

Aims and objectives of this workshop and links with the 1992 Water Convention

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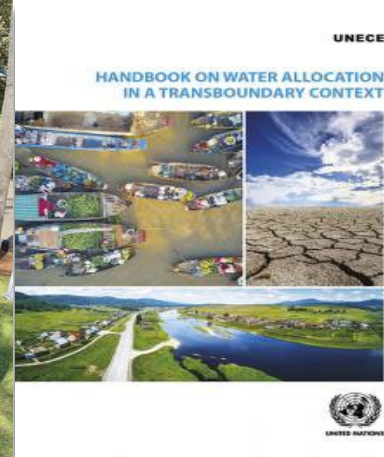
A global legal and institutional framework for **transboundary water cooperation** contributing to **sustainable development, international peace and security.**



A **unique platform** to discuss progress of **transboundary water cooperation** worldwide under the umbrella of the **United Nations**



Opened to all interested countries, with **more than 130 countries** exchanging experiences and knowledge to prompt progress in cooperation



The Water Convention:



Water Convention Key Principles

Principle of prevention

Principle of equitable and reasonable utilization

Principle of cooperation

Main objective



**Foster cooperation
over transboundary
waters in order to
ensure that they are
sustainably and
equitably managed**

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Developing transboundary agreements and
Setting up joint bodies (Art. 9)



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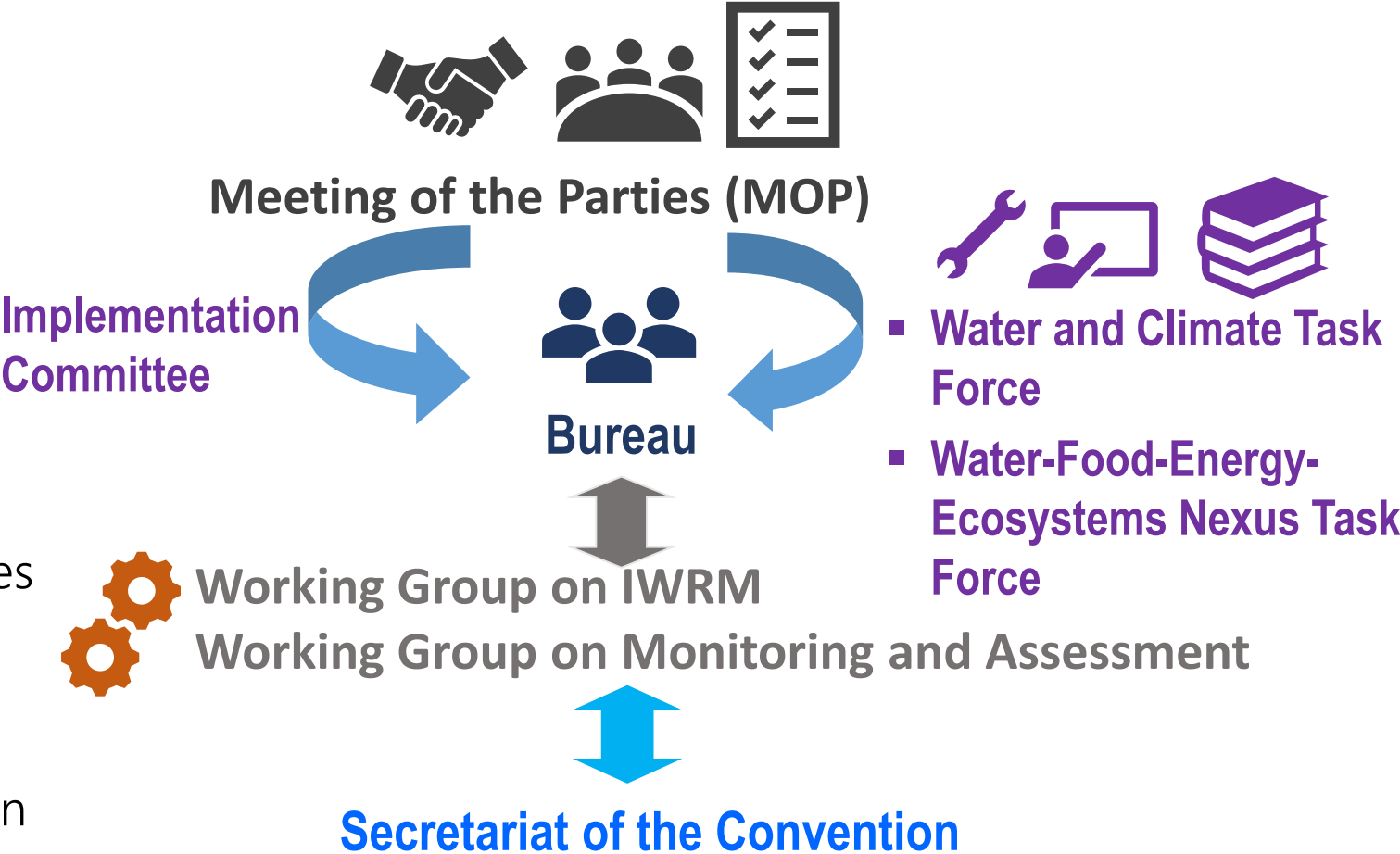
The Water Convention: Institutional Framework

