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the Protection and Use of Transboundary  
Watercourses and International Lakes

### Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management

#### **Eighteenth meeting**

Geneva, 19–21 June 2023

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

#### **Adoption of the agenda**

## **Annotated provisional agenda for the eighteenth meeting**

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Monday,  
19 June 2023, at 3 p.m.\***

### **I. Provisional agenda**

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4. Status of ratification.
5. Recent developments related to transboundary water cooperation at the global level and under the Convention:
  - (a) Outcomes of the United Nations 2023 Water Conference;
  - (b) Input to other global events focusing on progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

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6. Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation:
  - (a) Increasing capacity for implementation of the Convention and supporting national processes towards accession;
  - (b) Supporting the development of agreements and the establishment of joint bodies;
  - (c) Implementation Committee.
7. Supporting monitoring, assessment and information-sharing in transboundary basins.
8. Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water management at all levels:
  - (a) Source-to-sea management;
  - (b) Promoting integrated water resources management in transboundary basins;
  - (c) Supporting intersectoral dialogues and assessments through the application of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus approach;
  - (d) Supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation in a transboundary context;
  - (e) Supporting National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management under the European Union Water Initiative.
9. Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins.
10. Facilitating funding and financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development.
11. Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention.
12. Partnerships:
  - (a) Cooperation with UN-Water, global and regional partners and other multilateral environmental agreements;
  - (b) Contribution to global events;
  - (c) Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents;
13. Thematic session on public participation in river basin management in transboundary basins.
14. Communication and knowledge management.
15. International Water Assessment Centre.
16. Resources for the implementation of the programme of work.
17. Ongoing programme of work for 2022–2024 and future programme of work for 2025–2027.
18. Preparation for the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties by the host country.
19. Call for hosting of the eleventh session of the Meeting of the Parties.
20. Date and venue of the next meeting of the Working Group.
21. Other business.
22. Closure of the meeting.

## II. Annotations

1. The eighteenth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will be held at the Palais des

Nations in Geneva (hybrid), starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 19 June 2023, and ending at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 June 2023. The working languages for the meeting will be Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish. All relevant documentation will be made available on a dedicated page of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Water Convention website.<sup>1</sup>

2. The main objectives of the meeting of the Working Group will be to:
  - (a) Review implementation of the Water Convention programme of work for 2022–2024 (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.1);
  - (b) Discuss the main outcomes of the United Nations 2023 Water Conference (New York, 22–24 March) related to transboundary water cooperation and the Convention;
  - (c) Review progress in the Convention’s global opening and ongoing and planned future activities;
  - (d) Examine the implementation of decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session (Geneva (hybrid), 29 September–1 October 2021);
  - (e) Begin preparations for the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Ljubljana, 23–25 October 2024).
3. Given the hybrid format of, and the expected large-scale participation at, the meeting, participants are kindly requested to limit the length of their interventions to a maximum of two minutes. In addition, invited presentations will be limited to eight minutes. The Chair will strictly enforce these limits. Full statements or presentations provided to the secretariat can be posted on the meeting web page.

## 1. Opening of the session

*Tentative timing: Monday, 19 June, 3–3.10 p.m.*

4. The Working Group will be opened by its Co-Chairs, Ms. Heide Jekel (Germany) and Mr. Peter Kovacs (Hungary).

## 2. Adoption of the agenda

*Tentative timing: Monday, 19 June, 3.10–3.15 p.m.*

5. The Co-Chairs will present the main objectives of the meeting (see para. 2 above). They will refer to the programme of work for 2022–2024 adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session, as the Working Group will review the status of its implementation. The Working Group is expected to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.
6. The Working Group will be reminded of procedural matters of relevance for decision-making for meetings organized in a hybrid format, as decided by the Working Group at its seventeenth meeting.<sup>2</sup>

### Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighteenth meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2023/1)

Procedural matters of relevance for decision-making at the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties due to the extraordinary circumstances related to the coronavirus disease pandemic (ECE/MP.WAT/2021/1)

Programme of work for 2022–2024 (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.1)

Report on the implementation of activities under the Water Convention in 2022 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2023/3)

<sup>1</sup> See <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Water-Convention/events/374649>.

