

Outcome of the survey of the Programme of Work 2022-2024 and the proposed activities for Programme Area 2.

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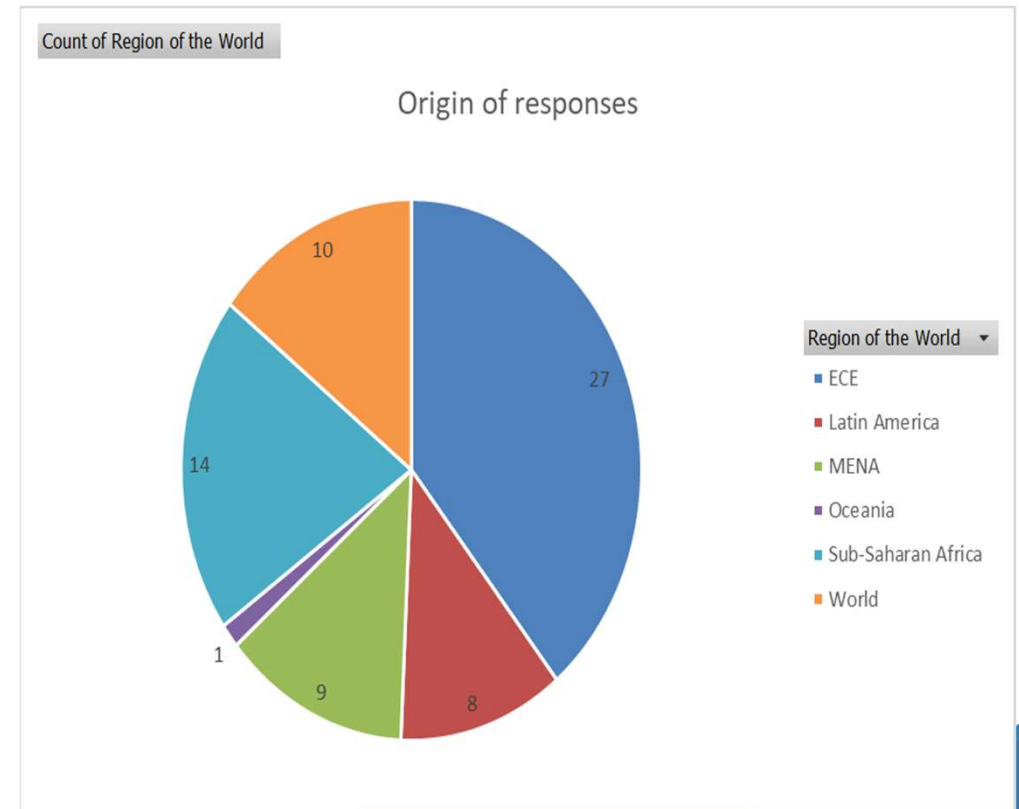
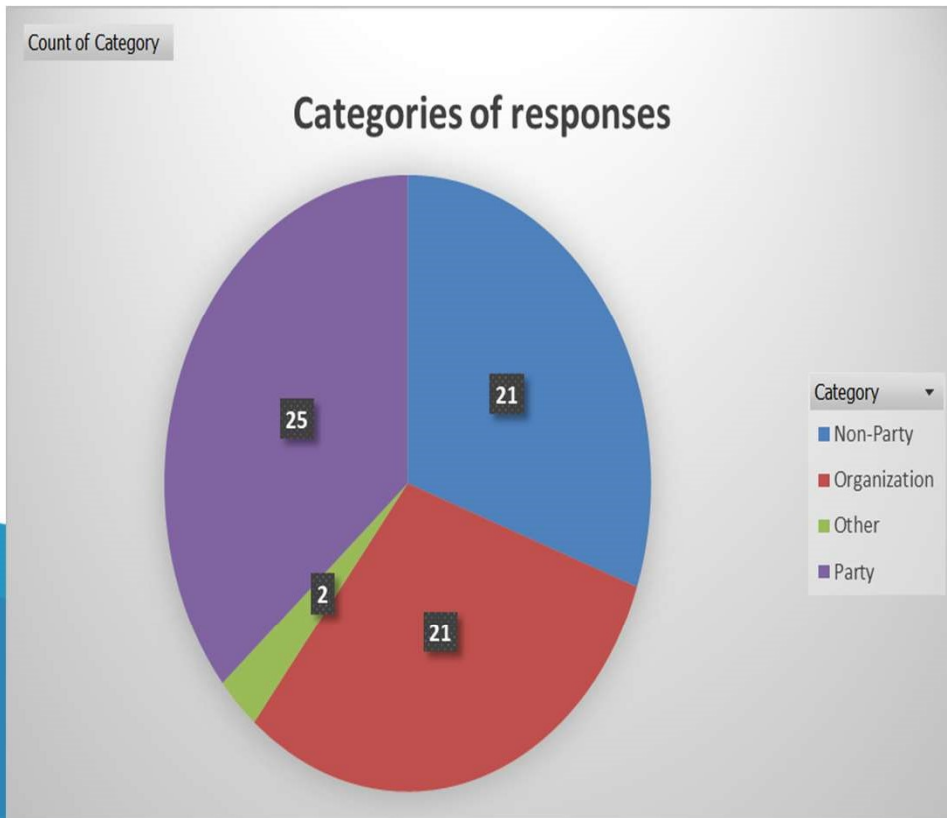


