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# Speeding-Up Transboundary Water Cooperation: *The Value Of The Water Convention*



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SIDE EVENT



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9.30-10.45 am



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How can the Water Convention help countries advancing transboundary water cooperation at basin and regional levels? Join our side event to welcome new Parties, discuss benefits of joining the Convention and what are the key implementation steps!

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Moderated by:



**Harry Liiv**  
*Chair of the Water Convention*

Opening speeches by:



**H.E. Meelis Münt**  
*Secretary General of the Ministry  
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**H.E. Olga Algayerova**  
*United Nations Under-Secretary-General  
and Executive Secretary of the United  
Nations Economic Commission for  
Europe (UNECE)*

Closing remarks by:



**Juhani Damski**  
*Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of  
Environment of Finland*

# Panel Discussion 1

## Benefits of the Water Convention

Featuring:



**H.E. Uroš Brežan**  
*Minister of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning, Slovenia*



**H.E. Steffi Lemke**  
*Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany*



**H.E. Christophe Bechu**  
*Minister of Ecological Transition, France*



**Florika Fink-Hooijer**  
*Director General, DG Environment, European Commission*



**H.E. Zulfıya Suleimenova**  
*Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan*



**H.E. Serigne Mbaye Thiam**  
*Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senegal*



**H.E. Cecilia Abena Dapaah**  
*Minister of Sanitation and Water Resources, Ghana*



**H.E. Alio Abdoulaye Ibrahim**  
*Minister of Water and Sanitation, Chad*

# Panel Discussion 2

## Future perspective of the global implementation of the Convention



**H.E. Laurent Tchagba**  
*Minister of Water and Forests, Côte d'Ivoire*



**H.E. Musa S. Drammeh**  
*Minister of Fisheries, and Water Resources and National Assembly Matters, Gambia*



**H.E. Calle Schlettwein**  
*Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia*



**H.E. Suleiman H. Adamu**  
*Minister of Water Resources, Nigeria*



**H.E. Sam Cheptoris**  
*Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda*



**H.E. Janaina Tewaney Mencomo**  
*Minister of Foreign Affairs, Panama*



**H.E. Adamou Mahaman**  
*Minister of hydraulics and sanitation, Niger*



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