



Convention of the Protection and Use of
Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
Task Force on Water and Climate
Seventh meeting
Geneva, Switzerland, 13 October 2014

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING

To be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on Monday, 13 October 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening and Adoption of the agenda
2. Programme of pilot projects and global network of transboundary basins working on adaptation to climate change
3. Collection of lessons learned and good practices
4. Cooperation with partners
5. Future programme of work on water and climate change under the Water Convention
6. Other business
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II. BACKGROUND AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Background

1. The Task Force on Water and Climate under the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) is responsible for activities related to adaptation to climate change, including flood and drought management, in accordance with the programme of work for 2013–2015 of the Water Convention, which encompasses the following activities:

(a) Compile, analyse, publish and disseminate good practices and lessons learned from the programme of pilot projects under the Convention and other similar initiatives;

(b) Promote cooperation in the development of adaptation strategies and in their implementation in transboundary basins, through the programme of pilot projects and global network of basins working on climate change adaptation in;

(c) Provide a global platform for exchanging experience, good practices and lessons learned regarding adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins.

2. The seventh meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate aims to review the progress and discuss further implementation of the activities on water and climate under the programme of work for 2013–2015 of the Water Convention. Possible future activities for the period beyond 2015 will also be considered. These activities are to be implemented in the context of the global

opening of the Water Convention to all the United Nations Member States, following the entry into force of the amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on 6 February 2013.

Practical information

3. The seventh meeting of the Task Force will start at 10.00 a.m. and end at 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 13 October 2014. It will be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The Task Force meeting will be followed by the Fifth Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins, which will be held on 14-15 October 2014 in Geneva. The working languages will be English, French, Russian and Spanish.
4. The meeting is open to experts representing governmental authorities, the private sector, non-governmental and international organizations as well as other interested stakeholders. Focal points are requested to disseminate information on the meeting and to facilitate the nomination of relevant experts from their respective countries.
5. Eligible participants from countries with economies in transition and developing countries may apply for financial support to facilitate their participation in the meeting using the financial support request form available on the meeting website. Requests for financial support should be submitted to the UNECE secretariat (cammile.marcelo@unece.org) as soon as possible, but not later than **Wednesday 3 September 2014**. No application will be accepted after this deadline.
6. Participants requiring entry visas should inform the UNECE secretariat as soon as possible. Since Switzerland is part of the Schengen Zone, the visa application process can take up to five weeks. Participants needing a visa are therefore requested to submit their application as soon as possible and initiate visa procedures at **least four weeks before the meeting**.
7. Delegates attending the meeting are requested to register by 1 October 2014 using the new electronic procedure. Registration is available through the following link: <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=r1xuwpl>. We recommend to use Internet Explorer browser for the online meeting registration. In case of difficulties please contact the secretariat by e-mail (Cammile.marcelo@unece.org) On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix (see map on the UNECE website). Please allow enough time for this.
8. Practical information on the Palais des Nations, as well as on transport and accommodation in Geneva, is available online at: <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>
9. Further information, the registration form and relevant material will be made available on the following website in due course:
http://www.unece.org/env/water/7th_meeting_task_force_water_climate_2014.html and for the workshop: http://www.unece.org/env/water/transboundary_adaptation_workshop_2014.html

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening and adoption of agenda (10.00 a.m. - 10.05 a.m.)

10. The co-Chairs will open the meeting.

11. The Task Force is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 2: Programme of pilot projects and global network of transboundary basins working on adaptation to climate change (10.05 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.)

Background document “Overview of the activities of the pilot projects and other basins in the global network” (TFWC/2014/3)

12. Representatives of the pilot projects and other basins of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation will be invited to briefly inform about their activities, challenges and lessons learnt. The Task Force will review the progress of the programme of pilot projects and provide comments as relevant. The Task Force will discuss how to enable the comparison of methodologies and approaches, foster the exchange of experience and promote a shared vision between the participating basins worldwide through the global network of transboundary basins working on adaptation to climate change.

13. The Task Force will also be briefed on the fourth meeting of the core group of pilot projects and the second meeting of the global network of transboundary basins working on adaptation to climate change, held on 13–14 February 2014 in Geneva.

Item 3: Collection of lessons learned and good practices (11.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.)

Background document: Draft collection of lessons learned and good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins (TFWC/2014/4)

14. A draft version of the “collection of lessons learned and good practices on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins“ will be presented to the Task Force. This publication, prepared by a drafting group coordinated by UNECE and the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) is expected to be launched at the seventh World Water Forum (Daegu/ Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea, 12-17 April 2015) and will serve as a complement to the *Guidance on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change*. The Task Force will discuss the structure, content, lessons learned and case studies of the publication as well as the further steps and timeline for its finalization, translation and printing in time for the seventh World Water Forum.

15. The Task Force will also consider the need for revising and updating the Guidance in the longer term.

Item 4: Cooperation with partners (12.30 p.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.- 4.00 p.m.)

16. The Task Force will discuss cooperation with global partners, such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the European Commission, the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Global Water Partnership (GWP), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), GIZ, UN-Water and others. These and other Partners will be invited to briefly present their ongoing activities on water and adaptation to climate change and to present their suggestions for promoting the transfer of lessons learned and a broader exchange under the global platform.

17. The meeting will particularly discuss cooperation with UNFCCC and its different adaptation-related programmes and activities, such as the Adaptation Committee, the National

Adaptation Plans, the Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change where water is now receiving greater attention. Cooperation between the UNECE Water Convention and UNFCCC can include sharing information and knowledge on adaptation in water management as well as direct inputs into the work on water and adaptation under UNFCCC upon request of the relevant UNFCCC bodies. Representatives of UNFCCC will be invited to report on the latest developments in this regard. The Task Force will also discuss whether and if yes which type of input can be made to the 21st UNFCCC Conference of the Parties, to be held in December 2015 in Paris. A representative of France will be invited to provide an update in this regard.

18. Subsequently, the Task Force will discuss cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). In this regard, a representative of UNISDR will be invited to present the preparations of the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and of the third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, to be held on 14-18 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan.

19. The Task Force will also discuss the possibility for the UNECE platform to function as an informal network among water experts which countries can use for facilitating preparation of their inputs on adaptation and water for the UNFCCC and the UNISDR process.

Item 5: Future programme of work on water and climate change under the Water Convention (4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.)

Background document: Proposal for future activities on water and climate change (TFWC/2014/5)

20. At the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Water Convention in November 2015 a new programme of work for 2016-2018 will be presented and adopted. The Task Force will be briefed about the discussions and proposals for the future programme of work and its water and climate change component at the ninth meeting of the Working Group on IWRM (Geneva, 25-26 June 2014). The Task Force will discuss possible future activities on water and climate change under the Water Convention and make arrangements to further develop and finalize the proposal for its presentation at the tenth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Geneva, 24-25 June 2015) and its subsequent submission to the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 6: Other business (5.00 p.m.)

21. At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this item. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item should inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

Item 7: Closing

22. The co-Chairs will close the meeting at 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 13 October 2014.
