



**Republic of Zimbabwe**



# Upcoming MoP 10, future Programme of Work and focus on the work on facilitating the financing of transboundary water cooperation under the Water Convention

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# The Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention

→ The Meeting of the Parties to Water Convention, taking place **every three years**, represents the largest international event driving the **transboundary water cooperation agenda** at the global level.

→ The **10th session** of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention is a **crucial milestone** as it will provide the opportunity to **engage with leaders from governments** and other organizations working in the field of transboundary water cooperation and management.

→ For countries, this represents a unique occasion to **contribute to shaping the international water agenda**.



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# Water Convention MOP 10 at a glance



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**What?** The **only UN intergovernmental forum** focusing on transboundary water cooperation at global level



**When?** From **23 to 25 October 2024**, in **Ljubljana, Slovenia**



**Who?** About **600 participants**, high level and technical representatives from Parties and non-Parties, RBOs, UN family organisations, IFIs, NGOs, academia, private sector, etc.



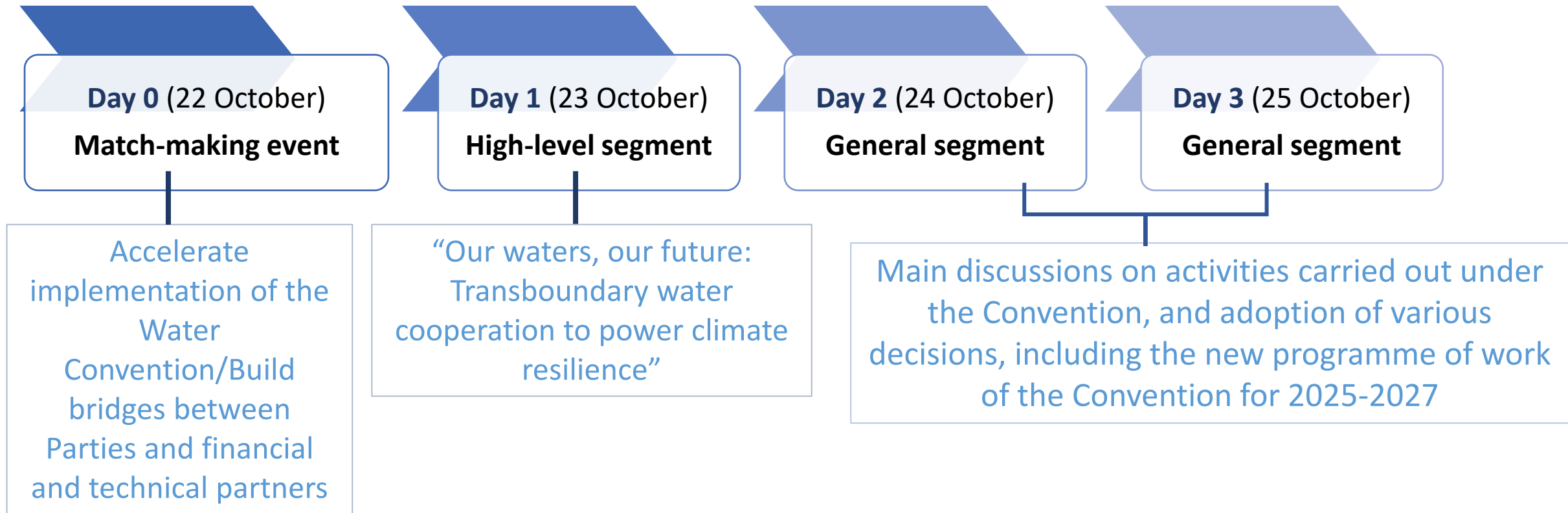
**Why?**

- To review **results achieved** in 2022-2024 under the PoW in share basins and countries
- To discuss **strategic priorities and activities** for 2025-2027
- To enable **discussion on thematic issues** in the plenary and through **dedicated side events!**



Invitations to be sent early July, registration deadline **1 October 2024**, financial support request deadline: **25 August**, credentials required for Parties

# Overview of MoP 10 programme



**Throughout the MOP: 15 Side-events** organised by partners and countries

# MOP 10 High-level segment (23 October)



**“Our waters, our future: Transboundary water cooperation to power climate resilience”**

## **Target participants:**

→ More than **30 Ministers** (of Environment/Water/ Climate and Foreign Affairs) and other high-level officials of countries sharing transboundary water resources, high-level representatives of partner organizations, inspiring speakers and opinion leaders.