Meeting of the Parties (Art. 17)
 Secretariat (Art. 19)



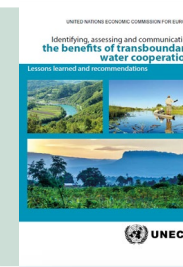
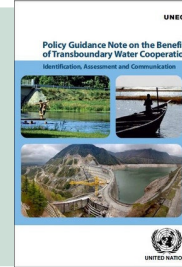
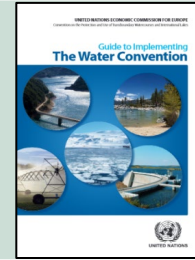
Participation and exchange of experiences open to all interested countries

Decision-making (MOP) & participation in the Bureau: *Parties only*

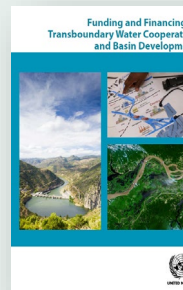
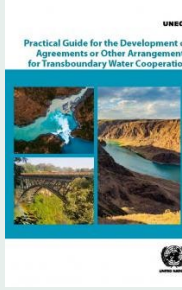


The Water Convention: a source of global experiences, tools and guidance to support cooperation

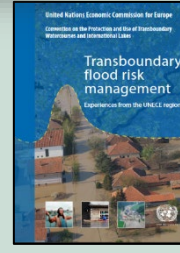
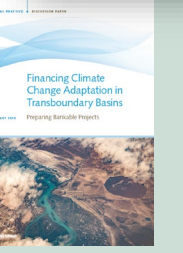
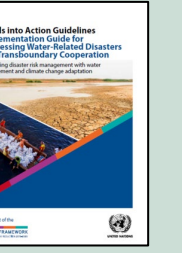
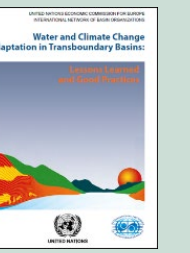
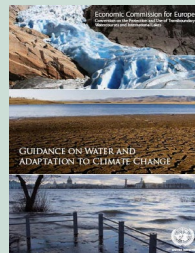
Establishing principles and inspiring cooperation



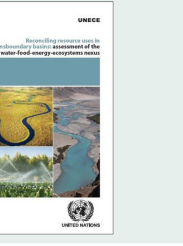
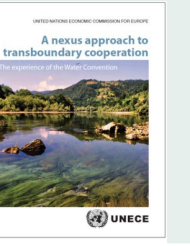
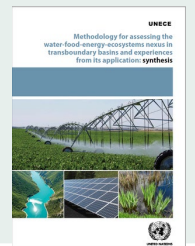
Supporting the development of agreements, creation of basin org° and financing



