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Watercourses and International Lakes

Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management

Seventeenth meeting*

Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment

Seventeenth meeting*

Tallinn, 28–30 June 2022

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourth joint meeting

To be held at Swissotel Tallinn, starting on Tuesday, 28 June 2022, at 10 a.m., continuing thereat on Wednesday, 29 June 2022, and at Tallinn Creative Hub, on Thursday, 30 June 2022**

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* Fourth joint meeting of the two Working Groups.

** In accordance with United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to complete the online registration procedure available on the web page for the fourth joint meeting (<https://unece.org/WaterConvention30years>) as soon as possible, but by no later than **14 June 2022**. Registration is available through the following link: <https://indico.un.org/e/unece-joint-WG-IWRM-MA-30-anniv>. For assistance with registration, please see the instructions on the meeting web page or contact the secretariat by email (mayola.lidome@un.org). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 2596.

- (a) Increasing capacity for implementation of the Convention and supporting national processes towards accession;
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II. Annotations

1. The seventeenth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the seventeenth meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will be held jointly in Tallinn, at the invitation of the Government of Estonia. The meetings are being held jointly to exploit synergies in the work of the two bodies. This is the Working Groups' fourth joint meeting. This year, the joint meeting will also mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention. The joint meeting will start at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 June, and end at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 30 June 2022. The meeting will be held at Swissotel Tallinn, on 28 and 29 June 2022, and at Proto Invention Factory, Tallinn, on 30 June 2022.

2. The main objectives of the fourth joint meeting of the two Working Groups will be to:
 - (a) Review implementation of the Water Convention programme of work for 2022–2024 (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.1);¹
 - (b) Discuss progress in the Convention’s global opening and ongoing and planned activities;
 - (c) Review progress in activities supporting monitoring and assessment and information-sharing in transboundary basins;
 - (d) Discuss the implementation of decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session (Geneva, 29 September–1 October 2021);
 - (e) Mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention: review achievements and lessons learned in the last thirty years under the Convention, as well as discuss future challenges and how the Convention can help to address them.
3. The working languages for the meeting will be 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.²
4. Given the hybrid format of the meeting 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 Co-Chairs will strictly enforce these limits. Full statements or presentations provided to the secretariat may be posted on the meeting web page.

1. Opening of the meeting and election of officers

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 28 June, 10–10.15 a.m.

5. The meeting of the two Working Groups will be opened by high-level representatives. Subsequently, the Working Groups will elect their respective Co-Chairs, taking into account the fact that the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session (Geneva, 29 September–1 October 2021) agreed that the Bureau members in charge of the Working Groups on Integrated Water Resources Management and on Monitoring and Assessment would remain in office until the Working Groups had officially elected their own Chairs,³ so therefore entrusted Ms. Heide Jekel (Germany) as Chair of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, and Mr. Niokhor Ndour (Senegal) and Finland as Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment, to prepare the current Working Groups session.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 28 June, 10.15–10.30 a.m.

6. The Co-Chairs will present the background and 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 Groups will review the status of its implementation. The Working Groups are expected to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

7. The Working Groups will also be informed of the recommendation by the Bureau that document ECE/MP.WAT/2021/1, governing 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, should apply, mutatis mutandis, to procedures for decision-making at the meetings of the Working Groups and other bodies established by the Meeting of the Parties, should such meetings be organized in a hybrid

¹ Available at https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/MOP9_Water_Convention.

² See <https://unece.org/WaterConvention30years>.

³ ECE/MP.WAT/63, para. 116 (a) and (b).

format in the period until the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties. The Co-Chairs will invite the Working Groups to take note of the document and decide to apply it during the meetings of the Working Groups in the period until the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

8. In subsequent items of the agenda (items 3–15), the Working Groups will: review achievements under the programme of work for 2019–2021 in 2021 after the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties, and in 2022 under the programme of work for 2022–2024; and discuss planned future activities.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourth joint meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/1–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/1)

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 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.1)

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

Report on the implementation of activities under the Water Convention in 2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/3–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/3)

General segment

3. Adoption of the report of the previous joint meeting

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 28 June, 10.30–10.35 a.m.

9. The Working Groups 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 third joint meeting (Geneva, 26–28 April 2021).

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment on their third joint meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2021/2–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2021/2)

4. Status of ratification

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 28 June, 10.35–11 a.m.

10. 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.

