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# IUCN work on transboundary waters and Climate

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# IUCN Mandate on Transboundary Waters

Our most recent call to Action for the Union of IUCN:

**World Conservation Congress, Resolution 015, 2020 Marseille:** Cooperation on transboundary fresh waters to ensure ecosystem conservation, climate resilience and sustainable development

— **Supported by:**

- Ministry of Agriculture, **Hungary**
- Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, **Germany**
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the **Russian Federation**
- Ministry of the Environment of **Finland**
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of **France**

— **RECOGNISING** that transboundary water cooperation is key for the sustainability of ecosystems, **particularly transboundary ecosystems**, and the livelihoods of populations living there

— **RECALLING** the importance of **transboundary water cooperation to address climate impacts, such as floods and droughts**, to avoid consequences of maladaptation and to harness the co-benefits of improved regional cooperation;

— **ENTREATS** governments to: a. cooperate in developing and implementing **strategies and measures, in particular nature-based solutions, to adapt to climate change in transboundary basins;**



# IUCN contributions to the Water Convention Programme of work 2025 - 2027

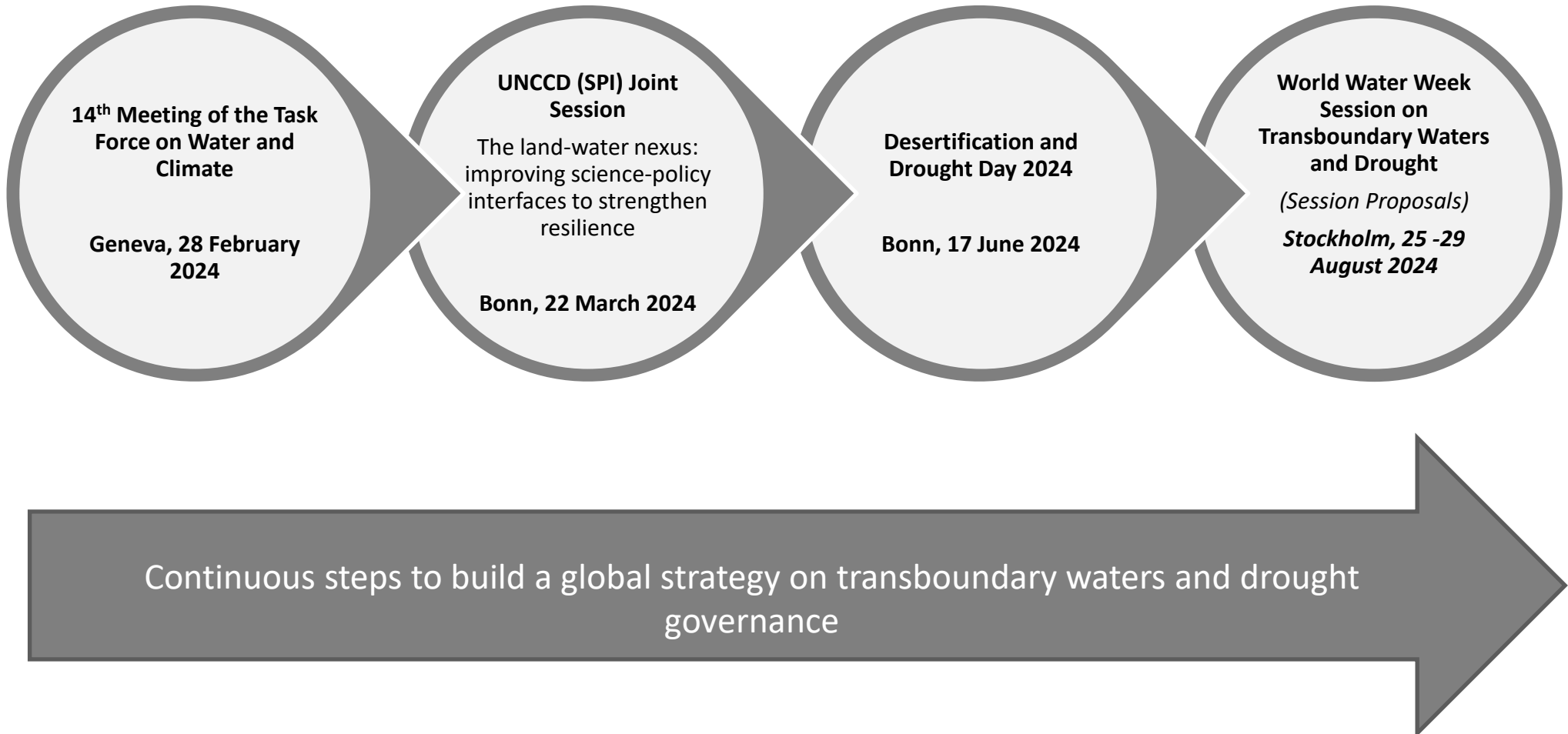
- **Relevant IUCN Resolutions on Drought**

- WCC-2020-Res-006 Declaration of priority for the conservation of **tropical dry forests in South America**
- WCC-2020-Res-013 Supporting the **Lower Mekong Basin** countries with the transboundary management of water resources, ecosystems and biodiversity
- WCC-2020-Res-014 The importance of a cross-border approach to prioritise biodiversity conservation, adaptation to climate change and risk management in the **Río de la Plata Basin**
- WCC-2020-Rec-052 Dams in the **Alto Paraguay River Basin, the Pantanal and the Paraguay-Paraná Wetland System**
- WCC-2020-Res-081 Strengthening national spatial planning to ensure the global persistence of biodiversity
- **Key supporters:** WWF, BirdLife, WCS, Central Institute for Natural Resources and Environment Studies (**Vietnam**), Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (**Thailand**), Ecoa - Ecologia e Ação (**Brazil**), Fundación Natura (**Bolivia**), Cultura Ambiental (**Uruguay**)

- **IUCN Contribution to Water Convention Programme of Work (2025 – 2027)**

- Promote **transboundary cooperation and adaptation to climate change** in North Africa (**Algeria and Tunisia**)
- Contribute to the organization and facilitation of the **Global Network of Basins Working on Climate Change Adaptation**
- Provide **advice and guide policy processes on climate and disasters** in vulnerable basins
- Support the **implementation of NDCs and NAPs** in key countries
- Collaborate in the **development of policy briefs and publications on good practices on facilitation funding for climate change adaptation in transboundary basins**

# IUCN Upcoming activities







# THANK YOU!

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