Helping countries adapt to climate change



Supporting the reduction of cross-sectoral trade-offs and conflicts



Growing momentum for accession to the UN Water Convention

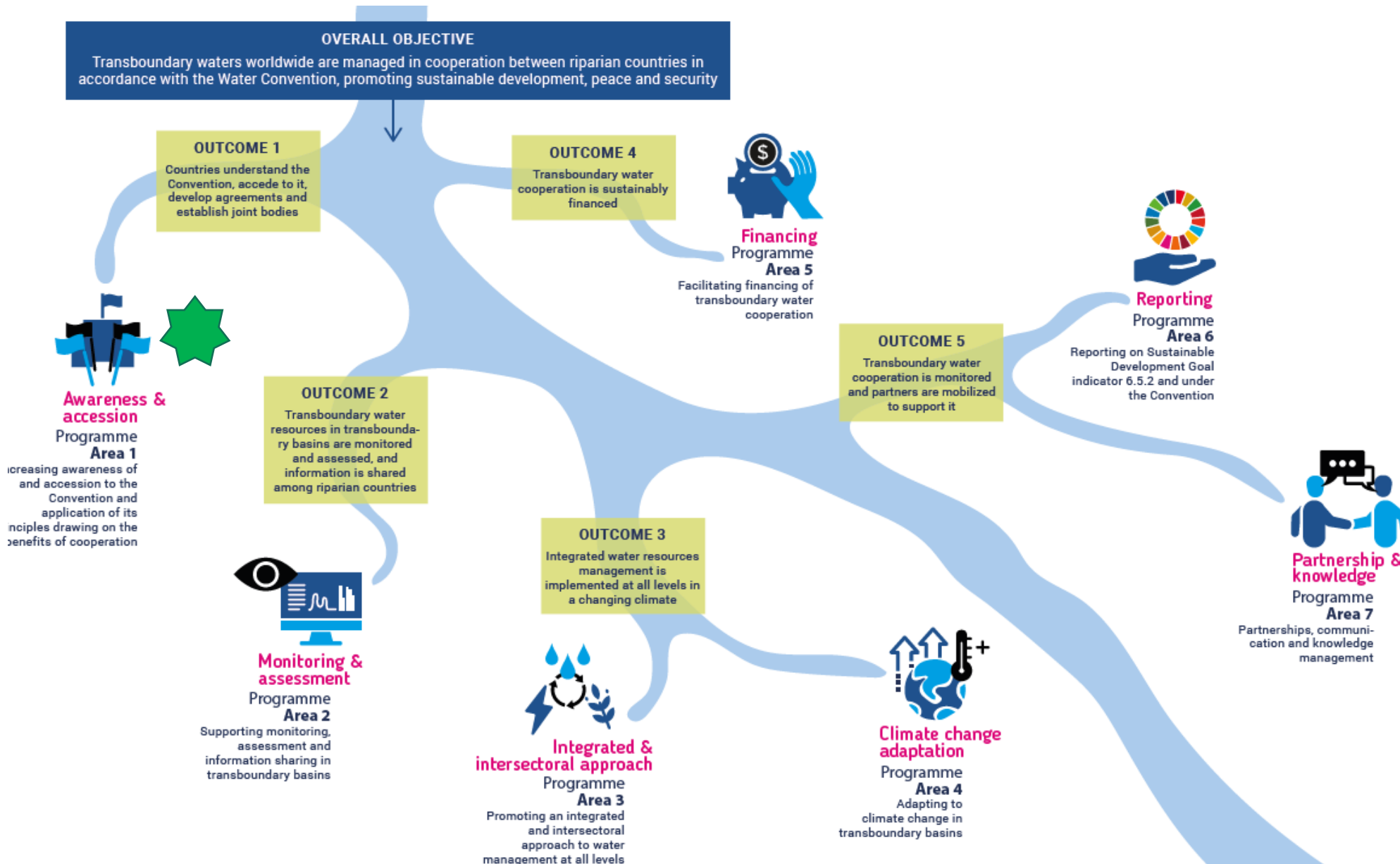
52 Parties

Parties to the Convention (52): newest Party – Nigeria, Iraq, Namibia, Panama, the Gambia - 2023

