

# Item 6 (a)

## Increasing capacity for implementation of the Convention and supporting national processes towards accession

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3<sup>rd</sup> joint meeting of the Working Group on IWRM and Working Group  
on Monitoring and Assessment (26-28 April 2021)



# Activities & achievements since Sept.2020

- ***Online training sessions and support to courses focusing on transboundary water cooperation and international water law***
  - Regional Webinar: *Strengthening preparedness and resilience of South Asia's transboundary rivers* (with UNESCAP, ICIMOD, OXFAM TROSA, IELO, 9 Nov 2020)
  - Regional webinar on transboundary water cooperation for South-East Asia: *Data & Information-Sharing for Regional Cooperation* (with MRC, UNESCAP, EU, 3 Feb 2021)



> *Activities planned in 2021*

Launch of the FAQs on the Water Convention in French (June 2021)

Support to on-line course on transboundary waters for Central America (with CCAD, GWP-CAM, WWF Mesoamerica, Aug 2021)

# Activities & achievements since Sept.2020

- ***Support to regional initiatives (with regional organizations and RBOs) to promote transboundary water cooperation and capacity for accession & implementation of the Convention***
  - Resolution by Mono River Basin Authority to encourage accession
  - High level webinar on transboundary water cooperation, as part of CODIA XXI (23-24 Feb 2021)

## *> Activities planned in 2021*

Regional webinars on transboundary water cooperation:

- For Southern Africa region (with UNECA, June 2021)
- For Central Africa region (with the ECCAS, May 2021)
- For West Africa (with ECOWAS, June 2021)

Support to regional dialogue on transboundary waters in Central America (with CCAD & GWP-CAM, June 2021)

Webinar for Latin America (with OAS/IDB/Bolivia, July 2021)

Workshop on global conventions and transboundary water security in Africa for AMCOW TACs Members (by AMCOW, with UNECA, Autumn 2021)

# Activities & achievements since Sept.2020

- ***Support to national processes of accession to the Water Convention***

- ✓ Legal & technical guidance to countries in process of accession:

Guinea Bissau

Burkina Faso

Cameroon

Côte d'Ivoire

Congo

Niger

Togo

Guinea

Vietnam

Tanzania

Uganda

Iraq

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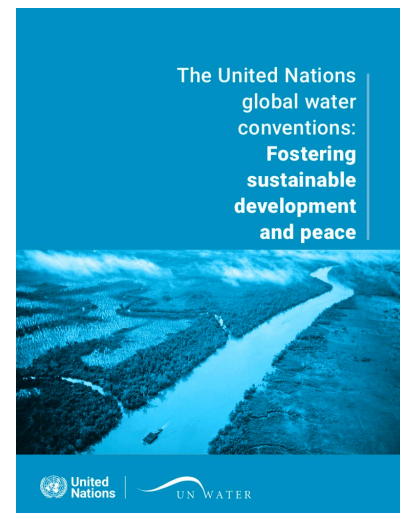
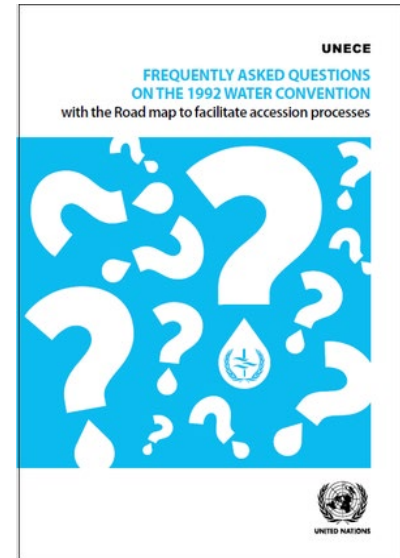
Organization of (virtual) national briefings / workshops upon request

# Activities & achievements since Sept. 2020

- ***Publications and briefs on the Water Convention and the 2 UN global water conventions launched & promoted***
  - Publication **Frequently Asked Questions on the Water Convention** (launched, webinar 17 Nov 2020)
  - UN-Water policy brief **“The United Nations global water conventions: Fostering sustainable development and peace”** (published in December 2020)

Main messages - Benefits of acceding to UN global water conventions include:

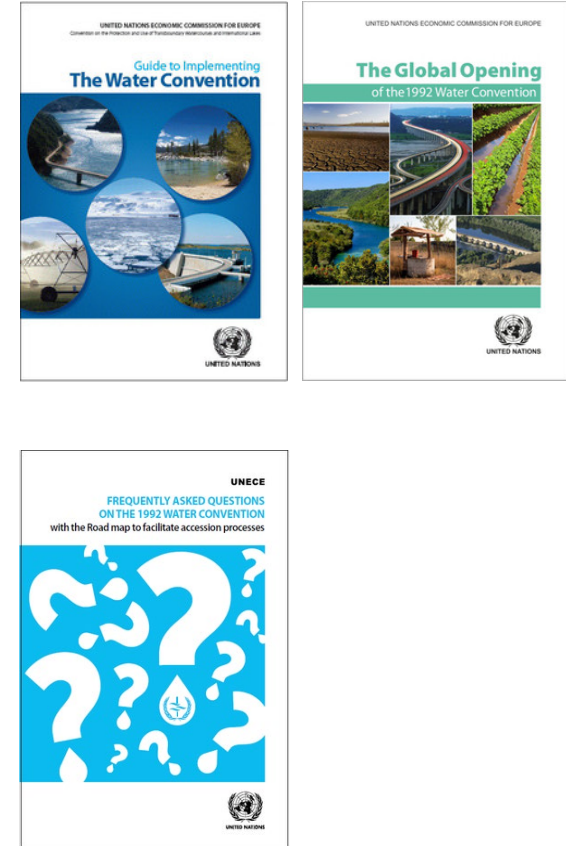
1. Reinforcing transboundary cooperative arrangements
2. Realising the benefits of transboundary water cooperation
3. A common platform to share experiences, enhance capacity and advance water diplomacy
4. Strengthening water governance at both national and transboundary levels
5. Increasing finance for transboundary basin development
6. Increasing political support for transboundary cooperation at the global level



# Partners



# Tools



# Proposed future activities for 2022-2024

Possible lead Parties: Finland, France, Germany, Ghana (tbc) and Hungary

## *1.1.1. Raising awareness and knowledge of the Convention*

- Promotion of the Convention and its activities through the organization of presentations, sessions/webinars and/or side events at global and regional meetings
- Strengthening cooperation with partners
- Organization of 2 trainings of practitioners
- Organization of and contribution to trainings on global water conventions and international water law
- Development of study on the Convention's impact in different regions, to support countries in understanding the benefits of acceding

# Proposed future activities for 2022-2024

## *1.1.2. Supporting accession to and implementation of the Water Convention for new Parties*

- Support to countries to accede to the Convention (provision of legal and technical advice and organization of up to 7 national workshops to study benefits accession and next steps)
- Organization of up to 4 regional, sub regional and basin events on the Convention (in Africa, Asia and Latin America)
- Exchange of experiences through twinning between countries in accession and recent Parties with older Parties to the Convention

*Partners:* RBOs, RECs, UN regional commissions, IGOs, NGOs, academia