



SHARING THE GAMBIA'S EXPERIENCE ON PROCESS OF ACCESSION: Key Steps in the Process of Accession to the UN Water Convention

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13 December 2021

A National Stakeholder Awareness Creation and Briefing on The Gambia's accession process to the two UN Water Conventions was held in Banjul, The Gambia

It was organised by the Water Convention Secretariat with political support from the Republic of Estonia, the Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention and with Financial support from European Union.



Meanwhile, this created an opportunity for the Ministry to network and exchange contacts with Mr. Luca PALAZZOTTO, the representative from Delegation of the European Union to The Gambia at the meeting.

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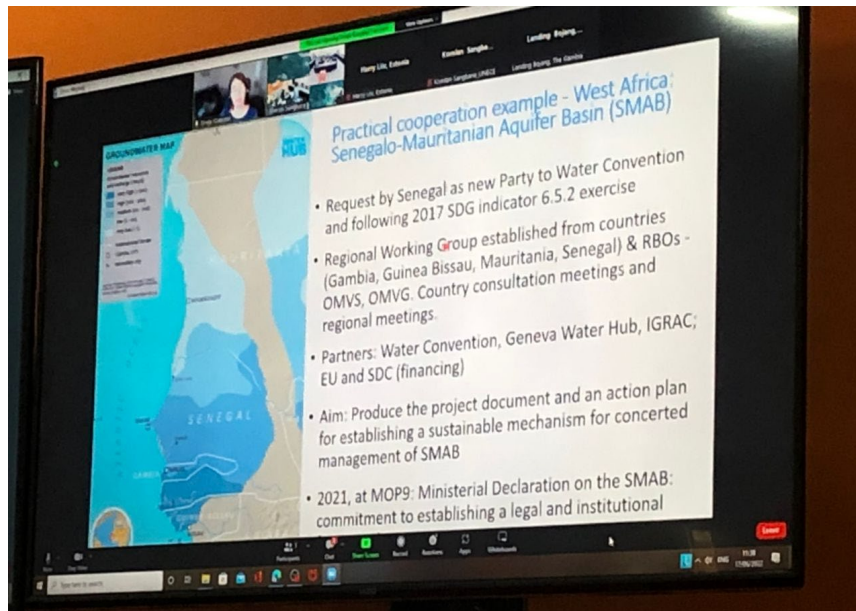
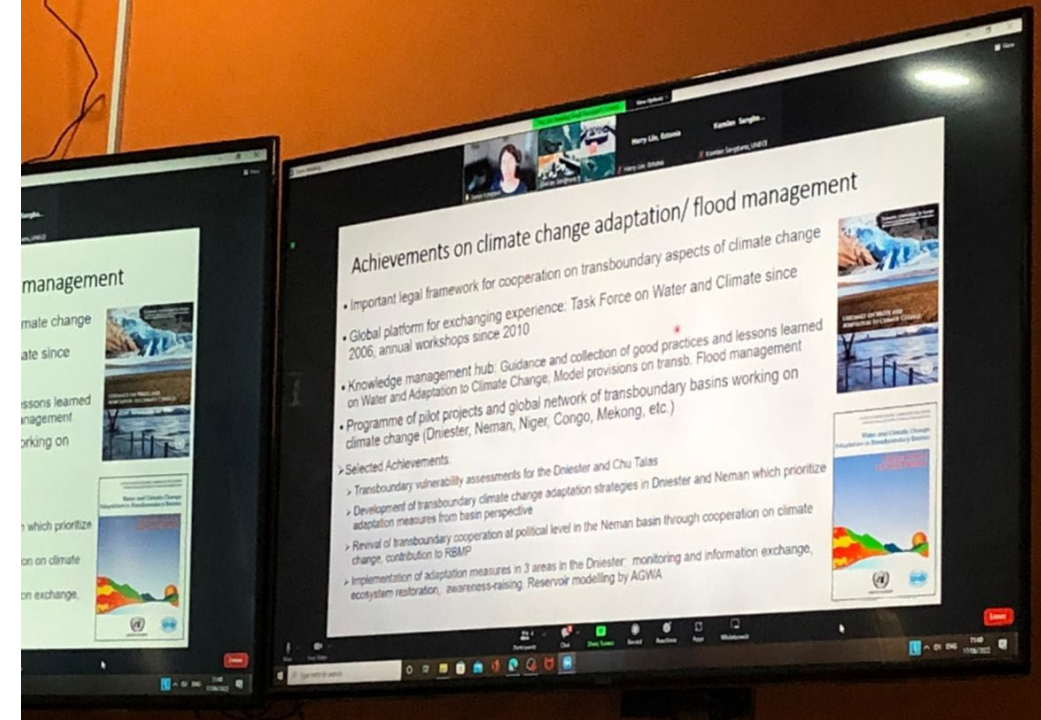
- **15 December 2021 – 5 January 2022**, drafting and reviewing of Cabinet Paper by the ministry and relevant stakeholders, which was ultimately endorsed by the Honourable Minister and submitted to Cabinet on the **6th January, 2022**
- **13th January, 2022**, Cabinet approved the accession to the two (2) UN Water Conventions paving the way for ratification by the National Assembly,
- **17th January, 2022**, Official request for an audience with the Delegation of the European Union to The Gambia, to discuss on the roadmap of The Gambia's accession process,

