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Workshop Objectives

• define cooperation in the context of transboundary water management
• identify needs and challenges of policy makers for benefits quantification
• discuss special features of quantifying benefits of transboundary cooperation
• identify a typology of quantifiable benefits of cooperation
• discuss approaches and methods for the quantification of the typology of benefits
• discuss key characteristics of the Methodological Guidance Note for the Parties to the Convention and other actors
Workshop Setting

• understand needs and challenges faced by policy makers
• practical challenges faced by policy makers in using existing approaches and methods for quantifying benefits
• methods experts and policy makers/practitioners bridge the policy-science gap
• insights on range of robust approaches and methods
• stimulate researchers to find innovative ways to value and capitalize on benefits through relevant policy instruments and other transboundary coordination mechanisms
Workshop Sequence

Day 1

• understand cooperation in a transboundary water context
• insights from transboundary water cooperation
• breakout sessions – policy and research strands
Breakout session – policy strand

Discuss:

• needs and challenges of policy makers in context of quantifying benefits of cooperation
• key information requirements on benefit values for policy makers
• best practice examples of quantified benefits
• challenges in quantifying benefits in practice
• policy needs in terms of the methodological guidance note
Breakout session – research strand

Discuss:

• special features of quantifying benefits of transboundary cooperation
• a typology of benefit types
• methods and approaches for quantifying benefits of transboundary cooperation
• benefit types that are most challenging to quantify
• data requirements and research gaps
Workshop Sequence

Day 2

• reconcile the results of the break-out sessions
• discuss the policy-science interaction in benefit quantification and practical delivery through novel provision mechanisms
• look at the role of benefit quantification in advancing cooperation
• focus on key characteristics of the Methodological Guidance Note
Workshop Outputs

• cooperation in transboundary water management defined
• range of benefits policy makers would like to quantify elaborated
• challenges policy makers face to quantify benefits elaborated
• special features of quantifying benefits of transboundary cooperation discussed
• a typology of quantifiable benefits structured
• approaches and methods to quantify the typology of benefits elaborated
• key characteristics of the Methodological Guidance Note determined
• community of practice – Stockholm World Water Week