

# Progress under the Water convention

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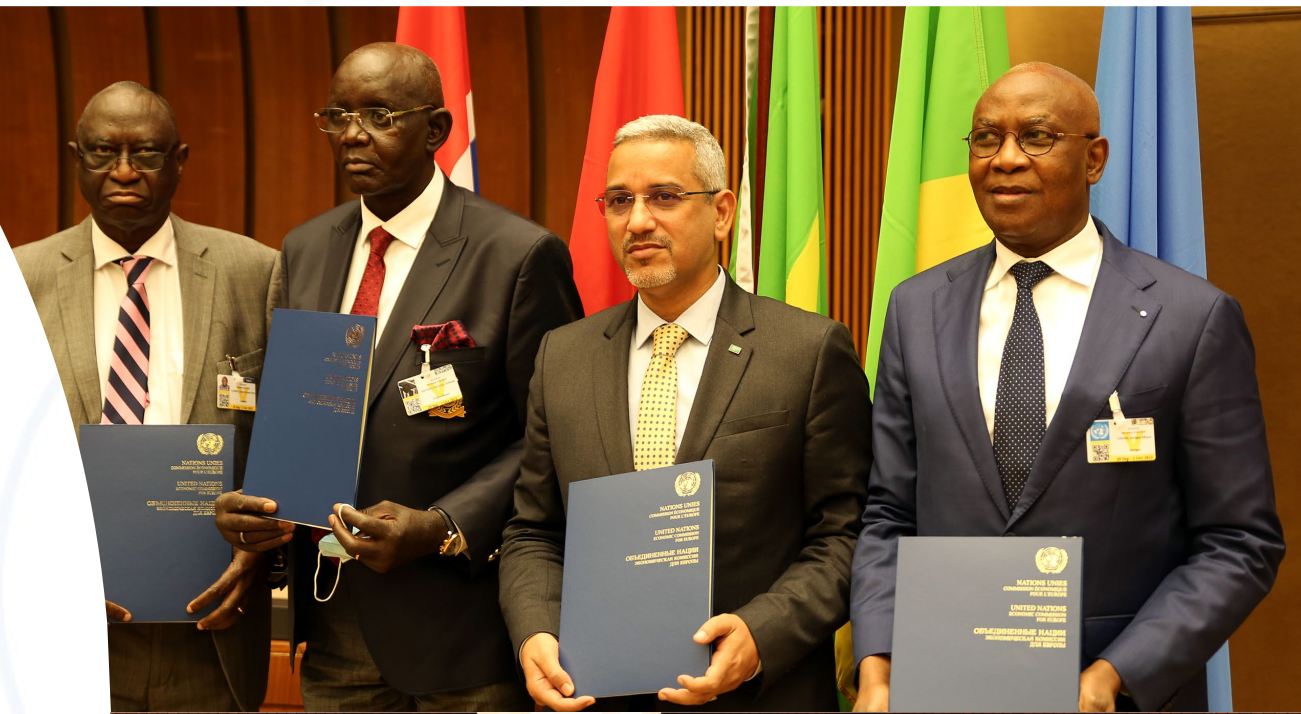
**Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health**

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# MOP9 outcomes

29 Sept-1 Oct. 21

- More than **800** participants, over 110 countries
- Strong interest to **join** the Convention:
  - **Ghana, Guinea-Bissau and Togo** were welcomed as new Parties.
  - Several countries demonstrated significant progress in accession.
- **Water and Peace:** 30+ Ministers participated in the high-level segment
- Historical moment: A ministerial declaration between Senegal, Mauritania, The Gambia and Guinea Bissau on the shared Senegalo-Mauritanian Aquifer Basin signed.
- The Water Convention's **Programme of Work for 2022-2024** adopted, along with decisions on reporting, financial targets, implementation etc.

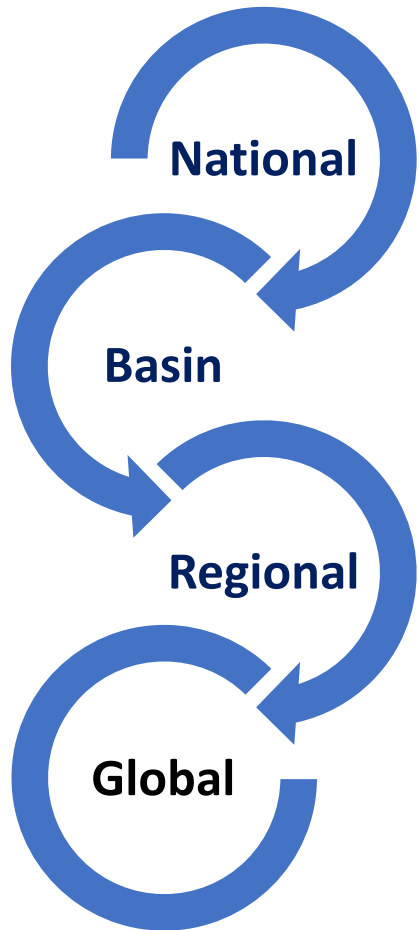


# Opening, Outreach activities and new Parties

- **Currently 47 parties –Cameroon became 6th African country to join Water Convention**
- **Implementation of the strategy for implementation of the Convention at the global level**
- **Regional and national workshops organized, e.g. in Gambia, Cameroon, Uganda, Zambia, Nigeria, Namibia etc..**
- **More than 100 countries involved in the Water Convention activities - exchanging experiences and knowledge to prompt progress in cooperation. Convention's proven [30-year experience in facilitating cooperation in shared basins.](#)**

# Water Convention Programme of Work 2022-2024

Delivering at different levels:



Programme area 1: Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation



Programme area 2: Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins



Programme area 3: Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water management at all levels



Programme area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins



Programme area 5: Facilitating financing of transboundary water cooperation



Programme area 6: Reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention



Programme area 7: Partnerships, communication and knowledge management

# Collaboration in 2019-2021

- In 2021, the Global workshop on building climate-resilience through improving water management and sanitation at national and transboundary levels, 4 sessions such as Increasing resilience of water and sanitation to the effects of climate change, including through the Protocol on Water and Health, Water, sanitation and health in national climate policies and others
- workshop was organized under the leadership of Governments of Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland
- More than 300 participants all over the world
- The workshop analyzed how WASH aspects were integrated into national climate policies and national adaptation strategies and plans as well as river basin management plans, in the short-, mid- and long-term timeframes.

# Collaboration in 2021-2022

ECE continued implementing National Policy Dialogues under EUWI, with the aim of strengthening water governance and the application of integrated water resources management, particularly through intersectoral cooperation in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, in line with the Convention, its Protocol on Water and Health, the European Union Water Framework Directive and other instruments.

Activities were carried out in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine.

# Future cooperation with the Protocol

- Continued cooperation under the **NPDs** which are fundamentally a tool to strengthen national water governance, like the Protocol itself. Work will focus on the improvement of the legal, regulatory, administrative, technical and economic frameworks of water management and transboundary water cooperation as well as promoting the implementation of water and health goals, including in conjunction with Covid-19 challenges.
- Jointly organize with the Water Convention, a workshop on **climate change adaptation**, the thematic focus of which might include, for example, **water and disaster risk reduction, water scarcity, ecosystem-based adaptation and financing of climate change adaptation** (in coordination with programme areas 3, 4 and 5)
- Other areas of work under the Convention where a health component could be highlighted: e.g. in the work on the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus and in the future comprehensive assessment

# Thank you for your attention!

