



9th session of the

MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE WATER CONVENTION

29 September – 1 October 2021 Geneva & Hybrid

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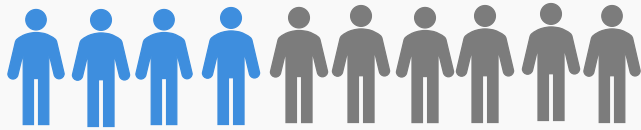
Briefing for Permanent Missions
21 June 2021
Geneva, Switzerland, and online

Introduction to the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties

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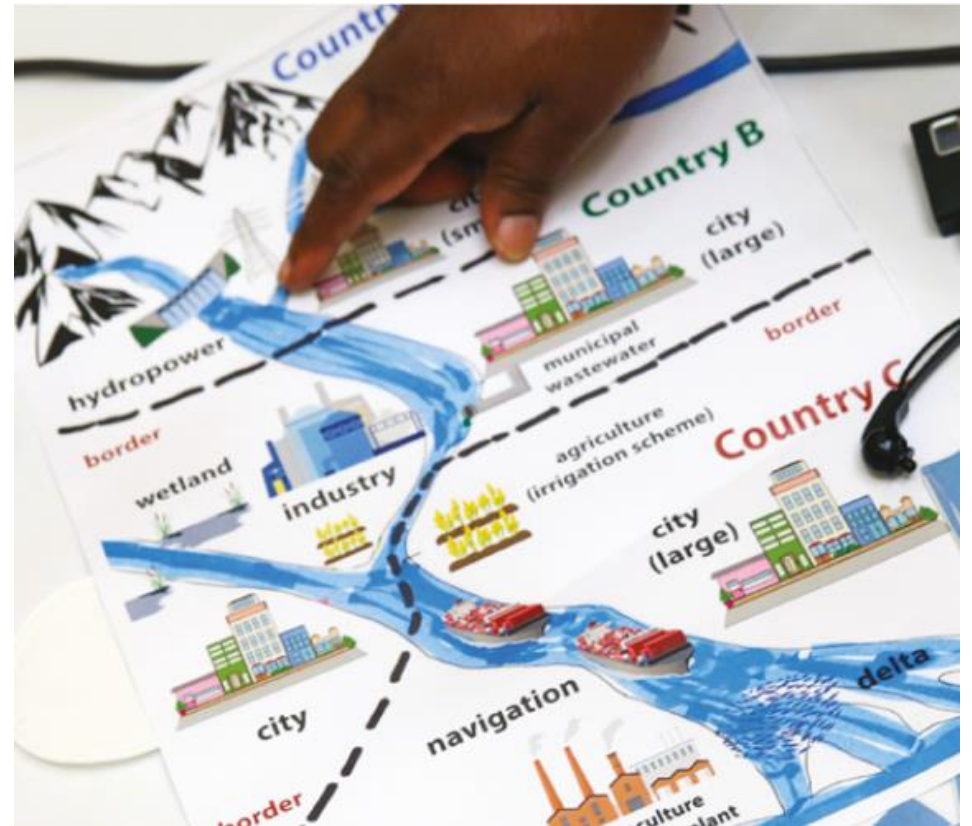


Transboundary water cooperation



More than **40% of the world population** relies on shared basins for their livelihoods...

...but the majority of the 276 transboundary watercourses worldwide **lacks an adequate cooperation framework.**



The Water Convention

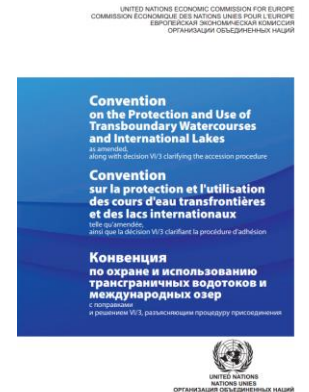


Objective

- Ensure protection and sustainable use of transboundary water resources through cooperation

