

**THE GAMBIA AND THE WATER CONVENTION:
NATIONAL BRIEFING & ACCESSION DISCUSSION**

*Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Centre
Banjul, Gambia
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CHAIR: Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources, the Gambia		
Time	Session	Presenters
12h30-13h00	Registration	
13.00 – 14h	Welcome Lunch	
14h00-14h30	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remarks from the Secretary of the Water Convention - Opening remarks from the Chair of the Water Convention - Opening remarks from the representative of the EU - Opening remarks by the Minister of Fisheries and Water Resources 	Secretary of the Water Convention Chair of the Water Convention Representative of the EU Minister of Fisheries and Water Resources
14h30 – 15h15	TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION IN Gambia Presentation: “Context of transboundary water resources in Gambia & current status of involvement with the Water Convention: setting the scene for potential accession” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions & discussion from participants 	Representative of Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources
15h15 - 16h15	WATER CONVENTION: WHAT ROLE & VALUE FOR Gambia? Presentation: “The Water Convention’s role and relevance for Gambia: its framework, obligations, practical implementation and activities on the ground” Presentation: “Why 2 UN global Water Conventions? Similarities, differences & complementarities of both global legal frameworks for consideration by Gambia” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions & discussion from participants 	Convention secretariat
16.15 – 16.30	Coffee break	
16h30-17h15	Presentation: “Experiences from Parties in the implementation of the Water Convention: The current experience of Estonia” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions & discussion from participants 	M. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Water Convention
17h15-17h45	CLOSING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What’s next: next steps regarding accession - Closing remarks 	Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources & Convention secretariat