

The 1992 Water Convention Overview & activities



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Key messages

Messages principales

1. Thanks to the institutional framework, the Convention supports implementation and application on the ground

Grace à son cadre institutionnel, la Convention de l'Eau soutien la mise en œuvre sur le terrain

2. The Convention is a living document, with an adaptable programme of work

La Convention est un document évolutif, avec un programme de travail adaptable

3. The Convention works on emerging issues (climate change, nexus)

La Convention travaille sur les thèmes imminentes

4. Activities include capacity building, exchange of experience, development of soft law and projects on the ground

Les activités comprennent le renforcement des capacités, l'échange des expériences, mouler le cadre institutionnel, le développement du « soft law » et projets sur le terrain

Status of ratification of the 1992 (UNECE) Water Convention

40 countries and the European Union

Parties

Non Parties



The Conventions of 1992 and 1997– differences

Les Conventions du 1992 et 1997 – les différences

The 1992 Water Convention

- Negotiated by ECE countries
- **Negocié par les pays CEE**
- “Living document”
- **“Document évolutif”**
 - UNECE Secretariat
 - **Secrétariat CEE-ONU**
 - Adaptable institutional framework
 - **cadre institutionnel flexible**

The 1997 Watercourses Convention

- Negotiated by international law Commission, GA
- **Negocié par la commission du droit internationale, AG**
- No secretariat
- **Pas de secrétariat**
- No institutional framework
- **Pas de cadre institutionnel**

The Conventions of 1992 and 1997 – similarities

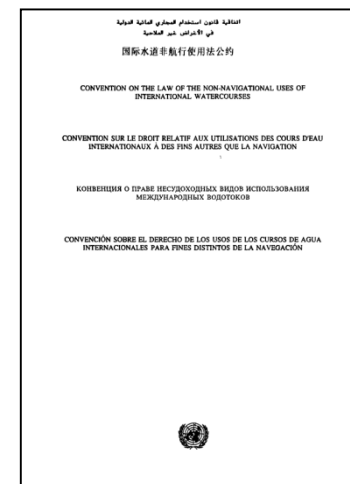
Les Conventions du 1992 et 1997 – les similarités

The 1992 Water Convention

The 1997 Watercourses Convention



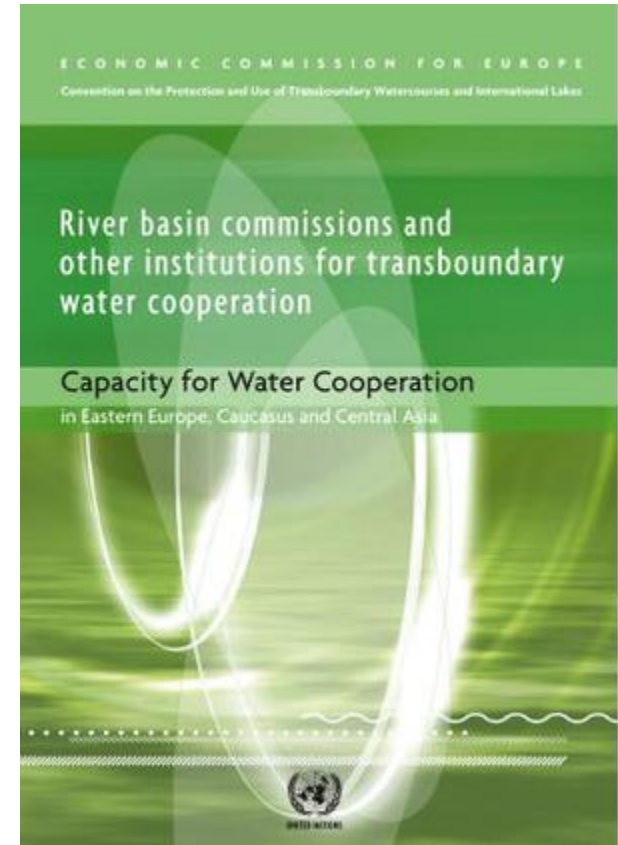
- Same object: Cooperative use, management and protection of international watercourses
- Même objet: usage cooperative, gestion et protection des cours d'eau internationales
- Principles of equitable and reasonable use, prevention of significant harm
- Principes d'utilisations équitables et raisonnables, prévention du dommage significatif