## **Topics for discussion:**

- Transboundary cooperation for climate resilience
- Transboundary biodiversity/ecosystems management, restoration and preservation
- Sustainable development in transboundary basins



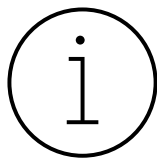
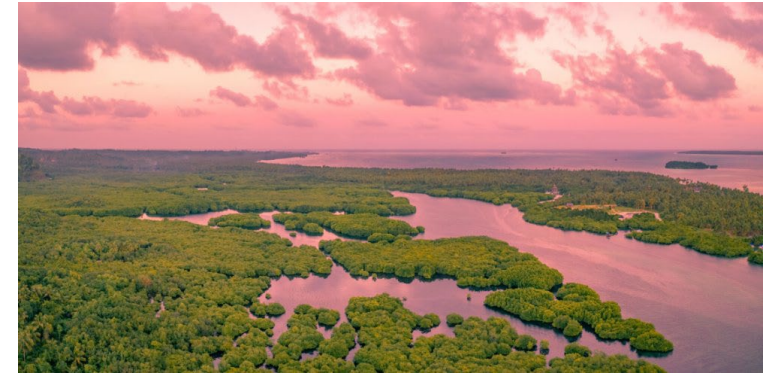
**Opportunity for side meetings between riparian countries, to sign a transboundary agreement with high visibility or to celebrate recent accessions!**



# MoP10 General segment (24-25 October)

During **days 2 and 3**, participants will listen and discuss about, among others:

- **Outcomes of the programme of work for 2022-2024** under the Convention
- **Progress** in transboundary water cooperation in the world
- **Benefits** of transboundary water cooperation
- Water and **climate change adaptation**
- **Source-to-sea** management
- **Conjunctive management** of surface waters and groundwater
- Intersectoral “**nexus**” cooperation
- **Financing** transboundary water cooperation

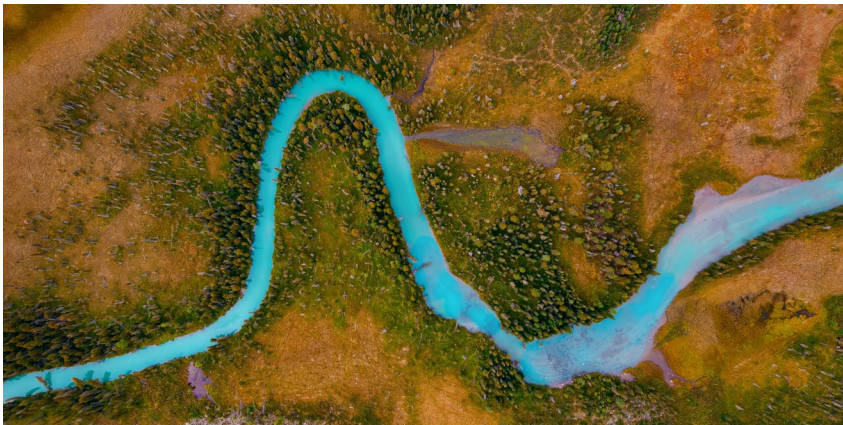


Opportunities for countries to **share their experience and express their needs for support, learn from/connect with other Parties and network!**