11. Countries in the process of acceding to the Water Convention will be invited to report on their progress.

Documentation

Informal documents

Ratification status of the Water Convention, its amendments and Protocols (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/INF.1–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/INF.1)

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

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 28 June, 11 a.m–1 p.m. and 3–3.30 p.m.

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

12. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes activities to raise awareness and knowledge of and support accession to and implementation of the Convention for new Parties (programme area 1, activities 1.1.1–1.1.2). 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 (Nur-Sultan, 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.

13. The Working Groups will then be informed about activities carried out by the secretariat, Parties and partners to raise awareness and knowledge of the Convention at the global and regional levels, such as:

- Sessions and events organized at global and regional meetings, including the Eighth Africa Water Week (Namibia (online), 22–26 November 2021), and the Ninth World Water Forum (Diamniadio, Senegal, 21–26 March 2022)
- Initiatives of regional organizations and river basin organizations to increase capacity for accession to and implementation of the Convention
- Contributions to online training sessions and courses focusing on transboundary water cooperation and international water law.

14. Furthermore, the Working Groups 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.

15. The Working Groups will provide comments and discuss how to further promote accession to and implementation of the Convention.

16. Lastly, the Working Groups will be informed about activities organized in the margins of the meeting to promote networking between countries in the process of acceding to the Convention and Parties thereto, or between new Parties and experienced Parties, and for identifying possible twinning arrangements.

17. The Working Groups will discuss future activities in this area.

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)

UN-Water policy brief “The United Nations global water conventions: Fostering sustainable development and peace”⁴

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

18. The programme of work for 2022–2024 includes activities to support countries in developing and revising agreements and arrangements in transboundary basins (programme

⁴ UN-Water, policy brief (2020). Available at www.unwater.org/publications/the-united-nations-global-water-conventions-fostering-sustainable-development-and-peace/.

area 1, activity 1.3). The Working Groups will be provided with an update on the progress made in activities supporting cooperation processes at the basin and regional levels, in particular in the Senegalo Mauritanian Aquifer Basin, by promoting tools developed under the Convention, in particular the *Practical Guide for the Development of Agreements or Other Arrangements for Transboundary Water Cooperation*.

19. The Working Groups will be invited to ask questions and provide comments. The Working Groups will then discuss future activities in this area and will be invited to apply the Practical Guide.

Documentation

Practical Guide for the Development of Agreements or Other Arrangements for Transboundary Water Cooperation (ECE/MP.WAT/68)

(c) Implementation Committee

20. The Implementation Committee will share with the Working Groups the outcomes of its fourteenth meeting (Geneva, 24 and 25 February 2022), 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 fourteenth meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2022/2, forthcoming)

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

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 28 June, 3.30–5 p.m.

21. 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 improving exchange of information (programme area 2).

22. The Working Groups will be informed about the outcomes of the Expert Meeting on Monitoring, Assessment and Data Exchange (Geneva (hybrid), 13 and 14 April 2022).

23. The Working Groups will be briefed about progress in updating the *Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters* (ECE/MP.WAT/20) as a global edition. The Working Groups will be invited to make comments.

24. The Working Groups will be informed of progress made in the development of a publication on good practices and lessons learned in transboundary data exchange and planned next steps and invited to provide comments and submit case studies.

25. The Working Groups will discuss future activities of this programme area.

Documentation

Informal documents

Draft updated strategies for monitoring and assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/INF.2–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/INF.2)

Draft outline for a publication on good practices and lessons learned in transboundary data exchange (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/INF.3–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/INF.3)

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

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 28 June, 5–6 p.m., and Wednesday, 29 June, 10–11 a.m.

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

26. 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 Groups will be informed about the outcomes of the stocktaking of experiences worldwide of nexus (intersectoral) solutions and investments in transboundary basins, in particular the publication *Solutions and investments in the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus: A synthesis of experiences in transboundary basins*.

27. The Working Groups will be provided with an update on the progress made in activities supporting intersectoral dialogues and assessment in transboundary basins, in particular in the Western Balkans, as well as preparations for a nexus project in Central Asia.

28. The Working Groups will also review efforts towards promoting cooperation between the water and energy sectors, as promoted in the toolkit publication for policymakers *Towards sustainable renewable energy investment and deployment: Trade-offs and opportunities with water resources and the environment*.

29. The Working Groups will discuss future activities in this area, including the upcoming seventh meeting of the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (Geneva, 12 and 13 December 2022).

