



10th session
Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention
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Side event

SUPPORTING WATER MANAGEMENT THROUGH BIODIVERSITY UNECE WATER CONVENTION WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2025-2027

THURSDAY, 24 October | 13:30 – 14:45 | Room 3

In a changing climate, we urgently need resilient approaches to transboundary water management. Protection and restoration of wetlands, given their long-term role in regulating hydrological cycles, control of floods and natural water treatment systems, is increasingly recognized as effective nature-based solutions. Building on biodiversity functions and processes, in a source to sea perspective, renews traditional approaches of integrated river basin management.

The event is a call to strengthening collaborations between the UNECE Water Convention and the Convention on Wetlands to support transboundary water management through biodiversity, and ultimately to achieve goals and targets of the Kunming Montreal Biodiversity Framework and the 2030 Sustainable development agenda.

Representatives of Contracting Parties, IUCN, INBO and other relevant stakeholders will be invited to share their perspectives on why bridging water and ecosystems lenses matters, and how enhanced synergies could take place, from local to global levels. The event aims to raise



Convenors: Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands, Switzerland, Slovenia

Programme

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13:30

Introductory remarks

13:40

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) at the service of the UNECE Water Convention?

- KMGBF's relevance for IWRM (Slovenia)
- Implementation of the KMGBF through wetland action (Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands)
- Perspectives on the KMGBF from River Basin organizations

14:00

Enhancing synergies between the Convention on Wetlands and the UNECE Water Convention

Panel discussion

Switzerland

Zimbabwe (tbc)

IUCN

Mura-Drava Biosphere reserve

14:40

Wrap up and conclusion