The Convention and River Basin Organisations

La Convention et les institutions des bassins versants

- Forming joint institutions is an obligation under the 1992 Convention
- Ressources:
 - Document published in 2009
 - Regular workshops on transboundary joint bodies by UNECE and partners



Programme of Work 2016-2018

Programme du travail 2016-2018

Support to implementation and application

Mise en œuvre

Opening,
promotion and
partnerships

Ouverture et
partnerariats

EU Water Initiative and
National Policy Dialogues

Dialogues sur les
politiques nationales

Benefits of transboundary water
cooperation

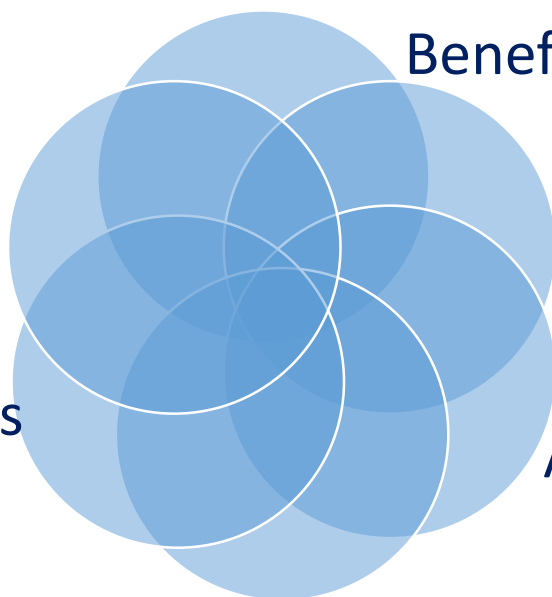
Avantages de
la coopération

Adapting to climate change

Adaptation aux
changements climatiques

Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus

Interactions entre l'eau, l'alimentation, l'énergie et les écosystèmes

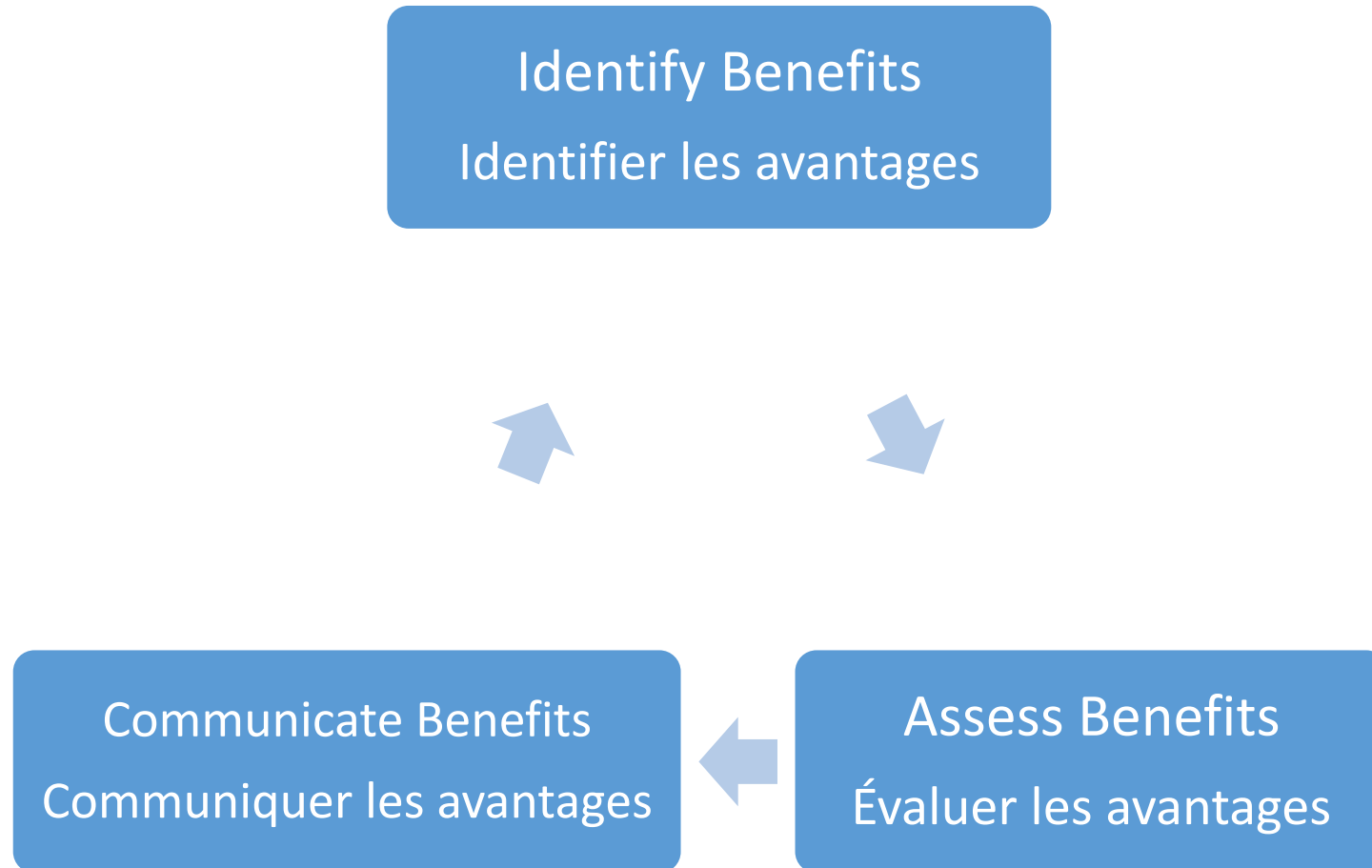


Examples

Exemples

Benefits of transboundary water cooperation

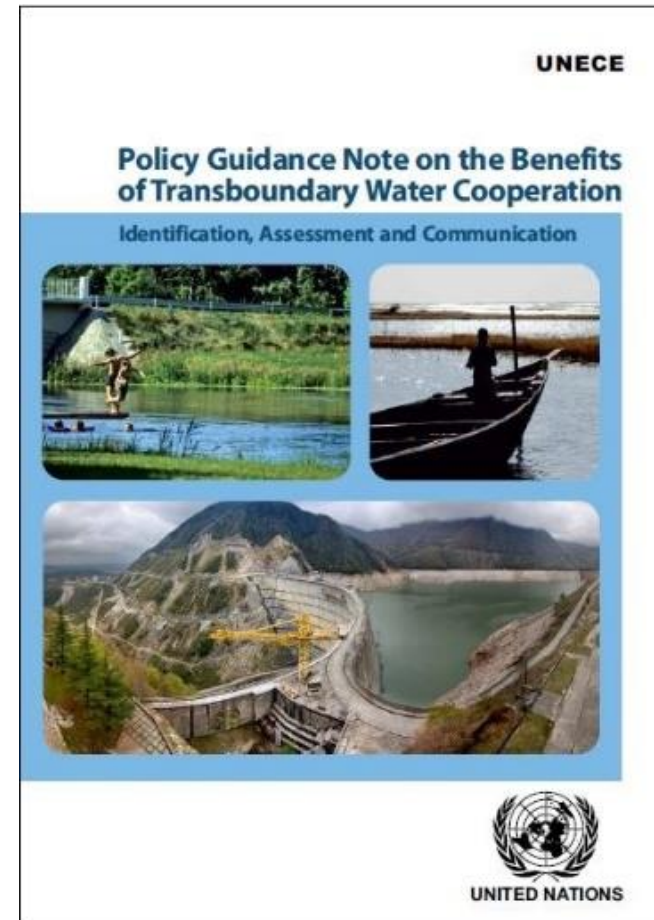
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Benefits of transboundary water cooperation