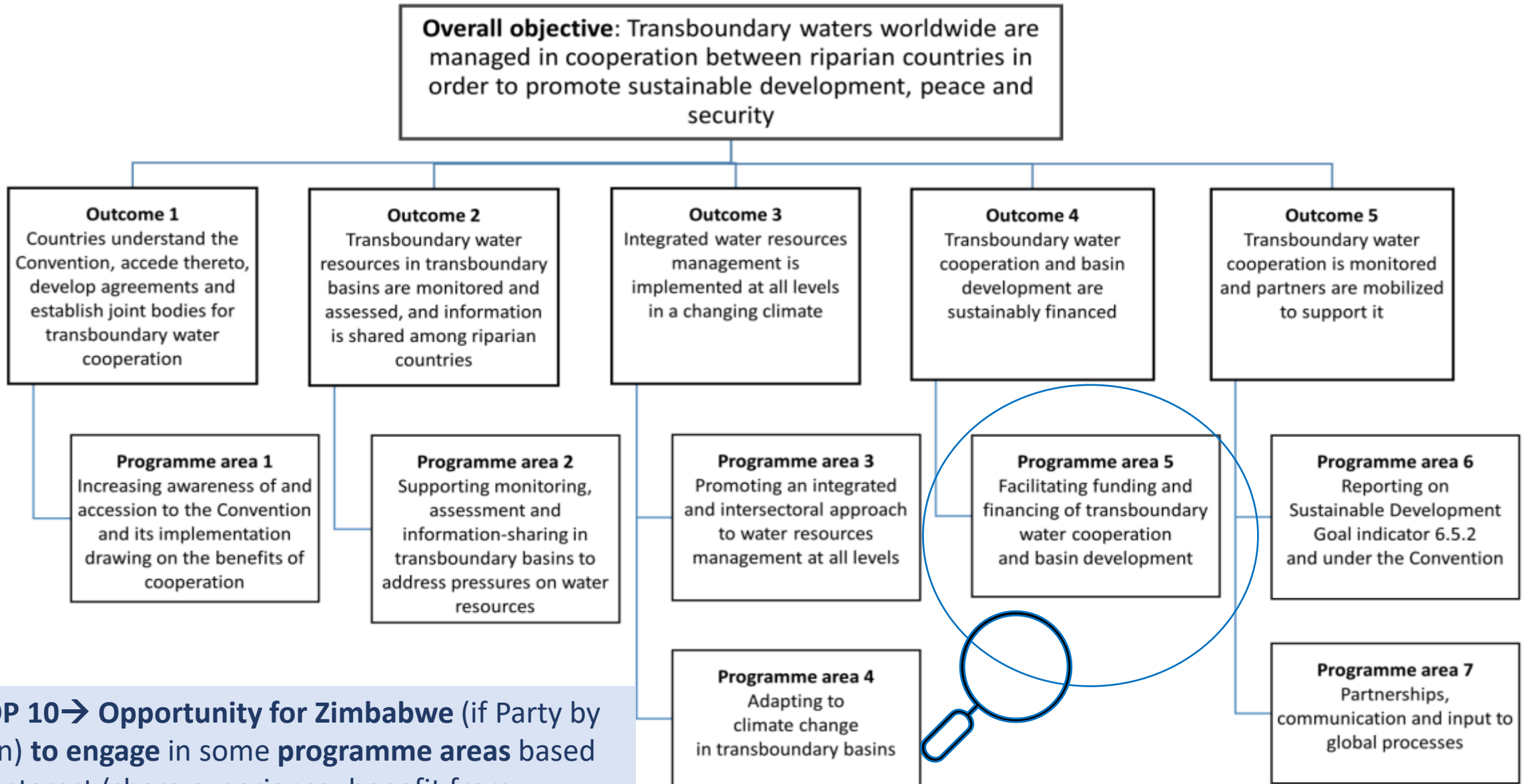
# MoP10 main expected outcomes and outputs:



- **Adoption of the new programme of work for 2025-2027** under the Water Convention;
- Launch of **new publications** (e.g. *third Progress report on implementation of the Water Convention; Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Data-sharing in Transboundary Basin, 3<sup>rd</sup> progress report on SDG indicator 6.5.2*);
- Decisions on **partnerships with International Financial Institutions** and on **partnerships with regional partners** for the global implementation of the Water Convention;
- **Elections of the Bureau and Implementation committee** of the Water Convention.



# Future programme of work for 2025-2027 (to be adopted)



**MOP 10 → Opportunity for Zimbabwe (if Party by then) to engage in some programme areas based on interest (share experience, benefit from technical support, learn best practices) and to express its needs!**



# Why is it important to mobilize financial resources for transboundary water cooperation and basin development?

- **Transboundary basins cover more than 45% of the world's surface** and inhabit nearly half of the world's population that depend on the resources provided by rivers, lakes and aquifers.
- **Water scarcity, chronic droughts, perennial flooding, rapid population growth and urbanisation trend put water resources and environment at risk, cooperation is needed!**
- While it is generally acknowledged that transboundary basins require **coordinated management and sustainable development**, the **lack of sufficient and reliably available financial resources** often puts this at risk.
- **78 out of 129 countries** reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 (2023) indicated “**resources constraints**” as **one of the top three main challenges faced in cooperating on transboundary waters** (together with the lack of relevant data and information (79 countries) and difficulties in the exchange data and information (65 countries)).

# Programme area 5 on facilitating financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development

- **Draw global attention** to the importance of financing transboundary water cooperation and **raise awareness** on the importance of enhancing the financial sustainability of transboundary water management institutions and implementation programmes;
- **Facilitate knowledge sharing and peer learning** among national authorities, joint bodies and development partners;
- Support national authorities and joint bodies in **shaping their strategies and plans for mobilizing financial resources** for transboundary water cooperation processes and adaptation to climate change

→ Countries can benefit from these activities through the Convention's platform and Parties through tailored support based on national and regional needs.



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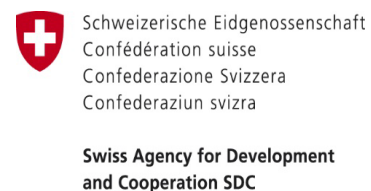


# Work under the Water Convention (1): Global workshops to exchange about financing challenges and opportunities

- **2018:** High-level workshop on financing transboundary basins development: 10 Ministers, 30 countries, 7 River Basin Organizations to identify the key issues around financing.
- **2020 and 2023:** Global workshops on funding and financing transboundary water cooperation and basin development → 150-200 participants (countries, IFIs, private sector, NGOs) discussing the financing/funding needs and sources for transboundary water cooperation and basin development through case studies from all over the world, interactive market places and experience exchange.