Background

- **15th Meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment and Global Workshop on Data Exchange and Information (4 to 6 December 2019)**
- **Online survey:**
 - Developed to collect suggestions & expectations from countries and partners to inform the development of the 2022-2024 POW;
 - Sent to Parties, non-parties, organizations & some partners' & universities and answered collected by 18th 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. 69 were considered in the analysis (few countries submitted two answers)

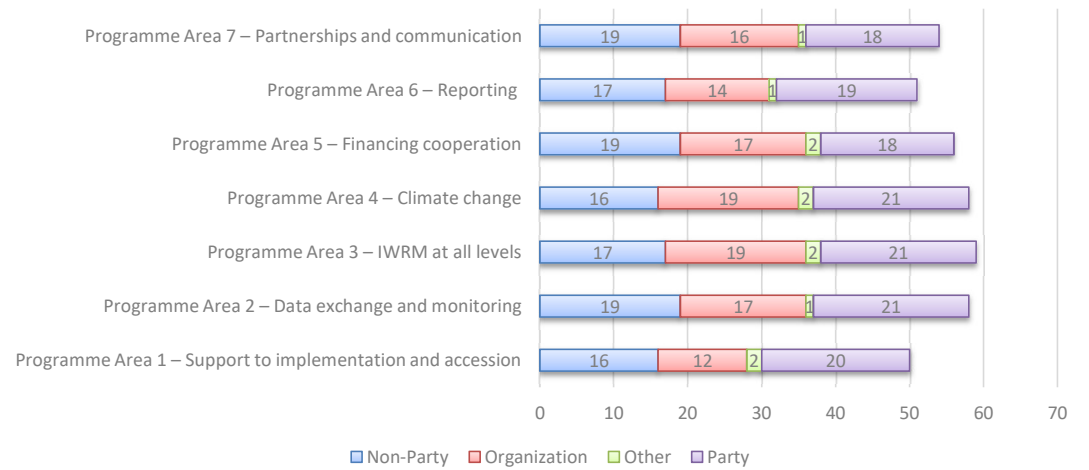
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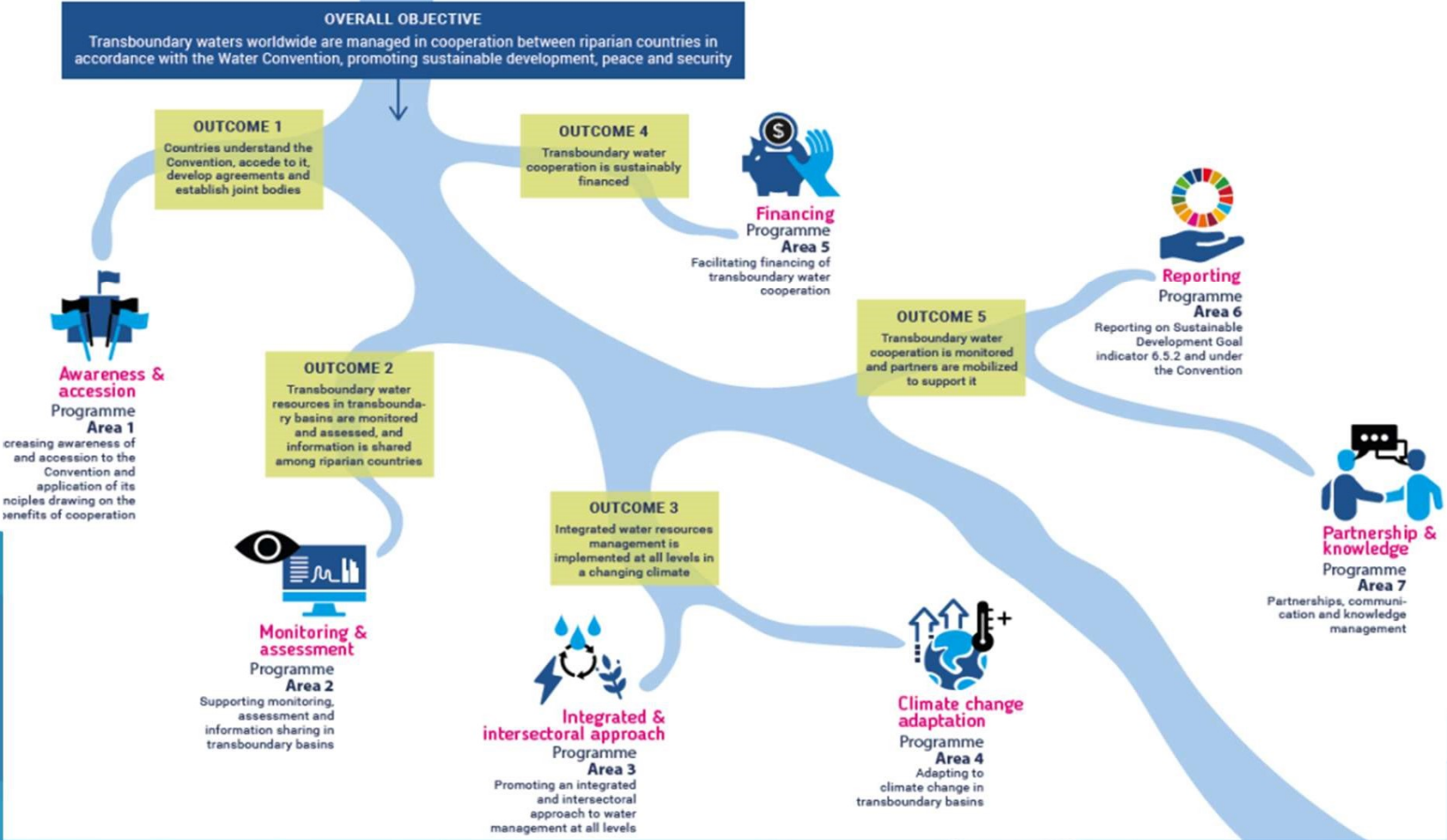
Results-2

