

Overview and status of the nexus assessment

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Aims at the basin level

- Support transboundary cooperation by
 - identifying intersectoral synergies that could be further explored and utilized;
 - Determining policy measures and actions that could alleviate negative consequences of the nexus and help to optimize the use of available resources
- Help to move towards increased efficiency in resource use, greater policy coherence and co-management
- Build capacity in addressing intersectoral impacts

Benefits of the assessment under the Convention

- **Improved knowledge base** about linkages between sectors to **support decision-making** at national, basin & transboundary levels, analysis/quantification of selected aspects; gaps
- **Joint identification of opportunities** for benefits and of solutions for capitalizing on the synergies, addressing trade-offs and reconciling different resource uses;
- **Promotion of dialogue between the different sectors** and the riparian countries at the basin level; bring together authorities, private sector, civil society
- **Exchange** of good practices
- **Capacity building**: workshops, exchanges, self-assessment, knowledge mobilization in the process
- Serves to inform/increase awareness, guide & stimulate action



Alazani/Ganikh River Basin

- pilot workshop (Kachreti, November 2013)
- full report available
- graphics developed
- national consultations held (Tbilisi & Baku, February 2015)
- comments received from both countries
- draft short prepared

Sava River Basin

- workshop (Zagreb, March 2014)
- Preliminary findings presented to the Permanent Expert Group on River Basin Management
- full report available and now on-line for review and comments
- graphics developed
- Basin level consultation planned for (Zagreb, 25 May 2015)
- comments received from some stakeholders
- draft short version being prepared

Syr Darya Basin

- workshop (Almaty, December 2014)
- Preliminary findings presented in Bishkek (February 2015)
- draft report has been shared with national focal points
- National consultations planned as linked to NPDs in Kazakhstan and in Tajikistan (May 2015)
- Revised draft report to be circulated to the national administrations in early May

Objectives of the 3rd Task Force meeting

- **Provide an overview** of the status of preparations;
- **Discuss the findings and the experience** from the basin assessments;
- **Review draft contents** of the overall stocktaking report from the nexus assessment;
- Agree on the **concluding steps** in the process to complete the presentation of findings for publication;
- Discuss **possible follow-up activities** for the Convention's programme of work 2016–2018

Some observations

- Gradual development of the methodology: with application, with comments from the analysts and stakeholders -> evolution seen in the basin assessments
- A lot of interest in the approach internationally
- Analysis and participation at different stages require significant time and effort (human resources)
- Synergies with other programme areas have emerged (benefits of transboundary cooperation, NPDs)
- Consultations about the findings necessary

Concluding points

- **Diverse expectations, limited resources** constrain ambitions and dealing with the complexity requires a **workable approach**
- A **scoping level exercise!** Follow-up projects needed if more in-depth analysis and quantification are to be done
- **NO one-size-fits-all:** all the **basins are unique** the application of the general approach and the process shapes differently
- **Active participation and commitment** needed from the countries to shape the approach into a valuable, relevant exercise that supports policy and decisions at different levels
- Identification of **synergies** with other initiatives important — promising partnerships have emerged
- Even though already the intersectoral-transboundary dialogue has value, **adequate data** is necessary for a meaningful analysis