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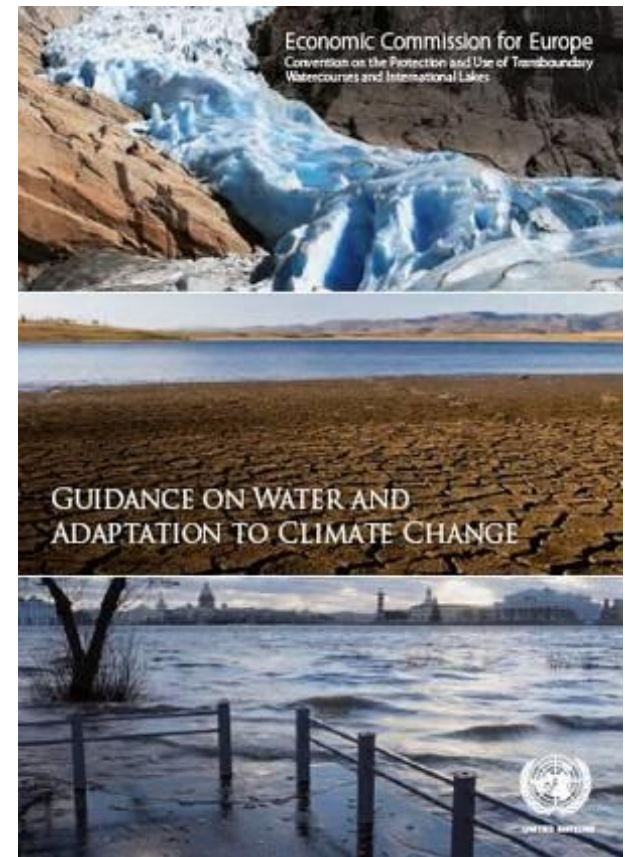
- More benefits than usually perceived
 - Economic
 - Social and Environmental
 - Peace and Security
- Application of guidance
 - Drina
 - Okavango Basin
 - Sio-Malaba-Malakisi
 - Invitation to use the guidance in other basins!
- Global workshop 2018



Climate Change Adaptation in transboundary basins

Adaptation aux changements climatiques dans les bassins transfrontières

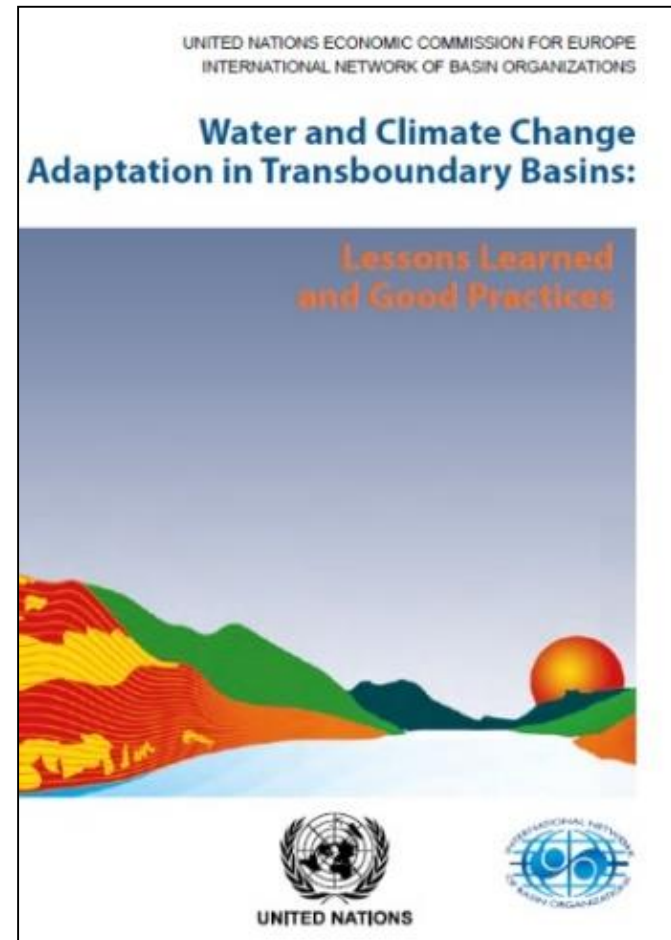
- Transboundary cooperation in adaptation is more effective, efficient and avoids negative unilateral measures
- Complemented by soft law tools: model provisions on transboundary flood management, etc.
- Task Force on water and climate created in 2006: elaborated Guidance on Water and Climate
- Programme of pilot projects
 - Sava
 - Dniester
 - Neman