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



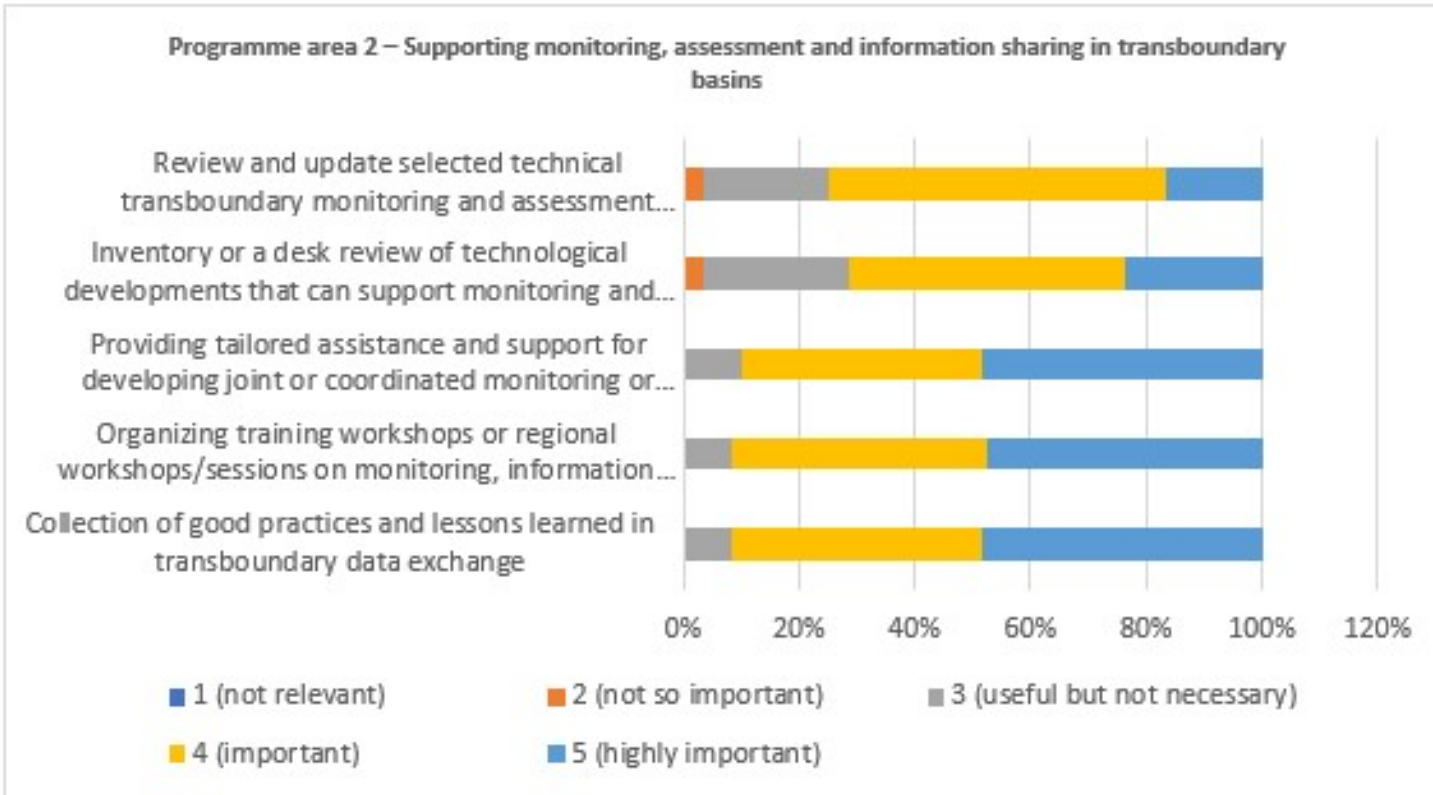
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Lead Parties: Finland and Senegal

Responsible Body: Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment

Objective: Support countries in initiating or further developing joint or coordinated monitoring and assessment of transboundary surface waters and groundwaters, covering both water quantity and quality aspects, and improving exchange of information and data between riparian countries.

Rationale:

Joint monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters and information exchange are among the key obligations under the Convention.

- Initiating information exchange is fundamental for developing cooperation.
- Comparable information across a transboundary basin or aquifer is necessary to form a common basis for management and related decision-making.



requires information exchange and shared information systems, including appropriate data management and uniform procedures

- The guidance developed under the Convention, including the publication **Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters**, and technical guidance on transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters, promote a step-by-step approach, facilitating progressive improvement, as well as linking the definition of information needs to water management issues.



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Work to be undertaken

- ✓ Good practices and lessons learned in transboundary data exchange will be collected.
- ✓ The Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters will be updated as a global edition and printed in AR, SP, FR, EN
- ✓ Selected technical transboundary monitoring and assessment guidelines will be updated or used as a basis for developing updated integrated guidance
- ✓ Up to three training or regional workshops/sessions on monitoring, information and data will be organized.
- ✓ Tailored assistance and support for developing joint or coordinated monitoring or information and data exchange will be provided upon request.
- ✓ Synergy will be sought with other programme areas, notably with National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management (activity 3.4).

Resource requirements for programme area 2: \$561,000.

Possible partners: GWP, INBO, IWAC, UNEP, the World Bank and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Next steps

- ✓ Collecting feedback from experts on monitoring and assessment by 15th April 2021

Document is available here [//bit.ly/3u9CJhv](https://bit.ly/3u9CJhv); 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



Do you have any questions?

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