



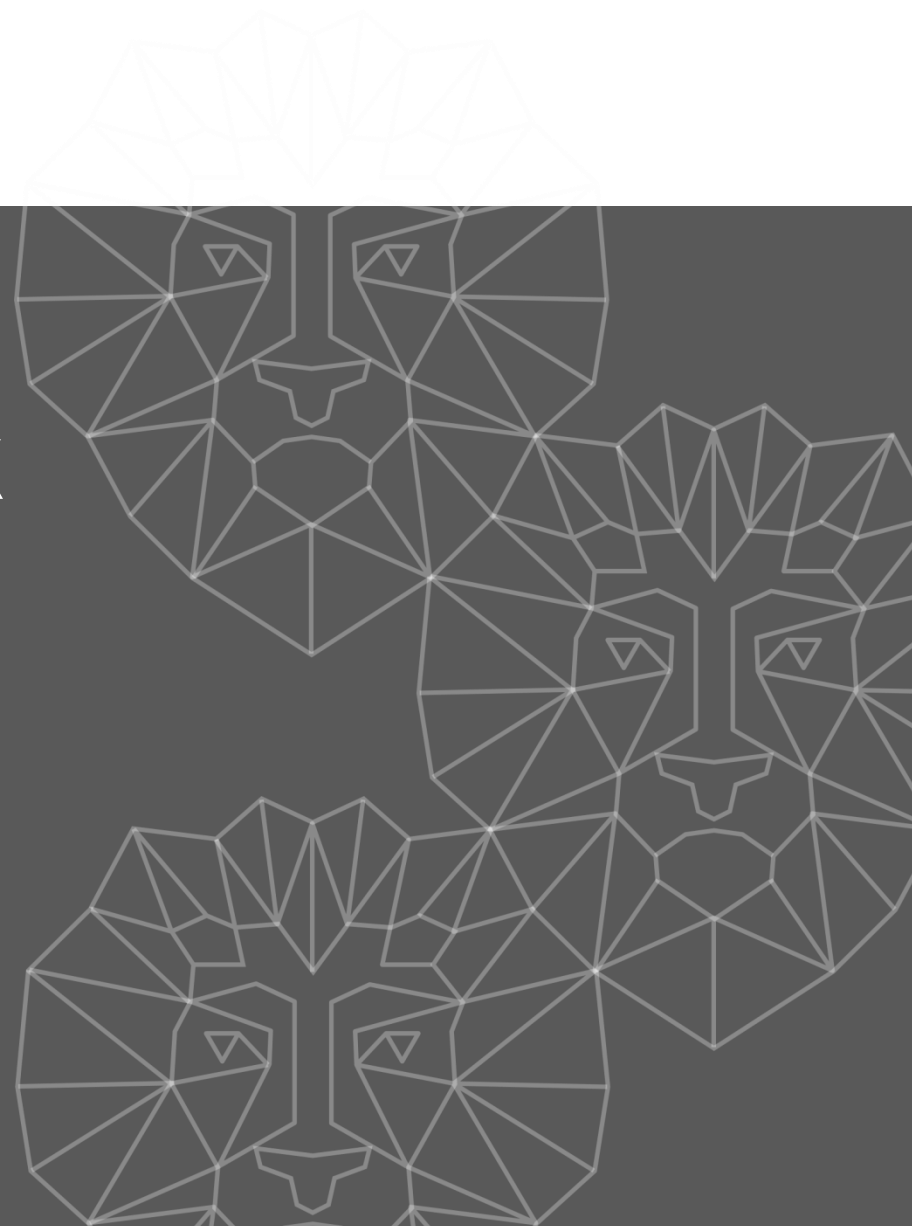
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Introduction to the 2022-2024 Programme of Work of the Water Convention

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! Main aim - supporting transboundary water cooperation and sustainable management



Draft Programme of Work – for 2022-2024-

7 programme areas, developed in a consultative manner

Programme area 1:

Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation.

! Objective: improving cooperation on the management of transboundary waters

Activities:

- promoting and communicating the benefits,
- increasing capacity for implementation,
- supporting national processes, development of agreements and establishment of joint bodies.



Programme area 2:

Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins.

! Joint monitoring and assessment → comparable information and information exchange.

Activities:

- Updating monitoring strategies,
- trainings and workshops,
- developing joint monitoring and data exchange.






