

IR Special Session

*“From the 7th to the 8th World Water Forum,
Three years of Implementation Roadmap”*

IR 4.3 Cooperation for Reducing Conflict & Improving Transboundary Water Management

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Overall IR4.3 progress from 2015 to now



- * **Transboundary water cooperation in the SDGs**
(target 6.5 and indicator 6.5.2)
- * **Water as one priority of the Global Climate Action Agenda – COP UNFCCC**
- * **“Paris Pact” for adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins**
- * **Global network of transboundary basins working on climate change**
- * **1992 UNECE Water Convention became global & Chad became first Party outside the pan-European region (2017)**
- * **Launch and development of UNESCO-IHP’s Water Information Network System (UNESCO-WINS, 2017)**
- * **Four projects of adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins incubated by the GAFWaC: Sava, Senegal, Congo and Chu-Talas**
- * **Innovative solutions:**
 - ❖ **spatial monitoring of the Congo river basin,**
 - ❖ **redistributive financial mechanisms for climate change adaptation in different transboundary context - EcoCuencas project:** between EU and Ecuador– Peru - Brazil and Colombia.

Policy recommendations for the High level political forum 2018



Promote transboundary water management at basin level that delivers optimal solutions & benefits when based on:

- * Strong political will in all the riparian countries
- * conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water at basin level
- * monitoring networks and Water Information Systems (WIS)
- * basin management plans with medium and long-term objectives (Vision)
- * programs of Measures with multiyear priority investments
- * mobilization of specific financial resources
(incl. via “polluter-pays” / user-pays application)
- * participatory basin management – Basin councils – Citizens involvement:
(administrations, local authorities, economical sectors, users, NGOs, etc.)
- * Nature Based Solutions

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Support the creation and development of transboundary basin Authorities, Commissions or Organizations:

- * Capacity building program via technical & institutional assistance
- * Experience sharing between basin organizations, incl. via twinning agreements
- * Clear statutes and sufficient financial and human means

“ The key is a clear political agreement and support!”

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Promote transboundary water management at basin level putting forward its pragmatic interests:

- ❖ Confidence building,
- ❖ Transparency
- ❖ Cost-effectiveness,
- ❖ **Benefit sharing :**
 - pooling knowledge, data and resources from the entire basin,
 - facilitating dialogue between riparian countries & stakeholders
 - enlarging the planning space for better locating measures
& sharing benefits and costs

“Sharing all the benefices and not only water” 😊

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Promote international law on transboundary water management, incl.:

- * UNECE Water Convention 1992
 - * UN Watercourses Convention 1997
 - * UNILC's Draft Articles on the Law of Transboundary Aquifers
- But also the EU Water Framework Directive and AMCOW policy

Promote its key principles:

- * Basin management at transboundary, national and costal levels
- * No significant harm,
- * Equitable and reasonable use,
- * Cooperation