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Commitments to the Water Action Agenda by the Central Asia countries and regional organisations



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SDG 6.5.2. Transboundary cooperation

100% of the area of transboundary river and lake basins in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, 66% in Turkmenistan and 30% in Kyrgyzstan are covered by operational arrangements.

Country	6.5.2 Proportion of transboundary basin area with an operational arrangements (%)					
	Total		Rivers		Aquifers	
	2017	2020	2017	2020	2017	2020
Kazakhstan	72	63	100	100	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	-	27	-	30	-	0
Tajikistan						
Turkmenistan	NaN	NaN	NaN	66	NaN	NaN
Uzbekistan	NaN	70	59	100	NaN	0
Global	59	58	63	64	49	42

Source: <http://iwrmdataportal.unepdhi.org/test/countrydatabase>

SDG 6.5.1. IWRM at transboundary level, 2020

- Most countries assess the current state of transboundary cooperation arrangements and institutions generally as **high**
- Transboundary data exchange **satisfies** Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan and considered to be **medium low** for other countries
- Financing transboundary cooperation remains **challenging** for most countries

	KZ	KG	TJ	TM	UZ
Enabling environment: 1.2.c. Arrangements for transboundary water management	80	30	60	80	70
Institutions and participation: 2.2.e. Organizational framework for transboundary water management	100	40	60	80	70
Management instruments: 3.2.d. Transboundary data and information sharing <u>between</u> countries	80	40	50	80	50
Financing: 4.2.c. Financing for transboundary cooperation	100	30	40	100	50

Very low (0), Low (20), Medium-low (40), Medium-high (60), High (80), Very high (100)

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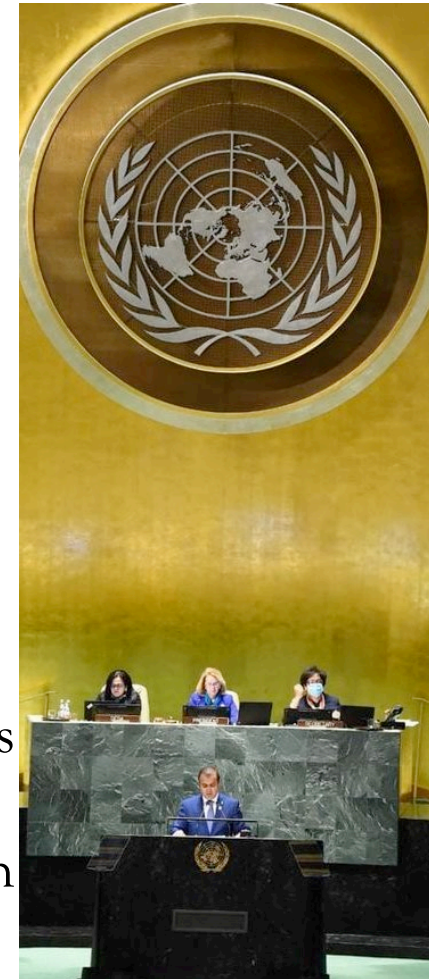
Joint Statement of the Central Asian States at the UN 2023 Water Conference

CA countries commit at regional level:

- further strengthen regional **cooperation** to achieve sustainable development.
- accelerate the improvement of the **organizational structure** and legal framework of IFAS
- develop and implement **joint projects and programs**, attract foreign investment
- joint activities on **climate** agenda
- jointly mitigate and its consequences of the **Aral Sea crisis**

at national level:

- continue joint actions on the **integrated management** and rational use of water resources and environmental protection in the Aral Sea basin
- intensify work on the introduction of **water-resource-saving** and innovative technologies
- continue activities for the **afforestation** of territories, including in the Aral Sea zone
- consider **water diplomacy** as a political and diplomatic form of multilateral cooperation



Advancing evidence-based transboundary water cooperation in Central Asia

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SIC ICWC commits to work closely with the Central Asian countries and other partners to advance evidence-based transboundary water cooperation through:

DATA AND KNOWLEDGE: Establishing robust evidence and knowledge base on transboundary waters in CA

CAPACITY: Strengthening capacities of relevant actors in evidence-based water related decision-making and monitoring

INFLUENCE & AWARENESS: Increasing research-policy interface in water related fields

Key messages

- SDG 6.5 reporting illustrates **positive dynamics** on transboundary water cooperation in Central Asia. Still, **more efforts are needed** to strengthen transboundary data and information exchange, fill data gaps on transboundary aquifers, and secure financing for water.
- Recognizing the achievements of **30-year cooperation** under the umbrella of International Fund for saving the Aral Sea, Central Asian countries made a joint statement in the UN 2023 Water Conference **committing to the water cooperation and climate agenda**, that emphasises a cross-cutting nature of water, basin-wide collaborative approach, IWRM, water savings, innovations, joint programs and institutions.
- SIC ICWC as a regional organization committed to work closely with the countries and other partners to advance **evidence-based transboundary water cooperation through enhancing data and knowledge, strengthening capacities and increasing research-policy interface.**