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Programme area 3:




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

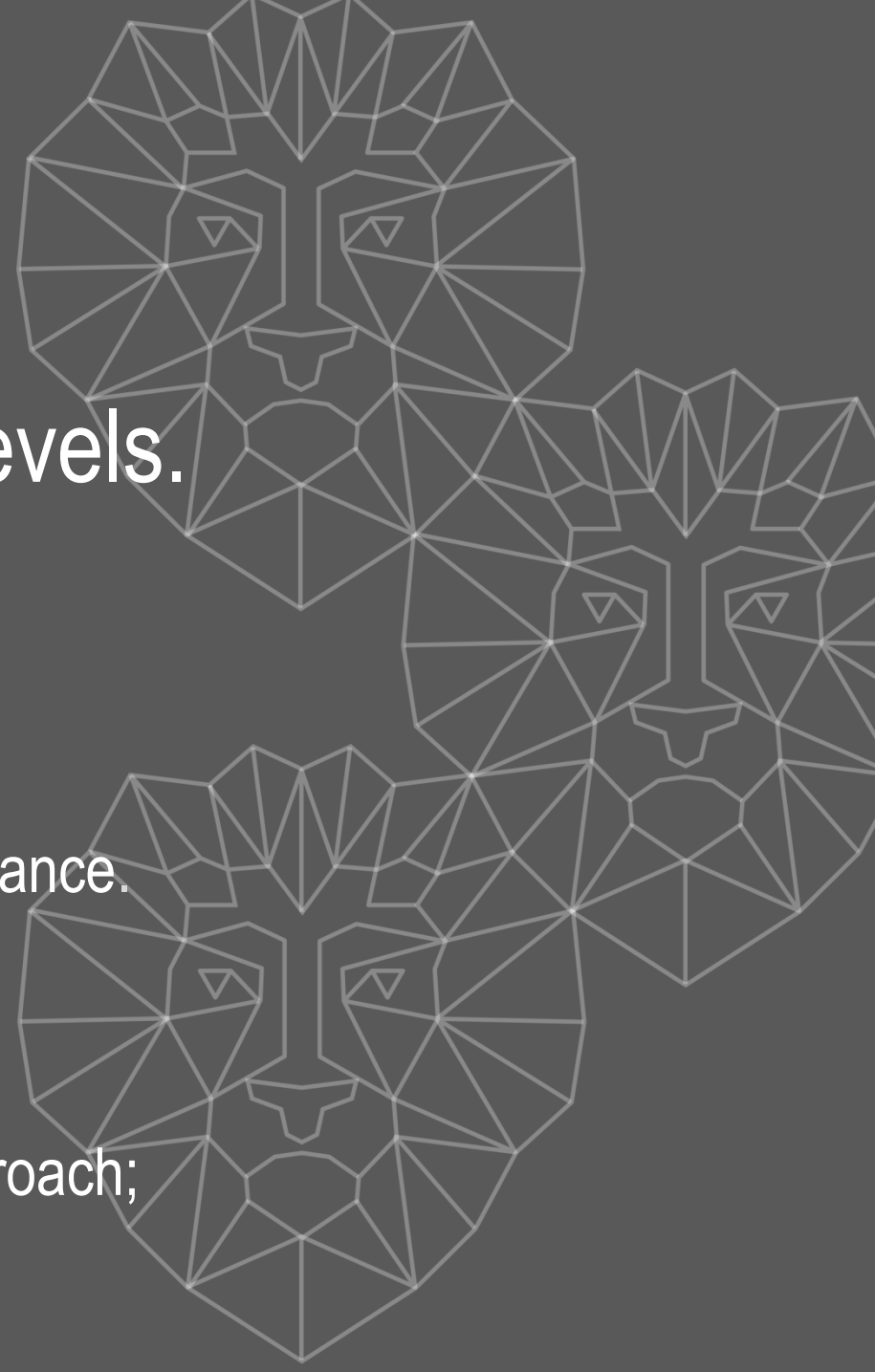


! Objectives:

-  application of principles,
-  transboundary basin management plans,
-  raising capacity and strengthening water governance.

Activities:

-  thematic sessions;
-  application of the water-food-energy ecosystems nexus approach;
-  handbook on water allocation in transboundary context.



Programme area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins.

! Objectives:

- ➔ increase adaptive capacity,
- ➔ improve cooperation,
- ➔ increase funding.

Activities:

- ➔ development of transboundary adaptation strategies,
- ➔ creating an online compendium
of good practices, sessions on preparing bankable project proposals.



Programme area 5:

Facilitating funding and financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development.

! The problem - lack of sustainable financing models 

Objectives:

- raising awareness;
- supporting national authorities in shaping plans.

Activities:

- increasing cooperation with international funding institutions;
- providing support to basins.

Programme area 6:

Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention

SDG 6.5.2 - proportion of transboundary basin area within a country covered by an operational arrangement for water cooperation.



Quality, coverage and coordination of national reports need to be enhanced for targeted action.

Objectives:



raising awareness of the importance of reporting,



strengthening reporting capacity,



keeping the progress under review.

Programme area 7:

Partnerships, communication and knowledge management.

! Objectives:

- ✦ strengthening cooperation with different partners;
- ✦ disseminating information.

Activities:

- ✦ cooperating with UN-Water, global and regional partners, multilateral environmental agreements;
- ✦ communication and knowledge management through a newsletter, social media, press releases, videos.





Implementing bodies:

- The Bureau,
- working groups,
- Implementation Committee,
- Legal Board,
- Task Forces,
- Joint Expert Groups,
- International Water Assessment Centre





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Thank you for your attention!

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