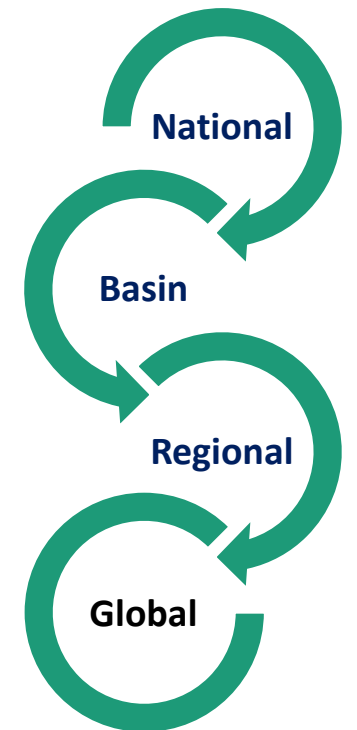
Countries close to accession: Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Zambia

Countries in the process of accession to the Convention (>20)

Programme of work for 2022-2024

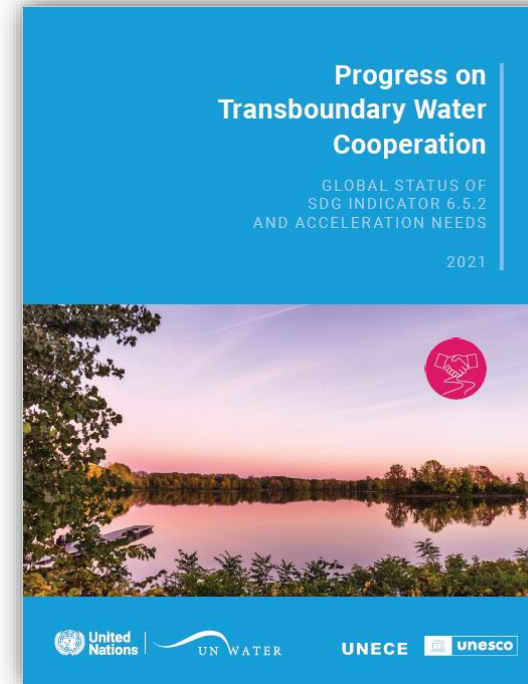


Delivering at different levels:



SDG 6.5.2 indicator monitoring process & reporting under the Convention

- Data on indicator 6.5.2 collected **every 3 years** by UNECE and UNESCO (as for other SDG6 indicators):
2017 => 2020 => 2023 =>2026 =>2029
- Parties report under the Convention and on SDG indicator 6.5.2 through **one template**
- Submitted data is analyzed & fed into political dialogue at global & regional levels
 - UN Water reports on overall progress toward SDG 6
 - HLPF, UN Statistical Division, SDG databases
 - reports on *Progress on transboundary cooperation worldwide*
 - reports on *Progress on cooperation under the Water Convention*
- Reporting results also used to define the future Programme of Work under the Convention and feed into the 10th Meeting of the Parties



Response rate in the third reporting round on indicator 6.5.2(as of 7 November 2023)