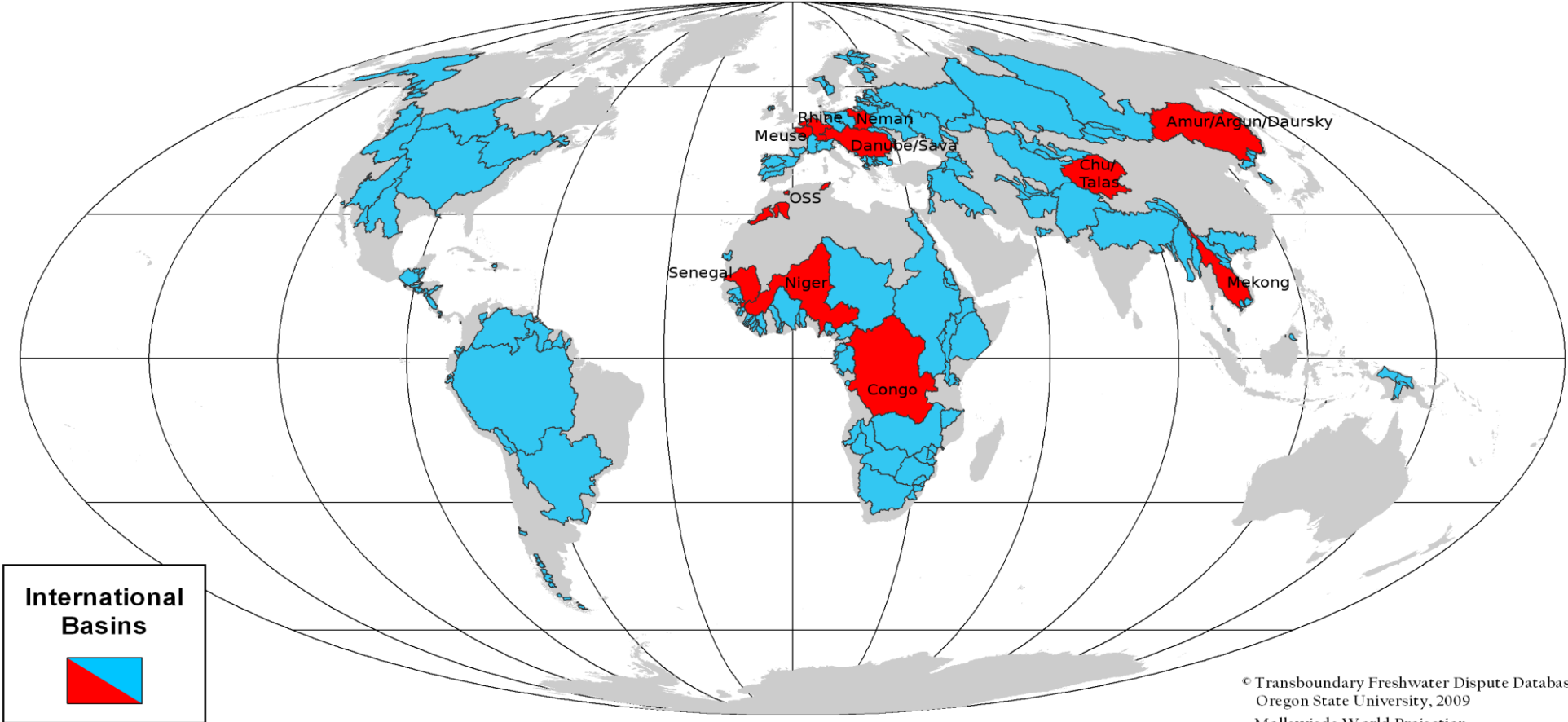
Climate Change Adaptation in transboundary basins