<sup>2</sup> See ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/2–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/2, para. 8.

### 3. Adoption of the report of the previous meeting

*Tentative timing: Monday, 19 June, 3.15–3.20 p.m.*

7. The Working Group will be invited to adopt the report of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment on their fourth joint meeting (Tallinn, 28–30 June 2022).

#### Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment on their fourth joint meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/2-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/2)

### 4. Status of ratification

*Tentative timing: Monday, 19 June, 3.20–3.50 p.m.*

8. The secretariat will inform participants about the status of ratification of the Water Convention, its Protocol on Water and Health and the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses.

9. The Working Group will be invited to welcome the countries that have become Parties to the Water Convention since the last meeting of the Working Group, namely Cameroon (1 November 2022), Nigeria (22 March 2023) and Iraq (24 March 2023).

#### Documentation

*Informal document*

Ratification status of the Water Convention, its amendments and Protocols (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2023/INF.1)

### 5. Recent developments related to transboundary water cooperation at the global level and under the Convention

*Tentative timing: Monday, 19 June, 3.50–4.35 p.m.*

10. Before starting the detailed discussion on current and future activities of the Convention, the Working Group will be briefed on recent major global developments related to water and transboundary water cooperation that need to be taken into account in the work of the Water Convention.

#### (a) Outcomes of the United Nations 2023 Water Conference

11. The Working Group will be informed of the outcomes of the 2023 United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028 (New York, 22–24 March 2023), in particular those related to transboundary water cooperation and the Water Convention. The Working Group will be informed of activities carried out at the Conference in relation to the Water Convention, including commitments made.

12. The Working Group will be invited to discuss how such outcomes might influence the future work of the Convention.

#### (b) Input to other global events focusing on progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals

13. The Working Group will be informed of preparations for two major upcoming events:

- The High-level Political Forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (New York, 10–19 July 2023), where Sustainable Development Goal 6 on

water will be under in-depth review, and the outcomes of the regional and global preparatory discussions linked to the High-level Political Forum.

- The Sustainable Development Goal Summit (High-level Political Forum under the auspices of the General Assembly) (New York, September 2023).

14. The Working Group will be invited to ask questions and discuss how to highlight transboundary water cooperation towards and at these two events.

## **6. Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 19 June, 4.35–6 p.m. and Tuesday, 20 June, 10–10.55 a.m.*

### **(a) Increasing capacity for implementation of the Convention and supporting national processes towards accession**

15. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes activities to raise awareness and knowledge of and support accession to the Convention (programme area 1, activity 1.1). The Strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.2), adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its eighth session (Astana, 10–12 October 2018), also foresees a number of priority actions to strengthen cooperation and partnerships for the management of transboundary waters worldwide in order to promote sustainable development and peace.

16. The Working Group will be informed about progress towards accession in different countries of Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. The Working Group will be informed about the different activities organized at the national level at the request of countries (including national workshops and online briefings), jointly with partners, to:

- Raise awareness on the Water Convention and support national accession processes.
- Support implementation of the Convention by new Parties, including through the establishment of twinning arrangements.

17. The Working Group will be informed about activities carried out by the secretariat, Parties and partners to build capacity and knowledge of the Convention at the regional levels, such as:

- Contribution to training sessions on transboundary water cooperation and international water law.
- Sessions and events (co-)organized at regional levels to raise knowledge about the Convention and support accession.
- Initiatives of regional organizations and river basin organizations to increase capacity for accession to and implementation of the Convention.

18. The Working Groups will provide comments and discuss how to further promote accession to and implementation of the Convention. It will discuss future activities in this area to further promote and raise awareness of the Convention globally.

