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Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins

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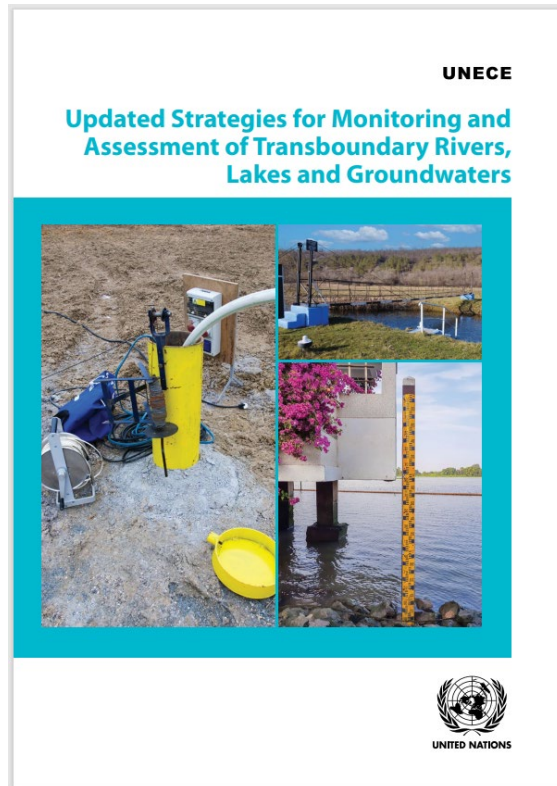
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1. Main achievements in this area of work

- Finalization of the publication: Updated Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters (ECE/MP.WAT/70)
- Progress on the upcoming publication: Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Data Sharing
- Organization of two regional workshops in Astana and Beirut and an expert meeting in Geneva and online.
- Increased awareness of the benefits of monitoring and assessment in transboundary waters globally.



Updated Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters



Key principles and approaches to monitoring and assessing transboundary waters.

Supports the preparation of **policy actions** at local, national and transboundary levels.

Step-by-step approaches and strategies for the development of monitoring, assessment and data sharing building on **global experience**. Considers **technological developments**.

Available in English and Russian. Arabic, French and Spanish translations on the way.

Link: <http://bit.ly/3X5banz>

Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Data Sharing

9th Meeting of the Parties (2021) tasked the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment to collect **good practices and lessons learned** in transboundary data sharing.

1st Draft: **over 50 case studies** from around the world collected through open call and regional workshops → Real life examples

2nd Draft to be finalized by the end of July 2023.

→ 18th meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (Geneva, 17-18 October 2023)

→ Publication by 10th Meeting of the Parties (Ljubljana, 22-24 October 2024)



2. How was it achieved?

- Regional workshop on Monitoring, Assessment and Information Sharing in Transboundary Basins in Central Asia (Astana, 1-2 February 2023)
- Expert meeting on good practices and lessons learned in transboundary data sharing (Geneva and online, 18-19 April 2023) – 38 experts reviewed the 1st draft and commit to develop additional case studies and lessons learned
- Regional workshop on Strengthening Legal and Institutional Arrangements for Transboundary Water Cooperation and Data & Information Exchange (Beirut, 30-31 May 2023)



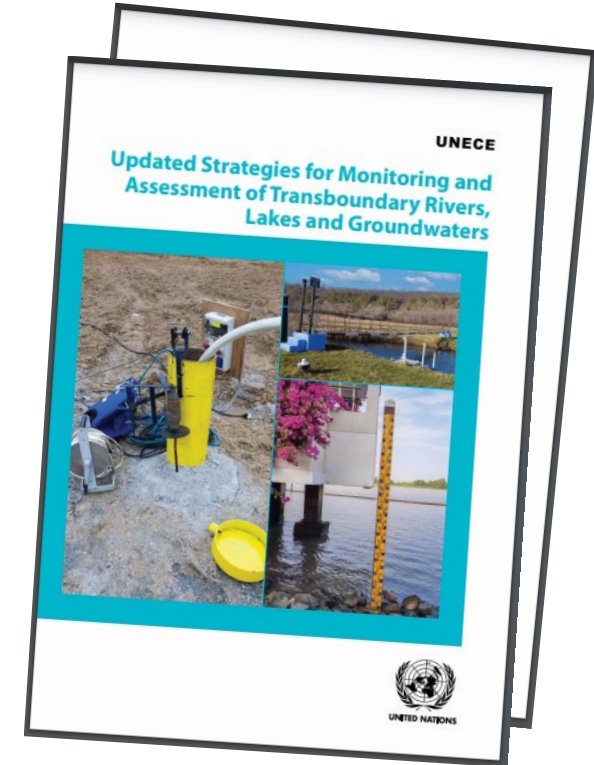
3. Challenges and lessons learned



- Challenges to expand regional and thematic coverage for the publication on Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Data Sharing
- Challenges to reflect and recognize ‘not-so-good’ practices in the publication on Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Data Sharing
- Lesson learned: SDG indicator 6.5.2 reporting helped in raising attention to exchange of information in transboundary basins“
- Lesson learned: Need for stronger attention to M&A and data exchange on transboundary aquifers in both publications.

4. Planned future activities until MOP10

- Translation of Updated Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters into Arabic, French, and Spanish
- Finalization of Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Data Sharing
- Organization of further regional workshops to support the publication subject to available resources
- Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (Geneva, 17-18 October 2023)
- Joint session of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (Geneva, 3-5 June 2024)



5. Partners

(will include logos of confirmed partners)

Lead countries: Finland and Senegal

Partners:

GWP

Environment Agency Austria (UBA)

IGRAC

IWAC

UNESCO

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

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