Adaptation aux changements climatiques dans les bassins transfrontières

- Partnership with INBO
- Global platform to exchange experience: regular workshops, global network, web platform
- Analysis of results: collection of good practices and lessons learned
- Input into global processes (e.g. UNFCCC)
- New work on financing CC adaptation
- Global workshop on water scarcity 11-12 December 2017



Global network of basins working on climate change



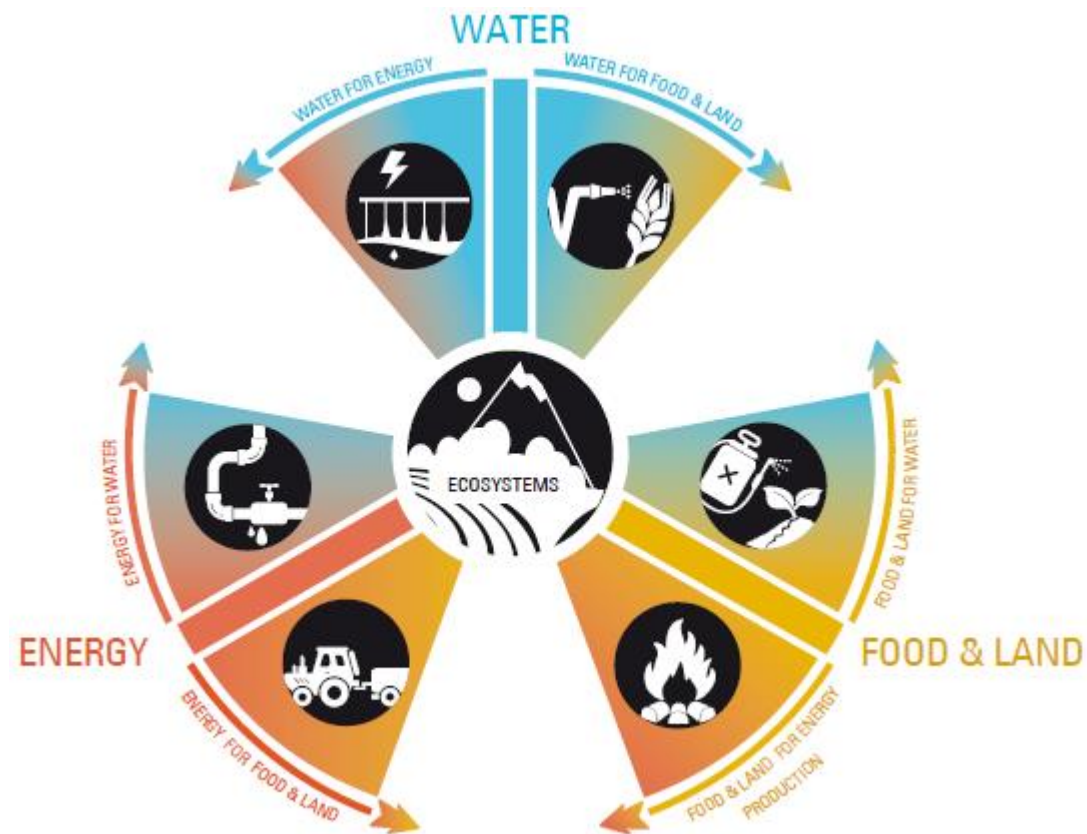
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Oregon State University, 2009
Mollweide World Projection
WGS 1984 Geographic Coordinate System

Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus

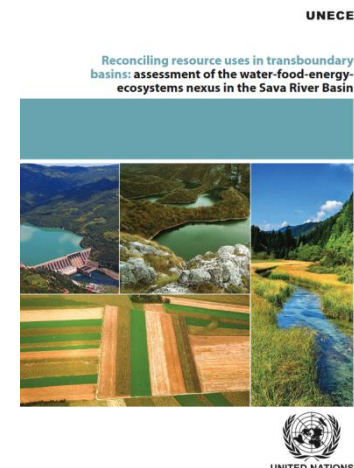
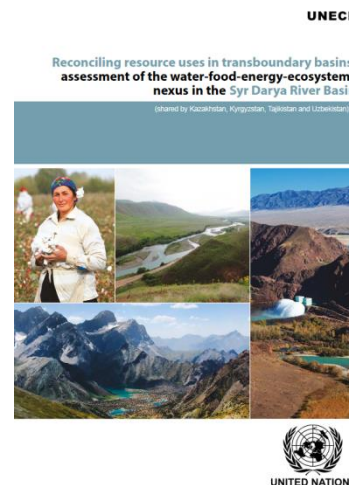
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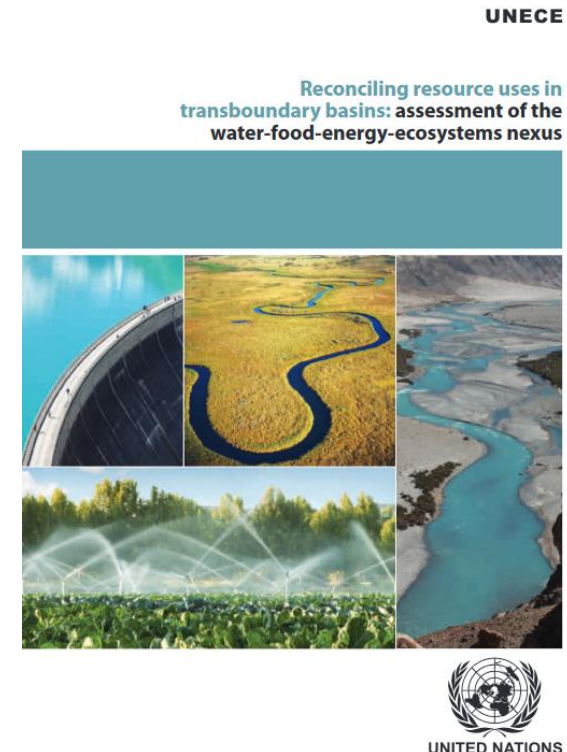
- Objective: Foster transboundary cooperation by
 - Identifying intersectoral synergies
 - Determining policy measures and actions that could alleviate tensions
 - Assisting countries to optimize their use of resources
- A series of assessments of basins for intersectoral links, trade-offs and benefits.



Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus

Interactions entre l'eau, l'alimentation, l'énergie et les écosystèmes

- Synthesis report launched in 2015
- Highlights
 - Challenges:
 - Different planning cycles of sectors
 - Lack of horizontal coordination mechanism
 - Opportunities:
 - Common interests e.g. tourism
 - Better coordination of dam operations brings benefits for hydropower and flood protection



Conclusions

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- Convention can help to implement EU Water policy objectives
 - Climate change
 - Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus
 - Fosters integration of EU and neighbouring countries
- Upcoming events
 - Water allocation workshop & Nexus Task Force Meeting 16-18 October
 - Water scarcity workshop 11-12 December
 - Working Group on IWRM May 2018
 - Meeting of the parties October 2018
- Future programme of work 2019-2021
 - Inform your national focal points about needs, ideas to be integrated

Thank you!



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