

Dispute resolution mechanism: the Dniester River Basin Commission case

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What is the Dniester Commission. How conflict management helps us work more efficiently



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WHAT IT IS: The **Commission on Sustainable Use and Protection of the Dniester River Basin (the Dniester Commission)** is a body for intergovernmental cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in the area of protection, sustainable use and development of the Dniester River Basin

OBJECTIVES: implementation of measures to achieve rational and environmentally sound use and protection of water and other natural resources and ecosystems of the Dniester River basin in the interests of the population and sustainable development of states.

HOW DOES IT WORK: is chaired by two co-chairs and consists of deputy co-chairs, representatives of competent central executive authorities, representatives of regional authorities, scientific institutions and organizations, and relevant non-governmental organizations of Moldova and Ukraine. The commission also creates working bodies and attracts experts to its work.

What causes conflicts in the work of the Dniester Commission?

Water is a limited resource

There are several parties interested in the use of natural resources

The use of transboundary water bodies is one of the subjects of natural resource management

Using and managing environmental elements is a complex process

The positions and interests of those concerned can differ radically, giving rise to conflict

Why conflicts most often arise in the work of the Dniester Commission

differences in interests and positions

lack of conflict management skills

tiredness and emotionality of participants

difference in experience and behavior

staff turnover, frequent changes in membership of the Commission

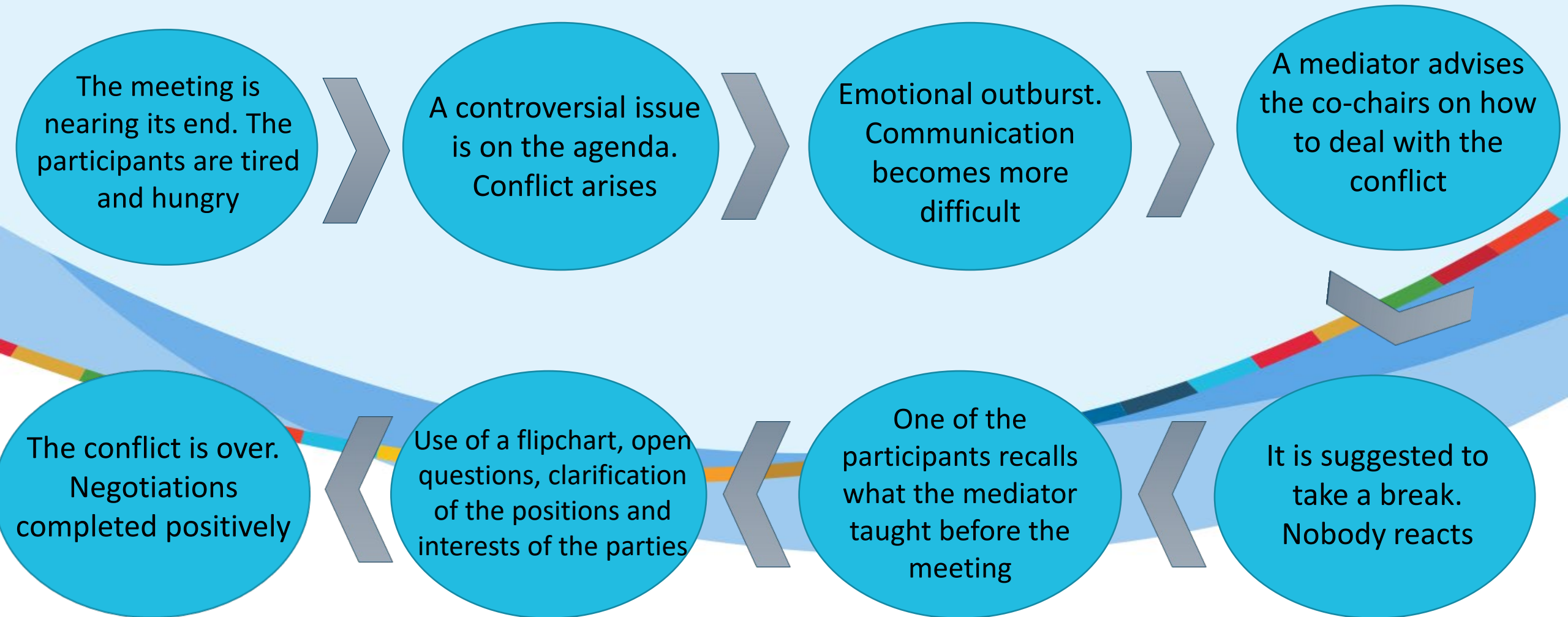


"In a truly complex conflict, it is rarely the case that one side at all is to blame" - Angela Merkel

Manifestation of the conflicts

- ✓ Incorrect communication
- ✓ Lack of desire to accept the opinion of the other Party
- ✓ Breach of subordination, personalization
- ✓ Disputes and disagreements within one group/Party
- ✓ Imposing your point of view
- ✓ Interrupting your interlocutor

A practical case using the example of the Dniester Commission: involving a mediator before and during negotiations



What helps us influence the atmosphere at Commission meetings?

Develop negotiation skills



Conducting specialized training on thr negotiations



Develop theoretical and practical conflict manag't skills



Engaging coaches on conflict management



Increase the effectiveness of negotiations



Involving mediators and facilitators as the third party



THANK YOU!

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