



UNESCO and UNECE PARTNERSHIP

Progress on implementation of the decision on cooperation between UNESCO-IHP and the Water Convention, taken at the Meeting of the Parties in Rome 2012.

- Inform the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) Member States and Network
- Plan and implement joint activities
- Activate the UNESCO Centres and Chairs
- Include training and presentations in the UNESCO IHP's transboundary waters projects

19-21 March 2013

Fifth Regional Consultation « Groundwater Governance Project », The Hague, Netherlands

11-12 April 2013

Regional Meeting on the Pretashkent Aquifer Study: experts from Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

14-15 May 2013

Inception Meeting of the “Assessment of Transboundary Aquifers and SIDS Groundwater Systems”, (TWAP Aquifers): Perugia, Italy. UNECE Activities presented

11 June 2013

« Workshop on Transboundary Water Cooperation » back to back with “Second UNESCO/GEF IW:LEARN Groundwater Integration Dialogue”, Buenos Aires, Argentina

1 September 2013

Seminar « Strengthening the Basis for Water Cooperation across Borders » during World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden

23-26 September 2013

Workshops « River Basin Commissions and Other Joint Bodies for Transboundary Water Cooperation: Legal and Institutional Aspects” and “Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management »: UNESCO supported the participation of Ms Maritza Yaneth Campos Fuentes (Scientific Advisor Unit of Basin Water Resources of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Guatemala).

15-16 October 2013

“International Water Cooperation and Trans-boundary Aquifers Conference”, Glasgow, UK:
Glasgow Statement

26-27 September 2013

French banking Group “Crédit Agricole” hosted the Fourth World Congress on Agricultural and Rural Finance and UNESCO presented the theme “Water Cooperation: United Nations’ Initiatives »

3-4 February 2014

Inception meeting of the “Syr Darya Transboundary Basin” Project.

6 May 2014

2014 NGWA Groundwater Summit, Denver, USA : UNESCO presented "Research to Solutions: Contributions from UNESCO-IHP"

8 May

Water Sustainable Program Distinguished Speaker seminar at the Water Resources Research Center, University of Arizona, USA. UNESCO presented « 30 Years of Love for Groundwater: The role of UNESCO in striving for Water Security”.

22-23 May 2014

Workshop “Counting our gains: Sharing experiences on identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary water cooperation”, :

22-23 May 2014

SDC GGRETA Project --Regional Meeting on the Stampriet Aquifer Study: experts from Botswana, Namibia and South Africa.

27 May 2014

5th African Water Week, Dakar: Participation of Mr Cheikh Becaye Gaye representing UNESCO in the side event “Legal frameworks for transboundary water cooperation

11-12 June 2014

Workshop on “Legal frameworks for cooperation on transboundary waters – Key aspects and opportunities for the Arab countries”, Tunis. IHP was represented by Lena Salame who chaired the session “Moving forward - Making cooperation happen in the Arab region”.

18-20 June 2014

IHP 21st Intergovernmental Council: the Secretariat presented an overview of the accomplishments of the International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC) lead by UNESCO in cooperation with UN-WATER and in coordination with UNECE and reported on the preparation of Model Provisions on Transboundary Groundwater and the availability of a Report.

31st WWWeek –Stockholm

26 November 2014

Water Energy Food Nexus meeting in UNESCO Paris –

FUTURE

- **Planning joint workshops on the promotion of the Convention *beyond the ECE region***
- **UNESCO ISARM - Transboundary Aquifers projects**
 - Include in UNESCO projects on Transboundary Waters a component on the promotion of the Convention *beyond the ECE region*
 - Groundwater Governance – example –Stampriet Aquifer (Namibia-Botswana- South Africa) component of the GGRETA projects supported by the SDC
 - NSAS aquifer
 - Taudeni Tarfouf Aquifer
- **7th WWForum –Korea**
- **Post 2015 sustainable development goals**