### **Documentation**

Strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.2)

*Frequently Asked Questions on the 1992 Water Convention: With the Road Map to Facilitate Accession Processes* (ECE/MP.WAT/59)

### **(b) Supporting the development of agreements and the establishment of joint bodies**

19. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes activities to promote and communicate the benefits of transboundary water cooperation (programme area 1, activity 1.2) and to support countries in the development of agreements and the establishment of joint

bodies (programme area 1, activity 1.3). The Working Group will be provided with an update on the progress made in activities supporting cooperation processes at the basin and regional levels, in particular through the promotion of the *Practical Guide for the Development of Agreements or Other Arrangements for Transboundary Water Cooperation*.<sup>3</sup>

20. The Working Group will be updated about the preparations for a global workshop on the development of transboundary water cooperation agreements (Budapest, November 2023), and will be invited to discuss future activities in this area to further support cooperation processes at the basin and regional levels.

**(c) Implementation Committee**

21. The Implementation Committee will share with the Working Group the outcomes of its fifteenth meeting (Geneva, 16–17 February 2023), including information on progress in advisory procedure WAT/IC/AP/1 (Montenegro and Albania). The Working Groups will also be briefed on the Committee’s efforts to raise awareness of its role and mandate, as well as the future plans of the Committee.

**Documentation**

Report of the Implementation Committee on its fifteenth meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2023/2, forthcoming)

**7. Supporting monitoring, assessment and information-sharing in transboundary basins**

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 20 June, 10.55–11.30 a.m.*

22. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes support to countries in initiating or further developing joint and coordinated monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters and ensuring exchange of information (programme area 2). The Working Group will be informed of the new publication *Updated Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters*, providing strategic guidance on monitoring, assessment and data-sharing in a transboundary context, building on global experience on these issues.

23. The Working Group will be informed of progress made in the development of a new publication “Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Data Exchange”, including the outcomes of the Expert meeting on good practices and lessons learned in transboundary data exchange (Geneva (hybrid), 18–19 April 2023).

24. The Working Group will be informed about past and planned regional workshops/sessions on monitoring, information and data, including the outcomes of the Regional workshop on monitoring, assessment and information-sharing in transboundary basins in Central Asia (Astana, 1–2 February 2023) and related upcoming regional activities.

25. The Working Group will discuss future activities in this programme area, including the upcoming meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (17–18 October 2023).

**Documentation**

*Updated Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters* (ECE/MP.WAT/70)

*Informal document*

Outcome document of the Regional workshop on monitoring, assessment and information-sharing in transboundary basins in Central Asia

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<sup>3</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.21.II.E.8.

## 8. Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water management at all levels

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 20 June, 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–4.20 p.m.*

### (a) Source-to-sea management

26. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes promoting integrated water resources management in transboundary basins (programme area 3, activity 3.1) in order to contribute to an integrated and intersectoral approach to water management at all levels. The Working Group will be informed about the outcomes of the Global workshop on source-to-sea management (Geneva, 14–16 December 2022), and will be invited to discuss possible future orientations for the work on this topic.

#### Documentation

Key outcomes of the Global workshop on source-to-sea management (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2023/5)

### (b) Promoting integrated water resources management in transboundary basins

27. The Working Group will be invited to discuss planned activities to promote the experience of the Convention on the conjunctive management of transboundary surface waters and groundwaters, including plans for the Global workshop on conjunctive management of transboundary surface waters and groundwaters (16 October 2023).

28. The Working Group will discuss future activities of this programme area.

### (c) Supporting intersectoral dialogues and assessments through the application of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus approach

29. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes support for intersectoral dialogues and assessments through the application of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus approach (programme area 3, activity 3.2). The Working Group will be informed about outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (Geneva, 12–13 December 2022), efforts to promote the publication *Solutions and Investments in the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus: A Synthesis of Experiences in Transboundary Basins*, the production of a new brochure to support partners in applying the methodology for assessing the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in transboundary basins, and contributions to dialogues related to cross-sectoral cooperation efforts in transboundary basins.

