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Progress in implementation of the Strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level

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Strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level



Vision for 2030 :

“Transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparian countries in order to promote sustainable development, peace and security”



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2. Increased accession to the Convention
3. Increased support for implementation of the Convention and for transboundary water management
4. Increased support for implementation of the water-related SDGs, in particular target 6.5, through the Convention
5. Increased partnerships and synergies with other actors

20 concrete actions, means and approaches identified to ensure a rapid globalization



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Strategic objectives by 2030	Achievements
1. Increased awareness of and political support for the Convention and transboundary water cooperation	Ex: At the High Level Meeting on Water by the GA President (NY, March 2021), 20 countries on transboundary water cooperation and 5 mentioning Convention role
2. Increased accession to the Convention	2 new Parties since 2019, 2 countries very close and more than 15 countries advanced in accession process
3. Increased support for implementation of the Convention and for transboundary water management	Increase in financial contributions by Parties and partners and of in-kind contributions
4. Increased support for implementation of the water-related SDGs, in particular target 6.5, through the Convention	Second reporting cycle: 129 out of 153 countries submitting reports on SDG indicator 6.5.2 . Cooperation actions triggered.
5. Increased partnerships and synergies with other actors	Strengthened partnerships with financial institutions; New partnerships with regional organizations; Greater articulation with partners' activities, incl. UN regional commissions and UN country offices.



Lessons learnt for future work and suggestions for future work



- Strategy useful in guiding efforts for implementation of Convention at global level
- Uneven progress in implementing actions of the Strategy. Additional efforts needed through country-specific interventions and awareness-raising with regional partners.
- Stakeholders' contributions key in accelerating globalization process, accession of new countries and implementation of Convention's principles and tools in various basins. Need more work with academia.
- Growing importance of strengthening partnerships → decision on partnerships for the global implementation of the Water Convention
- Further implementation of Strategy important in view of UN Water Decade Conference 2023. Progress needs to be accelerated to meet SDG target 6.5 by 2030!

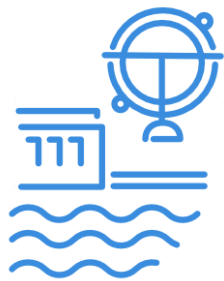


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Thank you



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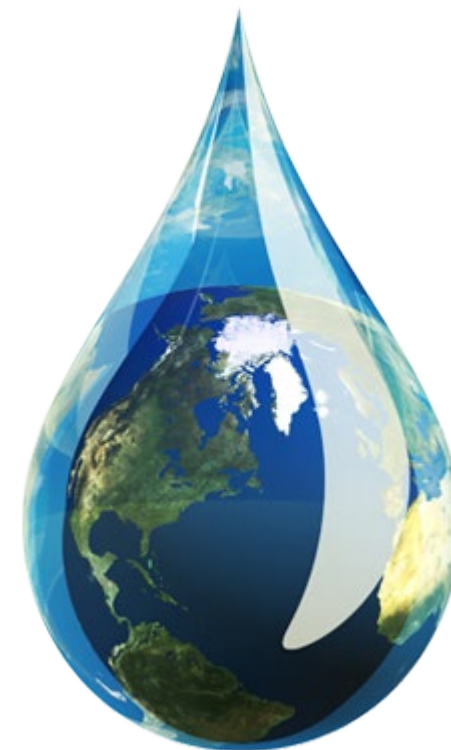
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