

The World Bank has long worked with governments, technical agencies, donors, and civil society organizations to design, finance, and implement projects and programs for cooperation over shared waters.

Previous World Bank engagements on transboundary waters illustrate the importance of working with partners in a coordinated and mutually reinforcing manner to promote cooperation. In past years, insufficient attention has been paid to climate mitigation and adaptation; gender and social inclusion; fragility, conflict, and violence; and biodiversity—all of which are increasingly recognized as interdependent and important to sustainable solutions.

Together with its donors and partners, the World Bank has established a Global Facility for Transboundary Water Cooperation . Its goal will be to make relevant expertise and knowledge available to the riparian at their request so that participating countries in the shared river basins can collectively work towards joint management of water resources. To be successful, the Facility will require sustained collaboration with global, regional and national partners. It will complement existing partnerships and fora for transboundary water cooperation. The World Bank is uniquely positioned to lead this work, having supported transboundary water resources management and development through national engagement, regional projects, technical cooperation, and convening services for over 60 years.