



10<sup>th</sup> session

Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention

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# United Nations Water Convention MOP10

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## Why to care about transboundary water cooperation?

Transboundary cooperation lays the foundation for peace, sustainable development, climate action and regional integration, as also recognized by the UN 2023 Water Conference. While **40% of the world's population live along transboundary rivers and lake basins** across 153 UN Member States. Yet **<20% of these countries have operational arrangements** in place for all their transboundary waters, according to the 3<sup>rd</sup> reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 in 2023-2024.



## Why is the Water Convention MOP10 important?

The **Meeting of the Parties** to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), taking place every three years, **represents the largest international event driving the transboundary water cooperation agenda at the global level.**

The Water Convention has, **for more than 30 years**, promoted the **sustainable use of transboundary water resources**, facilitated **cooperation**, supported the achievement of SDGs, **prevented conflicts**, and supported **cooperative climate action.**

The **tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention** (MOP10, 23-25 October, Ljubljana, Slovenia) 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.**



## Who is hosting the Water Convention MOP10?

It organized by the **Slovenian Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning**, on behalf of the **Government of Slovenia**, in cooperation with the **Secretariat of the Water Convention**, hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).



## What will be discussed at the Water Convention MOP10?

Issues such as climate change adaptation, biodiversity, source-to-sea management, intersectoral "nexus" cooperation and financing transboundary water cooperation will be discussed. The Meeting is expected to adopt a **new programme of work for the period 2025-2027 as well as numerous other decisions**, review achievements, exchange best-practices, reflect on challenges and identify future priorities for the coming three years.

The **high-level segment** taking place on 23 October 2024 will focus on the theme "**Our waters, our future: Transboundary water cooperation to power climate resilience**" and discuss how transboundary water cooperation can accelerate climate action.



## Who can attend the Water Convention MOP10?

More than **600 participants**, from **more than 100 countries**, both Parties and non-Parties to the Convention, including high level and technical representatives in charge of water and foreign affairs, are expected in Ljubljana for MOP10. Representatives of joint bodies, international and non-governmental organizations, UN organizations, international financial institutions, academia private sector and youth organizations will also participate.



## Where can I find more information about the Water Convention MOP10?

Personalised invitations, together with the detailed agenda, will be sent in July 2024. Additional information are available on the meeting webpage accessible here :

[https://unece.org/MOP10\\_Water\\_Convention](https://unece.org/MOP10_Water_Convention)

