How the Water convention promotes implementation of the SDGs

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Support to implementation and monitoring of SDG 6

**Target 6.5: By 2030, implement IWRM at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate**

- 6.5 UNECE Water Convention and UNESCO custodian agencies for 6.5.2 indicator on transboundary water cooperation
- Initial reporting exercise a great success: 102 responses received (154 countries share transboundary waters)
- UNECE Water Convention provides framework for reporting and monitoring (parties and non-parties)
- Reporting supports achievement of the SDGs:
  - Provides a baseline and mechanism to track progress
  - Identify common challenges that need support through the work of the Convention and of the international community

Presentation of results and adoption of the future programme of work at the eight session of the Meeting of the Parties (Astana, 10-12 October 2018)
Intersectoral (nexus) approach to achievement of the SDGs

- Water is a necessary for provision of sustainable energy for all and for food security, as well as protection & sustainable use of ecosystems. Transboundary cooperation helps SDGs implementation.
- The Water Convention provides a platform for dialogue, tools/resources, guidance: In 4 basins, participatory nexus assessments carried out. Supports SDG implementation by providing:
  - **Insights to understanding sectoral SDGs interdependencies**: Mapping intersectoral governance; assessing what implications sectoral development plans and targets may have; identifying the trade-offs in managing water, energy, land and ecosystems...
  - **Jointly identified possible synergic solutions to development challenges**: institutions, information, instruments, infrastructure, international cooperation -> possible cooperative ways forward
  - **Lessons**: Broad participation of sectors in a dialogue about balancing development and the environment! Need to find the mutual interest/benefit (e.g. water and energy efficiency commonly mutually beneficial). Targeted communication, addressing different sectors.
Thank you for your attention!

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