30. The Working Group will be provided with an update on the progress made in the preparations for the project Regional mechanisms for the low-carbon, climate-resilient transformation of the energy-water-land Nexus in Central Asia, led by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

31. The Working Group will discuss future activities of this area, including the upcoming eighth meeting of the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (Geneva, 7–8 December 2023).

#### Documentation

*Solutions and Investments in the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus: A Synthesis of Experiences in Transboundary Basins* (ECE/MP.WAT/66)

#### *Informal documents*

Report of the seventh meeting of the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (TFWFEEN/2022/2)

Leaflet “Transboundary Nexus Assessment (TBNA) Methodology: A participatory approach to facilitate cross-sectoral cooperation in transboundary basins”<sup>4</sup>

**(d) Supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation in a transboundary context**

32. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes support to equitable and sustainable water allocation in a transboundary context (programme area 3, activity 3.3). The Working Group will review efforts made to promote the Handbook on Water Allocation in a Transboundary Context, through activities at the national level, sessions at global events and the production of a dedicated policy brief.

33. The Working Group will be informed about the outcomes of the regional workshop “International experience related to transboundary water allocation and prospects for the development of cooperation on the joint use of water resources in Central Asia” (Astana, 2–3 November 2022).

34. The Working Group will discuss future activities in this area.

**Documentation**

*Handbook on Water Allocation in a Transboundary Context* (ECE/MP.WAT/64)

Policy brief on water allocation in a transboundary context (forthcoming)

**(e) Supporting National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management under the European Union Water Initiative**

35. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes support to the European Union Water Initiative National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management (programme area 3, activity 3.4). Participants will be updated on the project entitled “EU4Environment in the Eastern Partnership: Water Resources and Environmental Data”, implemented jointly by ECE, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Environment Agency Austria and the International Office for Water of France. They will also be informed about progress under a project in Central Asia funded by the European Union within the regional “European Union-Central Asia Water, Environment and Climate Change Cooperation (WECCOOP)” project<sup>5</sup> and implemented by ECE in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

36. The Working Group will be informed about overall developments, lessons learned and challenges. It will then be invited to provide comments and to discuss future work in this area.

## **9. Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins**

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 20 June, 4.20–5 p.m.*

37. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes activities to support countries in adapting to climate change and in financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins (programme area 4). The Working Group will be informed about the outcomes of the Global workshop on water, agriculture and climate change (Geneva, 17–18 October 2022) and the thirteenth meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate (19 October 2022).

38. The Working Group will be briefed on contributions to global processes on water, climate change and disasters, in particular to the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 6–20 November 2022), where efforts focused on highlighting the role of water in climate change adaptation and mitigation. The Working Group will be informed about preparations for the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Dubai, 30 November–12 December 2023), in particular the discussions on the global stocktake and global goal on adaptation.

<sup>4</sup> Available at : <https://unece.org/environment-policy/water/areas-work-convention/nexus-methodology>

<sup>5</sup> Detailed information about the project is available at <https://wecoop.eu>.

The Working Group will be invited to discuss how to highlight water and transboundary cooperation in there.

39. The Working Group will be informed about progress of the work under the Global network of basins working on climate change adaptation, and the outcomes of its seventh meeting (Geneva, 25–26 May 2023).

40. The Working Group will discuss future activities in this area.

## 10. Facilitating funding and financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 20 June, 5–5.20 p.m.*

41. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes activities to support countries in facilitating financing of transboundary water cooperation (programme area 5). The Working Group will be updated on the progress made in activities, including the production of a new brief *How to Accelerate the Funding and Financing of Transboundary Water Cooperation and Basin Development? Opportunities and Challenges*, highlighting the key messages of the publication *Funding and Financing of Transboundary Water Cooperation and Basin Development*, as well as the activities carried out at country level to raise awareness on funding opportunities for transboundary water cooperation.

42. The Working Group will be informed about the plans for the upcoming Global workshop on funding and financing transboundary water cooperation (Geneva, 5–6 December 2023) and invited to discuss future activities in this area.

