18th meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) under the Water Convention, 19-21 June 2023

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

Programme of Work for 2022-2024

Water Convention



OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparian countries in accordance with the Water Convention, promoting sustainable development, peace and security

OUTCOME 1

Countries understand the Convention, accede to it, develop agreements and establish joint bodies

OUTCOME 4

Transboundary water cooperation is sustainably financed



Financing Programme Area 5

Facilitating financing of transboundary water cooperation



Programme Area 6

Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention

Awareness & accession

Programme Area 1

creasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its nciples drawing on the penefits of cooperation

OUTCOME 2

Transboundary water resources in transboundary basins are monitored and assessed, and information is shared among riparian countries



Integrated water resources management is implemented at all levels in a changing climate



Monitoring & assessment

Programme Area 2

Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins



Integrated & intersectoral approach

Programme

Area 3
Promoting an integrated
and intersectoral
approach to water
management at all levels



OUTCOME 5

Transboundary water

cooperation is monitored

and partners are mobilized

to support it

Climate change adaptation

Programme Area 4 Adapting to

climate change in transboundary basins



Programme Area 7 Partnerships, communi-

Partnerships, communication and knowledge management



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, <u>more</u> was done than planned in the programme of work:
 - o Programme area 1 (Support to accession & application of its principles):
 - More opening workshops and support to countries in accession
 - o 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, <u>less</u> 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: Caribean 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-Tanoe (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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