Item 14. Communication and knowledge management

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Communication channels: Social media

Twitter: 8,102 followers (2023) - 5,066 followers (2022)
@UNECE_Water

LinkedIn: 1,096 followers (2023) - 691 followers (2022)
@Water Convention/Protocol on Water & Health

Facebook: 1,300 followers (2023) - 794 followers (2022)
@UNECEWater
Communication channels:
Newsletters and press releases

Press releases on UNECE website

Newsletter (every 3-4 months)

From: ECE-Water <water.convention@un.org>
To: ECE-Water <water.convention@un.org>
Subject: Newsletter | Water Convention & Protocol on Water and Health | April 2023

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Designation of Focal Points of the Water Convention

• The 8th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, 10-12 October 2018) adopted decision VIII/2 on the designation and responsibilities of focal points (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.2).

• Importance of national focal point(s) in countries (Parties and non-Parties):
  • Main channel of communication between the secretariat, the country concerned and other countries on Convention-related matters
  • Play a critical role in the implementation of the Convention

• Decision requests Parties and encourages non-Parties to officially designate one or more national focal point(s) of the Convention through an official communication to the secretariat signed by the concerned Ministry(ies).
Status of nomination of Focal Points of the Water Convention

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List of the current focal points at: [https://www.unece.org/env/water/nfp_convention.html](https://www.unece.org/env/water/nfp_convention.html)

Countries need to regularly update nomination, as needed, and inform Secretariat.
Thank you!

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RESOURCES
www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub.html