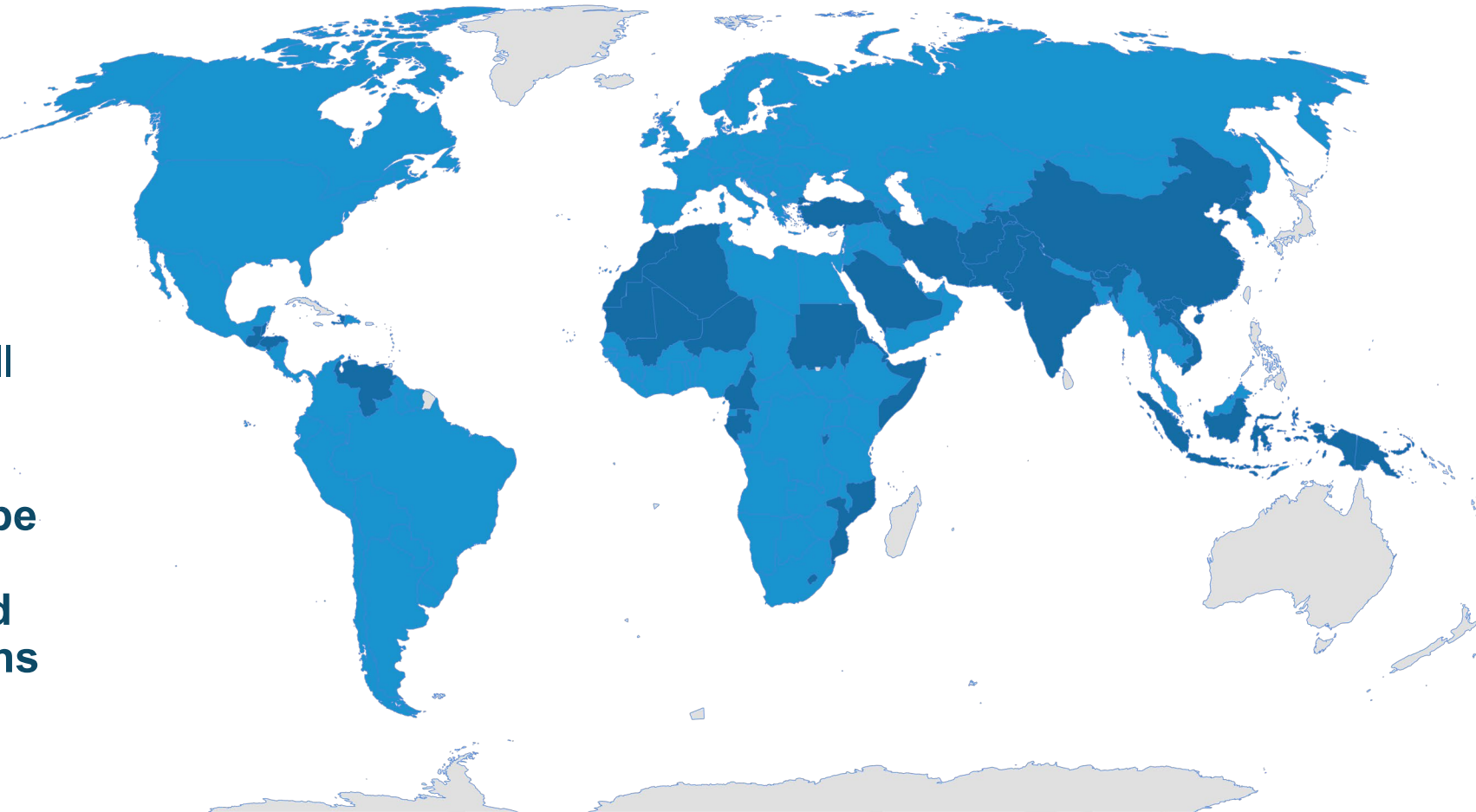


Deadline to submit national reports was **30 June 2023**, but reports still accepted until **15 November**

■ no response ■ response received ■

• As of 7 November 2023:

- ✓ **122** responses
- ✓ 6 first ever responses
- ✓ Lower response rate than in 2020) – 21 countries that submitted reports in the past did not report this time
- ✓ 1 Water Convention party still has not responded
- ✓ **Need to finalize indicator values => reports need to be 'validated' ASAP => countries urged to respond to feedback from custodians**



Status of reporting – delegates' countries (1/2):

Country	Current status
Albania	Revisions under review
Angola	Comments sent 6/11
Austria	Data validated
Bangladesh	Comments re-sent 24/10
Cameroon	No response
Côte d'Ivoire	Comments re-sent 24/10
DRC	Under review
Dominican Republic	Under review
El Salvador	Comments re-sent 24/10
Equatorial Guinea	Under review
The Gambia	Comments re-sent 24/10
Germany	Under review
Ghana	Revisions under review

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Guinea-Bissau	Comments re-sent 24/10
Haiti	No response
Hungary	Under review
Iraq	Revisions under review
Iran	No response
Jordan	Comments re-sent 24/10
Kazakhstan	Data validated
Lebanon	Comments re-sent 26/10
Lesotho	No response
Mauritania	No response
Moldova	Comments re-sent 26/10
Montenegro	Revisions under review
Mozambique	No response

Status of reporting – delegates' countries (2/2):

