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Geneva

14th meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate

Item 3 Recent activities on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins under the Water Convention

10:15 – 11:15

Moderator: Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

Achievements and recent activities

- Ms. Hanna Plotnykova, Secretariat of the Water Convention
- Mr. Jos Timmerman, Waterframes, the Netherlands

Interventions from the Global network of basins and beyond:

- Ms. Rada Milisav, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sava basin
- Mr. Abdybai Dzhailoobaev, State Service of Water Resources of Kyrgyzstan – Chu-Talas basin
- Mr. Faustin Ngediko-Ekumu, Ministry of Environment of the Democratic Republic of Congo – Congo basin

Questions and answers

Proposed decisions

- **Welcomed the outcomes of the Global workshop on droughts in transboundary basins, encouraged** the participants to apply them and transmit them to the relevant institutions and agencies in their countries and basins, for example, responsible for water, climate change, disaster risk reduction, agriculture, energy and biodiversity;
- **Entrusted the secretariat** to transmit the workshop outcomes to UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD, the Convention on Wetlands incl. to their COP presidencies and to other relevant international processes and organisations such as FAO and UNDRR;
- **Appreciated the recent progress and achievements within the Global network of basins** working on climate change adaptation and **encouraged** other transboundary basins to join the Global network;
- **Encouraged** more basins to address climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction at the transboundary level.

Item 4 Mainstreaming transboundary and regional water cooperation into global climate change processes

11:15 – 13:00

Moderator: Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

- Ms. Olga Pilifosova, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Mr. Jose Gesti, Sanitation and Water for All
- Mr. Asif Verdiyev, National Hydrometeorological Service, Azerbaijan
- Ms. Fleur Verhoef, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

Panel discussion

- Mr. Maximo Basheija Twinomuhangi, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda
- Mr. Foday Mousa Fofana, National Water Resources Management Agency, Sierra Leone
- Ms. Ana Villalta, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, El Salvador

Questions and answers

Global goal on adaptation

Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation referred to in decision 7/CMA.3.

- 9. *Urges* Parties and *invites* non-Party stakeholders to pursue the objectives outlined in paragraph 8 above and to increase ambition and enhance adaptation action and support, in order to accelerate swift action at scale and at all levels, from local to global, in alignment with other global frameworks, **towards the achievement of, inter alia, the following targets by 2030**, and progressively beyond:
 - **(a) Significantly reducing climate-induced water scarcity and enhancing climate resilience to water-related hazards towards a climate-resilient water supply, climate-resilient sanitation and towards access to safe and affordable potable water for all;**
 - (d) Reducing climate impacts on ecosystems and biodiversity, and accelerating the use of ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions, including through their management, enhancement, restoration and conservation and the protection of terrestrial, **inland water**, mountain, marine and coastal **ecosystems**;
- 18. *Recognizes* that **climate change impacts are often transboundary in nature** and may involve complex, cascading risks that can benefit from **collective consideration and knowledge-sharing, climate-informed transboundary management and cooperation on global adaptation solutions**;

Proposed decisions

- **Welcomed the inclusion of water and transboundary cooperation** into the outcomes of COP28, especially the global goal on adaptation;
- **Asked the secretariat** to contribute to further discussions on the global goal on adaptation and other UNFCCC processes with a view to operationalize the references to water and particularly transboundary cooperation;
- **Asked the secretariat under the guidance of the co-chairs** to develop an action-oriented document on how transboundary aspects of water management can be mainstreamed into national climate documents such as, for example, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs);
- **Encouraged countries to mainstream transboundary aspects of water management** into national climate documents such as, for example, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and to liaise with colleagues responsible for climate change issues and disaster risk reduction also in preparation to the UNFCCC COP 29.
- **Underlined** the importance of financing for water, particularly financing adaptation of water and transboundary cooperation through climate funds and **asked the secretariat** to liaise with climate funds to ask for prioritizing such financing.



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Lunch break
13:00 – 15:00

Item 5: Synergies with regional organizations' strategies and processes

15:00 – 15:45

Moderator: Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

- **Ms. Dagmar Kaljarikova**, European Commission
- **Mr. Prime Ngabonziza**, Economic Community of Central African States
- **Ms. Dana Bogdan**, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Questions and answers

Proposed decisions

- **Encouraged** countries and basins to develop further cooperation with regional organizations integrating transboundary adaptation on the basin level into regional strategies and processes.

Item 6: Future work to address climate change climate change in transboundary basins under the Water Convention

15:45 – 17:45

Moderator: Mr. Niels Vlaanderen, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

- Ms. Sonja Koeppel and Ms. Hanna Plotnykova, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Ms. Jana Urh-Lesjak, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations in Geneva

Questions and answers

Interventions from countries

- Ms. Dimoska-Zajkov Ljupka, Ministry of Environmental and Physical Planning, Republic of North Macedonia
- Ms. Conchita Marcuello, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain
- Mr. Saparmyrat Charyyev, The State Committee for Water Management, Turkmenistan
- Mr. Luay Al-Daloo, Ministry of Water Resources, Iraq
- Mr. Gninpale Konlani, Ministry of Water and Village Hydraulics of Togo
- Mr. Assamba Mponanga Van Lionel, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Cameroon
- Mr. Juan Francisco Saldana Rodriguez, National Institute of Hydrological Resources, Dominican Republic

Discussion

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Interventions from partners

- Mr. Nicolas Franke, WMO
- Mr. Patrice Moix, UNESCO
- Mr. Chris Magero, IUCN (tbc)
- Mr. Giriraj Amarnath, International Water Management Institute

Questions and answers

Proposed decisions

- **Encourage participants** to mobilize experts for the workshop on flood reconstruction and prevention, planned by Slovenia back-to-back with the 10th session of the Meeting of the Parties on 23-25 October 2024 in Ljubljana, Slovenia;
- **Asked the secretariat and co-chairs** to include the outcomes of the discussions on future activities on climate change into the draft programme of work for 2025-2027 of the Water Convention to be presented to the joint meeting of the working Groups on IWRM and on monitoring and assessment;
- **Thanked partners** for their cooperation and **encouraged** them to cooperate further with the Water Convention in the area of climate change adaptation in transboundary basins.



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