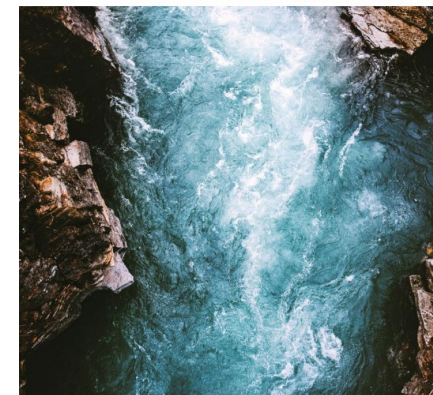
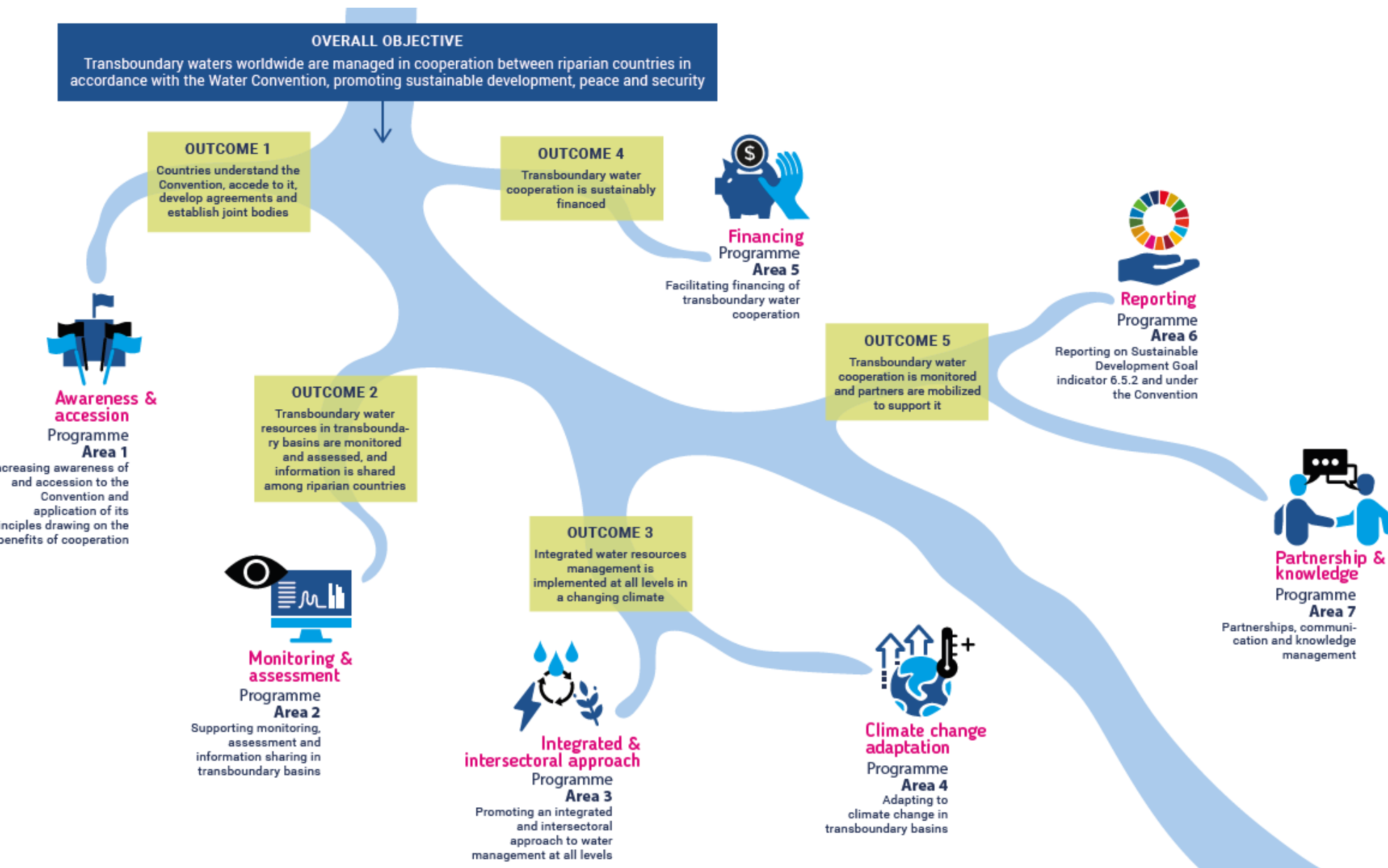


