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Management (IWRM) under the Water Convention, 19-21 June 2023

Item 14. Communication and knowledge management

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Communication channels: Newsletters and press releases

Press releases on UNECE website



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Newsletter (every 3-4 months)

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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

	National focal point	No national focal point
Parties	48	2
Non-Parties	67	52

List of the **current focal points** at:


https://www.unece.org/env/water/nfp_convention.html

Countries need to regularly **update nomination, as needed, and inform Secretariat.**

National Focal points of the Water Convention

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