Documentation

Methodology for assessing the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in transboundary basins and experiences from its application: synthesis (ECE/MP.WAT/55)

Solutions and investments in the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus: A synthesis of experiences in transboundary basins (ECE/MP.WAT/66)

Towards sustainable renewable energy investment and deployment: Trade-offs and opportunities with water resources and the environment (ECE/ENERGY/127)

(b) Promoting integrated water resources management in transboundary basins

30. The Working Groups will be informed about the Global Workshop on Source-to-sea Management (Geneva, 14–16 December 2022), to be organized in cooperation with partners with the aim of reviewing relevant experiences, discussing good practices and developing recommendations on the source-to-sea approach linking governance and management of transboundary waters from the source (including mountain environment) to the sea (coastal and marine environment). Subsequently, participants will be invited to discuss the issues and topics to be considered during this event.

31. The Working Groups will also be briefed on initiatives undertaken on the occasion of World Water Day 2022 (22 March 2022) focusing on “Groundwater - making the invisible visible” to promote both the experience of the Convention on transboundary groundwater management and the conjunctive management of transboundary surface waters and groundwaters. Participants will be invited to share information, in particular about activities at the national level on the occasion of World Water Day.

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

32. 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 a new 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)” project⁵ and implemented by ECE in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

33. The Working Groups will discuss future activities in this area.

8. Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 June, 11–11.45 a.m.

34. 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 Groups will be briefed on the progress of activities, in particular the outcomes of the sixth meeting of the Global Network of Basins Working on Climate Change Adaptation (Geneva (hybrid), 25 April 2022), and plans for the Global Workshop on Climate Change and Water (Geneva, 17 and 18 October 2022) and the thirteenth meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate (Geneva, 19 October 2022).

35. The Working Groups will be informed about inputs to global processes on water, climate change and disasters, including the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Glasgow, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 31 October–12 November 2021) and the Water Pavilion organized during that event, as well as the work of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. The Working Groups will be invited to provide comments.

36. The Working Groups will discuss future activities in this area.

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

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 June, 11.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

37. 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 Groups will be informed about activities carried out in the framework of the UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for Sustainable Development Goal 6.

38. Representatives of United Nations regional commissions and other partner organizations will be invited to report on their initiatives promoting the findings of the reports of the second reporting exercise, including the preparation of regional analysis and the use made of the reports in designing their activities in support of transboundary water cooperation. The Working Group participants will also be invited to report on initiatives to promote the findings of the national reports and the setting of national or basin targets and address identified data gaps, such as regarding transboundary aquifers.

39. At its ninth session, the Meeting of the Parties reiterated the need to set up an online reporting system for future reporting exercises under the Convention and on indicator 6.5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals in order to facilitate the filling of the template by countries, and data verification and analysis by the co-custodian agencies, and detailed indicative requirements and characteristics for the online reporting system. The Meeting of the Parties also invited ECE and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), co-custodian agencies for indicator 6.5.2, to explore opportunities for mainstreaming a gender perspective in the upcoming reporting exercises.⁶ The Working Groups will be informed about progress in the development of the online reporting system,

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

⁶ ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.2, decision IX/2 on reporting, paras. 6 and 17.

and the proposed options for considering gender aspects in the reporting. The Working Groups will be invited to make comments.

40. At its eighth session, the Meeting of the Parties decided that reporting exercises would take place triennially, with a deadline of 30 June.⁷ The deadline for submitting the completed templates for the third reporting exercise is, therefore, 30 June 2023. The Working Groups will be informed about activities planned in view of the upcoming third reporting exercise to raise awareness of reporting, build capacity in order to enhance the quality of future reports, promote broad participation, foster harmonization and contribute to the increased role of transboundary water cooperation in policymaking. The Working Groups will discuss future activities in this area.

Documentation

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

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

Sustainable Development Goal 6 brief “Summary Progress Update 2021: SDG 6 – water and sanitation for all”

10. Partnerships, communication and knowledge management

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 June, 12.30–1 p.m. and 3–3.40 p.m.

41. 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). Increasing partnerships and synergies with other actors is also one of the objectives of the Strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level (see ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.2).

(a) Preparations for the United Nations 2023 Water Conference

42. The Working Groups will be informed about the preparatory process for 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, the Working Groups will be briefed about the outcomes of the regional events, for example the Pan-European Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations 2023 Water Conference (Geneva, 12 and 13 April 2022), and other events organized by the different regional commissions of the United Nations. The Working Groups will be invited to ask questions and discuss particularly how to highlight transboundary issues towards and at the conference.

