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**Discussion on further activities on climate change
adaptation for the next Programme of Work under the
Water Convention for 2022-2024**

Future potential areas of activities



- **Capacity building** activities to share best practices
 - Global thematic workshops on transboundary climate change adaptation
 - Activities of the Global network of basins working on climate change
- Capacity-building activities on preparing **bankable projects proposals** for climate change adaptation in transboundary basins
- **Cooperation with funds** to promote financing transboundary climate change adaptation
- **Disaster risk management** (flood and droughts, minimizing impacts on water and sanitation and related health risks)

Future potential areas of activities



- Support to **particular basins** in development and implementation of the adaptation strategies and plans (e.g. Sava basin)
- **Mainstreaming water and transboundary adaptation** into national and basin planning documents (e.g. ecosystem-based adaptation into NAP and transboundary water management, coherence between RBMPs and NAPs)
- **Cooperation with global policy processes** on climate and disasters such as under the UNFCCC, UNDRR and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Topics of interest based on the questionnaire



- Data management and sharing, monitoring
- Governance and intersectoral coordination and dialogue
- Climate change impacts on transboundary basins, adaptation policies and measures
- Raising awareness on social and economic consequences of climate change
- Integrating nexus considerations into adaptation
- Water scarcity, environmental flows and water infrastructure to meet environmental requirements
- Water quality impacts and reducing pollution in the context of climate change

The Task Force



- Encouraged countries to **mainstream transboundary aspects of water management into their national climate-related documents** such as, for example, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and to liaise with colleagues responsible for climate change issues and disaster risk reduction;
- Encouraged the participants to apply the findings of the background paper *Mainstreaming water and transboundary cooperation into climate-related documents* into their work to mainstream the central role of water and the benefits of transboundary cooperation into climate-related documents;
- Encouraged the participants to submit their **suggestions for future activities on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins in the framework of the planned survey** on the next programme of work for 2022-2024 under the Water Convention;
- Decided to organize the **twelfth meeting the Task Force on Water and Climate back-to-back with the global workshop** on climate change adaptation with a focus on health in cooperation with the Protocol on Water and Health on **29-31 March 2020**.