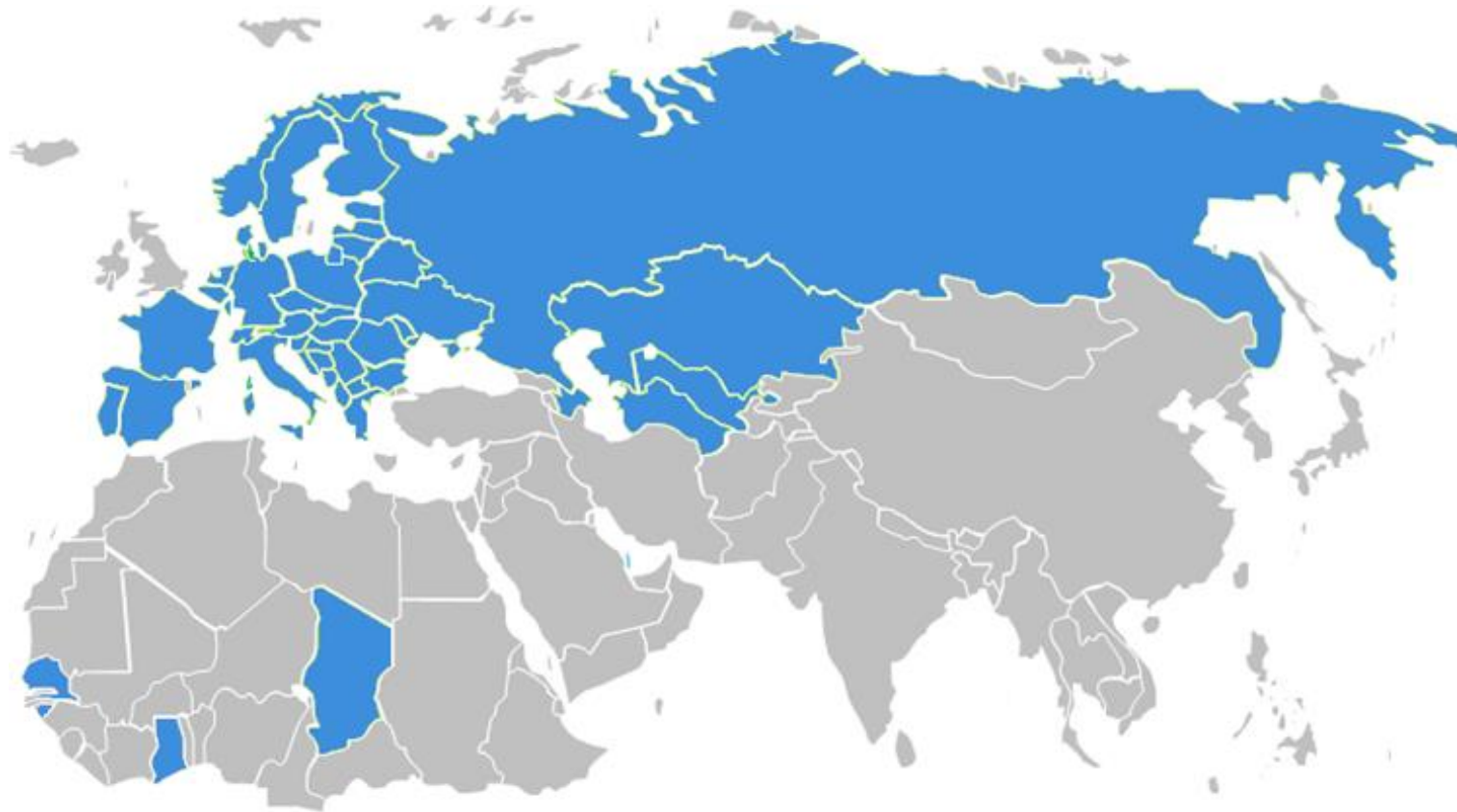
Main pillars

- Prevent, control and reduce transboundary impact
- Ensure reasonable and equitable use of transboundary waters
- Cooperate through agreements and joint bodies



