expressions of interest?

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