### Documentation

*How to Accelerate the Funding and Financing of Transboundary Water Cooperation and Basin Development? Opportunities and Challenges* (ECE/MP.WAT/72)

*Funding and Financing of Transboundary Water Cooperation and Basin Development* (ECE/MP.WAT/61)

## 11. Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 20 June, 5.20–6 p.m. and Wednesday, 21 June, 10–10.20 a.m.*

43. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes support for reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Water Convention (programme area 6). The Working Group will be updated on developments at the global level regarding measurement of progress relating to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Water), including under the UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for Sustainable Development Goal 6.

44. In March 2023, all countries sharing transboundary waters were requested by ECE and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), as co-custodian agencies, to submit their third report on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 by 30 June. For Parties only, this exercise is combined with the third reporting exercise under the Water Convention. The Working Group will be updated on the status of the ongoing third reporting exercise, common inquiries and general questions, considerations related to the quality and comparability of national reports received to date, as well as supporting materials available, including the reporting template, the *Guide to Reporting under the Water Convention and as a Contribution to SDG Indicator 6.5.2*<sup>6</sup> and the Step-by-step monitoring methodology for Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2.

45. The Working Group will also be informed about the outcomes of regional capacity-building events and transboundary basin events organized by ECE, UNESCO and other

<sup>6</sup> United Nations publication, ECE/MP.WAT/60.

partners to raise awareness about reporting, foster high quality reporting and coordination of reports at the basin level and highlight the use and benefits of reporting.

46. Countries will be invited to share experiences of their third reporting process and its advancement, including challenges faced and good practices. The Working Group will then discuss next steps.

#### **Documentation**

Decision VIII/1 on reporting under the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.2)

Decision IX/2 on reporting (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.2)

Reporting on global SDG indicator 6.5.2: Template of the third reporting exercise

## **12. Partnerships**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 10.20–11.10 a.m.*

47. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes the strengthening of cooperation with different partners and with other multilateral agreements at the global and regional levels, communication and knowledge management in order to improve the implementation of the Convention and enhance the impact of activities (programme area 7).

### **(a) Cooperation with UN-Water, global and regional partners and other multilateral environmental agreements**

48. The Working Group will be informed of ongoing cooperation with different global and regional partners, including other conventions, in particular the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention) and the Convention on Biological Diversity. In particular, the Working Group will be informed of the outcomes of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (Wuhan, China, and Geneva, 5–13 November 2022) and the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (Montreal, Canada, 7–19 December 2022) that are relevant to the work of the Water Convention.

49. Partners will be invited to report on their activities with regard to transboundary water cooperation, including how they support awareness-raising and implementation of the Convention and its principles at the global and regional levels. In particular, the Working Group will be informed about cooperation with partners working at the global level, such the Global Environment Facility International Waters Learning Exchange and Resources Network, Global Water Partnership, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, UN-Water and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

50. Representatives of institutions working on support to transboundary water cooperation at regional level, including the regional commissions, regional organizations such as the African Ministers' Council on Water, the Union for the Mediterranean and the Organization of American States, and regional economic communities such as the Economic Community of West African States and the Economic Community of Central African States, will be invited to report on joint efforts and synergies with the Water Convention to support a better understanding and implementation of the Convention and its activities in different regions.

51. The Working Group will be informed about the outcomes of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, 16–18 November 2022). The Working Group will be invited to discuss options for strengthening cooperation between the Convention and the Protocol.

#### **Documentation**

Programme of work of the Protocol on Water and Health for 2023–2025 (forthcoming)

**(b) Contribution to global events**

52. The Working Group will be briefed on planned contributions to the Tenth World Water Forum (Bali, Indonesia, 18–24 May 2024) and World Water Week 2023 (Stockholm, 20–24 August 2023). The Working Group will discuss how to promote transboundary water cooperation and the Water Convention at such events.

**(c) Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents**

53. The Working Group will be briefed on activities of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, including the seminar “Emerging risks in accidental water pollution: focus on natural hazard-triggered accidents” combined with a Joint Expert Group meeting (Budapest, 5–6 October 2022).