Documentation

Informal documents

Main outcomes of the Pan-European Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 2023 UN-Water Conference (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/INF.5–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/INF.5)

Various outcome documents from regional and global preparatory meetings for the 2023 UN-Water Conference (forthcoming)

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

43. The Working Groups will be briefed about the contribution of activities under the Convention to the Sustainable Development Goal 6 Global Acceleration Framework, aiming

⁷ ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.2, decision VIII/1 on reporting under the Convention, para. 9.

to deliver results quickly at an increased scale as part of the Decade of Action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

44. The Working Groups will be presented with an update of ongoing cooperation with different global and regional partners, such as the Global Environment Facility and its International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network, the Global Water Partnership, UN-Water and other environmental conventions. Partners will be invited to report on their activities with regard to transboundary water cooperation, including on how they support the implementation of activities of the Water Convention's programme of work at the global and regional levels.

45. The Working Groups will also be informed about the ongoing preparations for the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, 16–18 November 2022) and the Protocol's draft programme of work for 2023–2025. The Working Group will be invited to discuss options for strengthening cooperation between the Convention and the Protocol.

Documentation

Draft programme of work for 2023–2025 under the Protocol on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2022/3–EUCHP/2219533/3.1/2022/WGWH/07)

Outline of the programme of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (forthcoming)

(c) Communication and knowledge management

46. The Working Groups will be presented with an update on communication efforts, in particular those to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Water Convention in 2022.

47. The Co-Chairs will recall the main responsibilities of focal points as detailed in paragraph 6 of decision VIII/2 on the designation and responsibilities of focal points (see ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.2) and will invite Parties and other countries to update the nomination of focal points, when relevant.

11. International Water Assessment Centre

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 June, 3.40–4 p.m.

48. The Meeting of the Parties adopted the programme of work of the International Water Assessment Centre for 2022–2024 as hosted by Kazakhstan (see ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.2). The Working Groups will be informed about the implementation of International Water Assessment Centre activities.

12. Resources for the implementation of the programme of work

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 June, 4–4.45 p.m.

49. The Working Groups 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, expenditures and financial needs.

50. 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 2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/4–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/4)

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

13. Ongoing programme of work for 2022–2024

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 June, 4.45–5.25 p.m.

51. The Working Group will review overall progress made in the implementation of the Convention’s programme of work for 2022–2024 and make minor adjustments, if necessary.

Documentation

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

14. Dates and venue of the next meetings of the Working Groups

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 June, 5.25–5.35 p.m.

52. The Working Groups will determine the preliminary dates and venue for their next meetings. They will also be informed of the schedule of other meetings under the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health.

15. Other business

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 June, 5.35–6 p.m.

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

Event marking the thirtieth anniversary of the Water Convention

54. 2022 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Water Convention, which was adopted in Helsinki in 1992. On this occasion, an event marking the anniversary will be organized by the secretariat, Estonia and Finland. The anniversary event will review progress in achieving the Convention’s long-term vision of riparian countries worldwide managing their transboundary waters in a cooperative manner, thereby ensuring sustainable development and peace. The event will also offer an opportunity to reflect on the Convention’s role in operationalizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, and other international commitments on sustainable development and climate change.

Documentation

The Water Convention: 30 years of impacts and achievements on the ground (ECE/MP.WAT/69, forthcoming)

Informal documents

Concept note for the event marking the thirtieth anniversary of the Water Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/INF.6–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/INF.6)

Provisional programme of the event marking the thirtieth anniversary of the Water Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/INF.7–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/INF.7)

16. Looking back: 30 years of experiences applying the Water Convention

Tentative timing: Thursday, 30 June, 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

55. High-level representatives, in particular from Estonia, ECE and Finland will make opening remarks for the event marking the Convention's anniversary.

56. The anniversary event aims to highlight the Water Convention's successes and achievements of the past thirty years. The publication *The Water Convention: 30 years of impacts and achievements on the ground* will be launched.

57. Representatives of Parties and non-Parties to the Convention, as well as other key stakeholders, will be invited to share and reflect upon some of the success stories, lessons learned and challenges in an interactive format.

17. Looking forward: what is next for the Water Convention?

Tentative timing: Thursday, 30 June, 2.30–5.30 p.m.

58. Participants will also discuss, in an interactive way, the following questions:

(a) What can be learned from experiences of basins and regions where water has become a catalyst for peace between neighbours?

(b) How should the Water Convention and its work evolve to meet future challenges with regards to transboundary water cooperation?

(c) How should the globalization of the Water Convention be designed and best capitalized on?

18. Closure of the meeting

59. The meeting will be closed at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 30 June 2022.
