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# Agenda Item 6b/ Supporting the development of agreements and the establishment of joint bodies

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- Meeting title: Zambia Lusapula River Authority Cooperation Agreement - Practical Guide Support
- Time: 01:35:36
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- ## How to use the Practical Guide?
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- Identify thematic modules to structure the arrangement or the agreement
  - Consider which building blocks to include from each module
  - Decide upon the type of provision to develop within a particular building block
  - Rely on support resources for further details, justification and explanations
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**Request for capacity building activities** from countries to support the development of agreements and strengthening of institutions (received by the secretariat):

•**Europe and Asia:**

- ✓ Albania/Kosovo\*/North Macedonia/Montenegro (Drin)- future GEF project led by GWP-MED;
- ✓ Ukraine (Bug and Dniester (future GEF project led by OSCE));
- ✓ Armenia/Georgia (Khrami-Debed basin);
- ✓ Kazakhstan/Kyrgyzstan (Chu-Talas);
- ✓ Kazakhstan/Uzbekistan (Pretashkent Aquifer)

•**Africa:**

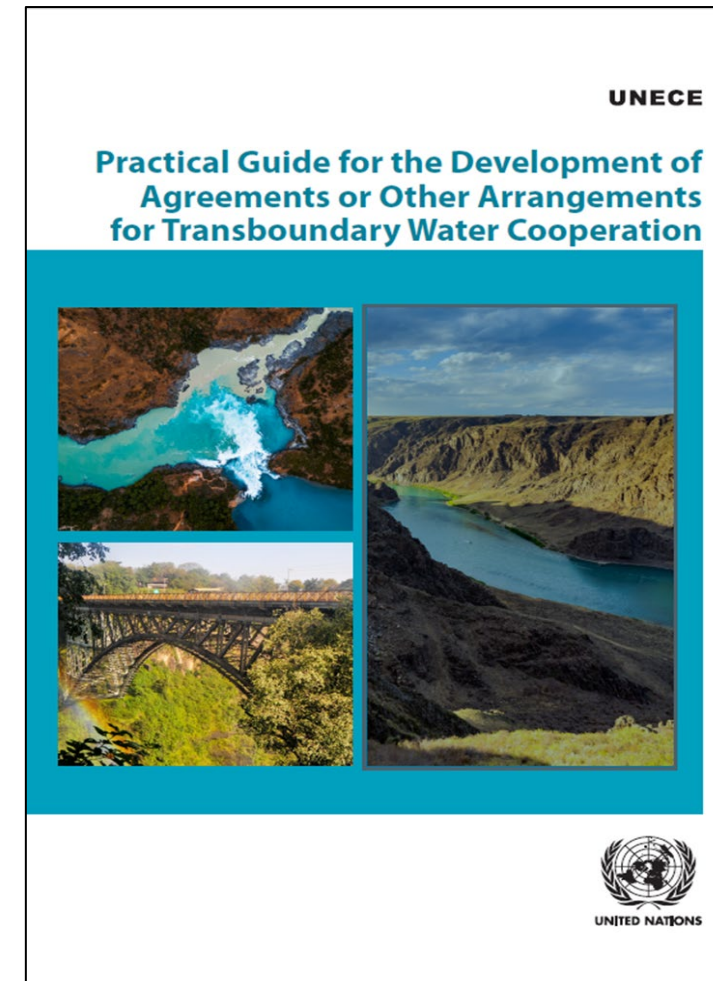
- ✓ Senegal/Guinea Bissau/The Gambia/Mauritania (Senegalo-Mauritanian aquifer basin);
- ✓ Togo (Mono Basin, coastal sedimentary aquifer basin);
- ✓ Zambia/DRC (Luapula basin);
- ✓ Tanzania (Songwe Basin);
- ✓ Niger (Niger Basin);
- ✓ Congo/Cameroon (Ogooué-Ntem-Nyanga-Komo);
- ✓ Côte d'Ivoire/Burkina Faso/ ECOWAS (Comoe-Bia-Tanoe);
- ✓ ECOWAS countries (the development of directive on shared waters in West Africa)

•**Latin America and Caribbean:**

- ✓ Panama/Colombia (Rio Jurado basin);
- ✓ Honduras/El Salvador (Ocotepeque-Citala aquifer basin);
- ✓ SICA countries – support to the development of regional guidelines for transboundary waters in Central America
- ✓ Dominican Republic-Haiti

## 2. Challenges and lessons learned

- Challenges to respond to the all requests due to financial and capacity constraints
- Further engagement from partners is key to support countries and regional organizations
- Lesson learned: SDG indicator 6.5.2 reporting helped in raising attention to the gap regarding operational agreement and joint bodies“
- Lesson learned: Need for stronger attention to the development of legal frameworks for transboundary water cooperation and develop more capacities



### 3. Planned future activities until MOP10

- **Global Workshop on developing agreements (focus on how to apply the Practical Guide with a view to prevent conflicts)**
  - ✓ hosted by Hungary with financial support of Germany and iw:learn (tbc)
  - ✓ Date: 7 – 8 November 2023, Budapest
  - ✓ Participants from selected basins across the world
  - ✓ **Survey** will send to countries: help to design and structure global workshop and understand the needs of Parties, Non-parties, and Stakeholders when they need to develop transboundary water agreements
  - ✓ Initial discussions with possible partners such as GEF iw:learn, GWP, SIWI..



## 4. Planned future activities until MOP10

- **Lead Parties: Hungary and Germany**
- **At least one regional or basin workshop on developing agreements and establishing joint bodies will be organized** to support cooperation processes, promoting the “Practical Guide on the development of legal frameworks for transboundary water cooperation” and the “Principles for Effective Joint Bodies for Transboundary Water Cooperation”,
- **Upon request from the concerned countries and pending the availability of resources, a number of basin-level projects supporting the development of agreements and strengthening of institutions will be implemented.** Such as Chu-Talas, Dniester, Drin, Luapula River, Dominican Republic-Haiti and Senegalo-Mauritanian aquifer basin
- **Activities will also include support to regional cooperation**, such as work in Central Asia, support to regional economic communities in Africa and in Latin America for the development of regional frameworks for water cooperation

MAJOR REGIONAL OR BASIN-LEVEL ACTIVITIES CAN ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED WITH  
ADDITIONAL EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDING FOR THE SECRETARIAT



# 5. Partners



# Thank you!

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