Country	Current status
North Macedonia	Comments re-sent on 24/10
Panama	Comments re-sent on 26/10
Poland	Comments re-sent on 26/10
Republic of Congo	Comments sent on 12/10
Senegal	Revisions under review
Somalia	No response
South Africa	Comments re-sent on 26/10
South Sudan	Comments re-sent on 26/10
Tanzania	Under review
Ukraine	Comments re-sent on 31/10
Uzbekistan	Comments re-sent on 26/10
Viet Nam	No response
Zambia	Comments sent on 09/10
Zimbabwe	Under review

Programme area 1.3 on the development of transboundary Agreements

Practical Guide for the Development of Agreements or Other Arrangements for Transboundary Water Cooperation



Zambia Luapula River Authority Cooperation Agreement - Practical Guide Support

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Request control

How to use the Practical Guide?

Identify thematic modules to structure the arrangement or the agreement

Consider which building blocks to include from each module

Decide upon the type of provision to develop within a particular building block

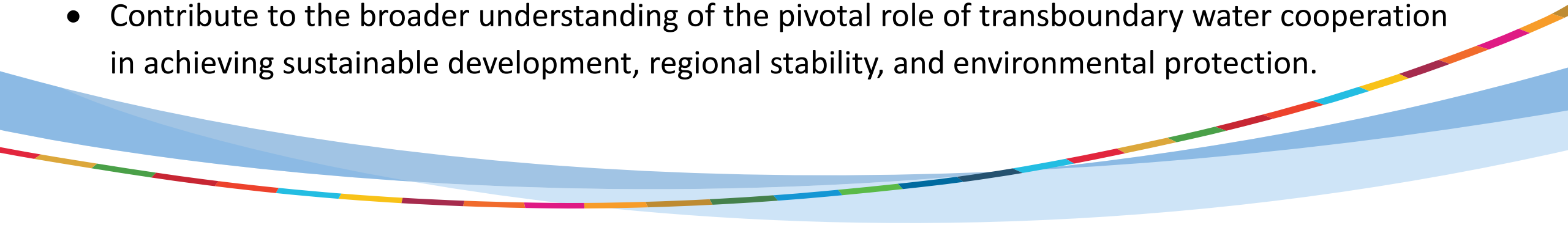
Rely on support resources for further details, justification and explanations

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- Promoting the practical guide on developing agreements (Aimed at supporting countries in the **design and drafting** of agreements or other arrangements for transboundary waters; adopted at MOP9)
- Online toolkit for developing agreements
- Regional and global workshops on the practical guide and development of agreements
- Projects in different basins upon request:
 - ***Drin (with GWP)***
 - ***Chu Talas (with UNDP)***
 - ***Dniester (with OSCE, UNDP, UNEP)***
 - ***Senegalo-Mauritanian Aquifer Basin (with GWH and IGRAC)***
 - ***Other basins such as Comoe-Bia Tanoé, Luapula etc.***

Global workshop on developing agreements – objectives (Budapest, 7-8 November 2023)

- Provide guidance and support for negotiating agreements, including in complex environments through a systematic, step-by-step process;
 - Share knowledge, experiences, and lessons learned on proven strategies for crafting effective transboundary water agreements that yield mutual benefits for countries and basins;
 - Create a conducive environment for acquiring valuable insights into conflict prevention and the promotion of harmonious practices in water management;
 - Enable networking, establishment of valuable partnerships, and strengthening collaborative efforts to enhance transboundary water cooperation;
 - Contribute to the broader understanding of the pivotal role of transboundary water cooperation in achieving sustainable development, regional stability, and environmental protection.
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Thanks a lot to all the partners!



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Upcoming Water Convention Events in 2023-2024

2023

5-6 December, Geneva: Global workshop on funding and financing transboundary water cooperation

7-8 December, Geneva: Meeting of the task force on the water-food-energy-ecosystems-nexus

2024

26-27 February, Geneva: Global workshop on transboundary flood and drought risk management

28 February, Geneva: Meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate

April: Southern Africa Regional Workshop on Transboundary Water Allocation & Complementary Approaches

6-8 May, Geneva: Joint session of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment

23-25 October: 10th Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (Slovenia)



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