**13. Thematic session on public participation in river basin management in transboundary basins**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 11.10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–3.20 p.m.*

54. The programme of work for 2022–2024 foresees the organization of thematic sessions on different aspects of integrated water resources management on the margins of intergovernmental meetings of the Convention (programme area 3, activity 3.1). The Working Group is invited to participate in an interactive thematic session on public participation in river basin management in transboundary basins, including integration of gender aspects.

**Documentation**

*Informal document*

Programme of the thematic session (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2023/INF.2)

**14. Communication and knowledge management**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 3.20–3.30 p.m.*

55. The Working Group will be presented with an update on communication efforts, such as through social media and regularly issued press releases, news stories and the trimestral newsletter of the Water Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health.

**15. International Water Assessment Centre**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 3.30–3.45 p.m.*

56. The Meeting of the Parties adopted the programme of work of the International Water Assessment Centre for 2022–2024, as hosted by Kazakhstan. The Working Group will be informed about the implementation of International Water Assessment Centre activities, as well as planned future activities.

**Documentation**

Programme of work of the International Water Assessment Centre for 2022–2024 and decisions (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.2)

**16. Resources for the implementation of the programme of work**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 3.45–4.30 p.m.*

57. The Working Group will be informed about the status of the financial resources for implementing the programme of work for 2022–2024, in particular the status of the different

trust funds related to the Convention, including financial contributions, items of expenditure and financial needs. The Working Group will be invited to provide comments.

58. Parties and other interested States and organizations will be invited to inform the Working Group of their intention to contribute financially to the programme of work's implementation, in line with decision IX/3 on targets for a more sustainable and predictable funding of the work under the Convention adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session.

**Documentation:**

Report on contributions and expenditures from January until December 2022 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2023/4)

Decision IX/3 on targets for a more sustainable and predictable funding of the work under the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.2)

**17. Ongoing programme of work for 2022–2024 and future programme of work for 2025–2027**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 4.30–5.10 p.m.*

59. The Working Group will review overall progress made in the implementation of the Convention's programme of work for 2022–2024 and make adjustments, if necessary. Preliminary lessons learned will be presented and discussed.

60. The secretariat will inform the Working Group about the proposed process and milestones for the preparation of the programme of work for 2025–2027. The Working Group will discuss and agree upon the way to prepare it, for discussion at the nineteenth meeting of the Working Group (Geneva, 3–5 June 2024). To facilitate the discussion at its next meeting on the future priority areas of work for the period 2025–2027 and the related activities, the Working Group will then be invited to share ideas on priorities for the work under the Convention during the next triennium, taking into consideration progress in activities under the current programme of work, lessons learned from its implementation, general trends and needs identified. The Working Group is then expected to entrust its Co-Chairs, in cooperation with the Bureau, with preparing a proposal for the future programme of work for consideration at its next meeting.

**Documentation**

Programme of work for 2022–2024 (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.1)

**18. Preparation for the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties by the host country**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 5.10–5.30 p.m.*

61. The Working Group will be updated about plans and the status of preparations for the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties, to be held from 23–25 October 2024 in Ljubljana. The Working Group will discuss the proposal and possible ways forward.

**19. Call for hosting of the eleventh session of the Meeting of the Parties**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 5.30–5.40 p.m.*

62. The secretariat will present the call for proposals to host the eleventh session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2027, disseminated to all focal points of Parties in line with decision IX/4 on the procedure for proposing to host future sessions of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.2). The Working Group will be invited to make comments and ask questions.

**Documentation**

Call for proposals to host the eleventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention in 2027

**20. Date and venue of the next meeting of the Working Group**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 5.40–5.50 p.m.*

63. The Working Group will be informed of the dates and venue for its next meeting. It will also be informed of the schedule of other meetings under the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health.

**21. Other business**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 21 June, 5.50–6 p.m.*

64. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

**22. Closure of the meeting**

65. The Chair will close the meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

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