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Status of ratification

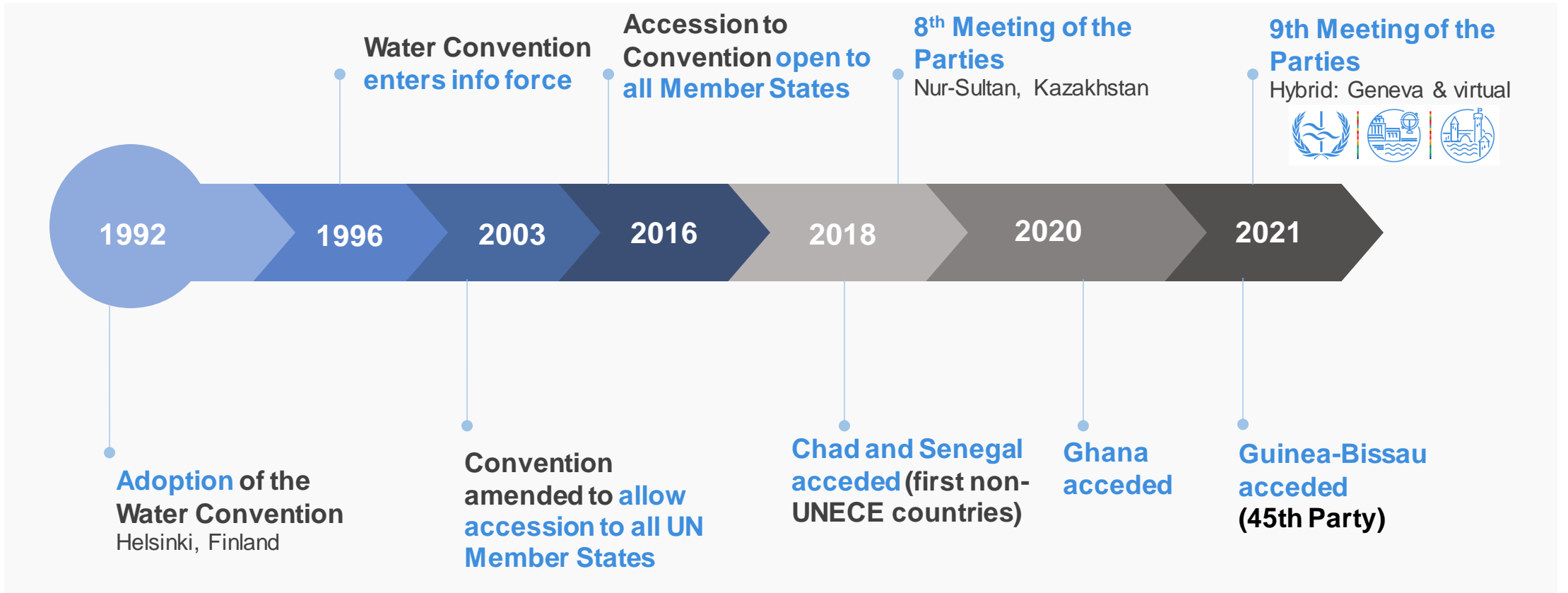


**45 Parties to the
Water Convention**
including 4 Parties from
Africa



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Globalization of the Water Convention



Institutional framework



Implementation
Committee

Legal
Board

Meeting of the Parties
to the Water Convention

Working Group on
Integrated Water
Resources Management

Working Group
on Monitoring and
Assessment

Task Force on Water & Climate
Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus
Expert Groups
Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC)

Secretariat (UNECE)

Bureau



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Meeting of the Parties (MOP)



Function

Highest decision-making body under the Water Convention

Frequency

Meets every **three years** (MOP8 in 2018, Nur Sultan/ Kazakhstan)

Objective

Adopts the **programme of work** for the next three-year period

Participation

Representatives of Ministries from Parties and non-Parties, joint bodies, international and non-governmental organizations and academia



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Hybrid (Palais des Nations, Geneva & online)

27 September

10:00 -13:00	Side events
13:00 -15:00	
15:00 -15:00	
18:00	

28 September

10:00 -13:00	Side events
13:00 -15:00	
15:00 -15:00	
18:00	

29 September

10:00 -13:00	Opening
13:00- 15:00	High-level Segment
15:00- 18:00	Lunch
	High-level Segment
	General segment

30 September

10:00- 13:00	General segment
13:00- 15:00	Lunch
15:00- 18:00	General segment

1 October

10:00- 13:00	General segment
13:00- 15:00	Lunch
15:00- 17:00	General segment
	Closing



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High-level segment "Water and Peace"

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Key participants

Ministers and other high-level officials (State Secretary, etc.) of countries sharing transboundary water resources as well as high-level speakers from international organizations, NGOs and IFIs.

Thematic focus

Transboundary water cooperation: a **catalyst for peace**

The role of the Water Convention in **fostering peace and stability**

Accelerating progress on transboundary water cooperation to achieve **sustainable development**

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General segment

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Progress in the **globalization of the Water Convention**



Progress in transboundary water cooperation around the world, based on **SDG indicator 6.5.2**



Benefits of transboundary cooperation, and **development of agreements**



Water-food-energy-ecosystems **nexus**



Equitable and sustainable water allocation in a transboundary context



Adaptation to **climate change** in transboundary basins



Financing of transboundary water cooperation

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Programme of Work and Publications



Programme of Work

Adoption of the **programme of work 2022-2024** for the implementation of the Convention

Publications to be launched at the meeting:

Financing transboundary water cooperation

Water-food-energy-ecosystems **nexus solutions**

Handbook on **transboundary water allocation**

Second Convention **implementation report**

Second report on **SDG indicator 6.5.2**

Practical guide for **development of agreements**



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Expected decisions

Draft decision on **reporting**

Draft decision on targets for a more sustainable and predictable **funding** of the work under the Convention

Draft decision on the procedure for **proposing to host future sessions** of the Meeting of the Parties

Draft decision on **partnerships for the global implementation** of the Water Convention



Practical issues



- All United Nations Member States will be invited
- Registration deadline: 10 September
- Nomination of female delegates encouraged
- Parties also need to submit credentials by 10 September
- Expressions of interest to speak in the high-level segment by 10 September
- Possible restrictions on the number of participants in the room

Practical issues



- Decision-making in the virtual setting:
 - Consensus-finding before the meeting highly desirable
 - All official documents will be online in July and all publications in August
 - All documents went through several rounds of review
 - Any pending comments can still be submitted to secretariat no later than 3 weeks before the session, i.e. by 8 September
- Information session in early September



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Thank you!



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