Item 17. Ongoing programme of work for 2022–2024 and future programme of work for 2025–2027

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Programme of Work 2022-2024



1. Overall progress in the implementation of the Convention's programme of work for 2022-2024

- Most activities are **on track**. See report on implementation of activities in 2022: ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2023/3
- In some areas, due to higher demands, **more was done than planned** in the programme of work:
 - *Programme area 1 (Support to accession & application of its principles):*
 - More opening workshops and support to countries in accession
 - Implementation plans in new Parties: Chad, Guinea Bissau, Togo, etc.
 - *Programme area 7 (Partnerships and communication):* Strong engagement to provide input to global processes: 2023 UN Water conference, UN-Water in general...

1. Overall progress in the implementation of the Convention's programme of work for 2022-2024

- In some other areas, less was or will be done than planned in the programme of work:
 - *Area 6 (Reporting)* - No online system for reporting as informed last WGIWRM due to technical, capacity and resource reasons, postponed to next triennium
 - *Area 1.3 (Development of agreements)* - No online toolkit of transboundary agreements will be developed
 - *Programme area 4 (Adaptation to climate change)* - knowledge product on the recent best practices on climate change adaptation in shared basins instead of online compendium on good practices on climate change adaptation
 - Less (sub)regional workshops, e.g. on developing agreements, allocation, financing, or combined with other topics.
 - Limited number of projects on the ground since no dedicated funding received

2. Requests formulated during the working group meeting

- Requests for **support to processes of accession**
 - At national level by: Lebanon, Costa Rica, Jordan, Congo
 - At regional/basin level by: Caribbean Region (Dominican Republic), Asia (Bangladesh), Central Africa region (Congo, Chad)
- Interest in **establishing a twinning** country in accession / Party: Botswana, Zambia
- Requests for further **support to the implementation** of the Convention by new Parties: Iraq, Togo, Chad, the Gambia, Nigeria, Cameroon
- Request for support to Comoe-Bia-Tanoé (Burkina, Côte d'Ivoire), Ogoué-Ntem-Nyanga (Congo)
- Development of a guidance note on **S2S management**
- Support to **source-to-sea** requested by Dominican Republic and Bangladesh

3. Lessons learned

- Some of the activities requested can/should be carried out **by partners directly**.
- Work on the ground requires **close cooperation with partners**.
- We can **rely on**/work with **regional partners** for implementation (GWP, UEMOA, IUCN and others)
- **Strategy for implementation of the Convention at the global level** gives many good incentives, ideas, initiatives
- Convention **increasingly recognized as global platform and international reference for transboundary water cooperation**, and asked for input to many other global processes, advocacy, etc...

3. Lessons learned

- Convention is and should be able to **react to new topics and priorities**, e.g. source to sea
- **Complementarity of different approaches** promoted under the Convention, such as e.g. nexus, allocation, benefits ...
- For regional workshops, combine different topics/thematic focuses
- Do not overload the next work programme of work



4. Proposed process for the development of the 2025-2027 programme of work (PoW)

- *By November 2023*: Collection of **recommendations by various subsidiary bodies** under the Convention (Task Forces and Working Groups) about future activities to be included in the future PoW
- *Mid December 2023*: **On-line survey about priorities for the future PoW** sent to focal points of Parties, other countries and partners
- *20 January 2024*: **Deadline** to fill the survey
- *February – April 2024*: Bureau, with support of secretariat, to develop draft 2025-2027 PoW, on basis of outcomes of the survey
- *3-5 June 2024*: **Working Group on IWRM to discuss draft PoW** for 2025-2027
- *23-25 October 2024*: Revised draft **PoW for 2025-2027** submitted for adoption by MOP10

Thank you!

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