## Partners for this work:



# Work under the Water Convention (2):

## Guidance documents to support countries and RBOs (Long version (2021)) and short version (2023)

→ Describes **financial needs** for the establishment and operation of joint bodies and for the elaboration and implementation of basin management and development projects.

→ Provides a **comprehensive overview of the sources of funding and financing available** to support transboundary water cooperation and activities related to the management and development of shared basins.

→ Highlights the challenges and opportunities that countries face when seeking to **access financial resources for climate adaptation in a transboundary river basin context.**

→ Outlines characteristics and criteria for the preparation of **bankable project proposals.**

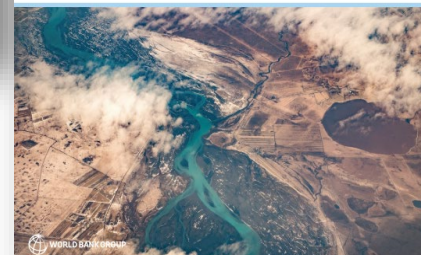
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# Financial needs related with transboundary water cooperation, management and development can be differentiated between Core Costs and Programme Costs:

## CORE COSTS



Costs of meetings of the RBO's governing bodies, such as ministerial meetings, technical meetings (including preparation, documentation, etc.).



Staff costs of the secretariat: both permanent and temporary staff as well as consultants who are not part of specific river basin management and development projects.



Costs of buildings, offices, office equipment, cars and other items required for the physical functioning of the RBO (mainly its secretariat).



Costs of communication and information dissemination (to member states as well as basin stakeholders).

## PROGRAMME COSTS



River basin monitoring (water quantity, water quality, ecological health, fisheries, socioeconomic factors, etc.), the required equipment, information technology (IT) systems, river basin management software, etc.



Preparation of strategic plans and related documents (on shared visions, basin management plans, etc.) and processes (stakeholder consultations, etc.).




Implementation of strategic plans and the specific activities defined in them (including monitoring their implementation).



Development and implementation of infrastructure projects, especially in the context of basin management and investment plans.




Management and maintenance of infrastructure projects (if owned and managed by the joint body or any other international entity of the basin states).

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These publication explores **different types of financial sources** to mobilize for covering these costs:

- **Public funding and financing mechanisms** such as direct members states contributions, regional taxes, sale of data and services, loans, grants, technical assistance;
- **Private funding and financing** such as debt, equity (through ppp), blended and innovative finance;

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→ **Many concrete case studies** taken from **transboundary basins** worldwide in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America

→ **Mapping** between existing needs and financial sources analyzed, listing related opportunities and challenges



## Work under the Water Convention (3): technical discussions on technical and financing opportunities at national level

→ Organization of a thematic session on financing with technical and financial partners in countries Parties to the Water Convention to identify possible support to implement the Water Convention!

→ Sessions organized in Togo and Tchad enabling to creates linkages and synergies with interested TFPs to address/support countries' priorities to implement the Water Convention.



# Upcoming activities under the Water Convention on this topic in 2024:

On 22 October 2024, back to back with the 10th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention → a «Match-making» event

Objective?

→ Provide a platform that accelerates the channeling/mobilization of technical and financial support for Parties to the Water Convention or countries very close to accession to implement the Convention at national and transboundary level!



*Back-to-back event, 8th session of the Meeting of the Parties (Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, 2018)*



# MOP 10 back to back «Match-making» event:

Provide an opportunity for new Parties and countries advanced in the accession process to:

- Discuss/identify different **opportunities for partnerships** with experienced Parties and **support** from technical and financial partners through possible twinning, projects funding, identification of common priorities etc ;
- Share **experience on how they have been mobilizing national and international resources** for the Convention's implementation;
- Better **understand IFIs and bilateral donors requirements and priorities** related to TWC;
- Explore **South-South Cooperation** between new Parties.

## Targeted audience:

- Max. **80-100 participants** (new and experienced Parties to the Convention, development cooperation agencies and ministries responsible for development cooperation assistance), countries very close to accession, RBOs, IFIs, IOs and other actors engaged in supporting transboundary cooperation and management.

## Foreseen activities on this topic under the PoW 2025-2027:

- **Global workshop** on how to **accelerate funding and financing** of transboundary water cooperation and management and adapt to climate change in a transboundary context;
- Contribution/co-organization of **regional or basin training workshops/sessions** on how to **accelerate funding and financing transboundary water cooperation and management** (opportunity for a region to raise its interest at MOP 10)
- **Tailored support** to countries/basins in **identifying funding and financing options** to implement the Water Convention in practice (priority given to Parties).

# Thanks for your attention!



More information on the work on facilitating the financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development:

<https://unece.org/environment-policy/water/areas-work-convention/financing-transboundary-water-cooperation>



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