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- **1st March, 2022**, the EU Delegation granted audience to the Ministry, where a roadmap was outlined. Part of which, was the organization of the sensitization workshop for the National Assembly members on the provisions, obligations and benefits of the two Conventions. The EU Delegation pledged to fund this workshop and requested for a Concept Note with a budget, to be submitted to NAOSU.
- **4th April, 2022**, request for funding support through NAOSU accompanied with the Concept Note and budget. The request was acknowledged with recommendation for review of some budget items, which was done and the request was resubmitted, which was then approved for funding.
- **By mid April 2022**, the transmission of the Cabinet Conclusions from Cabinet to the Ministry for the accession to the two UN Water Conventions,

The hybrid Sensitization Workshop

- 17th June, 2022, organization of a hybrid workshop on the Sensitization and Awareness Creation for the National Assembly Members, drawn from the Environment and Agriculture Committees and their support staff, on the provisions, obligations and benefits of the two (2) UN Water Conventions,
- It was designed in hybrid format to enable the Water Convention Secretariat and Chair of the Bureau to delivered their presentations remotely,



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- **9th August 2022** - Submission to the Clerk of the National Assembly, to consider the Ratification of the two UN Water Conventions (attachment: Cabinet Paper, the workshop report, the Cabinet Conclusions and copies of the two conventions),
- **22nd September 2022 and 28 November 2022 respectively** - The Ministry was scheduled to table the two Conventions at the National Assembly Plenary, however, it wasn't possible due to various unforeseen circumstances,

Ratification by the National Assembly of The Gambia



16th March, 2023, Honourable Musa S Drammeh, the Minister for Fisheries, Water Resources and National Assembly Matters, tabled the two UN Water Conventions before the National Assembly Plenary which were ultimately ratified

Side event at UN 2023 Water conference Speeding up transboundary water cooperation: the value of the Water Convention



Panel two: Future perspective of the global implementation of the Convention

- H.E. Ms. Janaina Tewaney Mencomo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Panama
- H.E. Mr. Laurent Tchagba, Minister of Water and Forests, Côte d'Ivoire
- H.E. Mr. Musa S. Drammeh, Minister of Fisheries, and Water Resources and National Assembly Matters, The Gambia
- H.E. Mr. Aoun Dhiab Abdullah, Minister of Water Resources, Iraq
- H.E. Mr. Calle Schlettwein, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia
- H.E. Mr. Adamou Mahaman, Minister of hydraulics and sanitation, Niger
- H.E. Eng. Suleiman H. Adamu, Minister of Water Resources, Nigeria (tbc)
- H.E. Sam Cheptoris, Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda



23rd April, 2023, Signing of the two Instruments of Ratification by H.E. President Adama Barrow, President of The Republic of The Gambia

DEPOSITION OF THE TWO INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION

The Gambian Permanent Mission in New York, requested for a Treaty Ceremony on the 17th July, 2023, through the office of Legal Affairs at UNHQ

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"Being part of two transboundary basins, The Gambia's accession to the two UN #WaterConventions will strengthen our capacity to enhance Integrated Water Resources Management at national level"

Musa S Drammeh, Minister of Fisheries & Water Resources, The #Gambia



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- The Gambia has become the 52nd Party to the Water Convention globally and 9th Party in Africa
- Next steps include development of the Implementation Strategy
- There are plans to be twinned with the Netherlands

HON. DRAMMEH PARTICIPATED IN THE SDG6 AND WATER ACTION AGENDA SIDE-EVENT : DURING THE TREATY DEPOSITION CEREMONY

