Proposal for a Reporting Mechanism

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1. Background

* Sixth Meeting of parties (2012) mandated the WG on IWRM to carry out an analysis on the need of reporting
* A questionnaire was send to Parties in 2013 and the results were summarized to WG meeting in 2014
* WG on IWRM reviewed the analysis and decided to establish a Core Group to develop a proposal for reporting
2. Purposes of Reporting

- Provide information on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention (article-based approach)
- Accumulate lessons learned, good practices and experiences
- Identify emerging issues and difficulties
- Provide means to enhance basin-specific cooperation
- Support national implementation of the Convention
- Provide information to support the mobilization of resources
- Purpose is not to report the status of transboundary waters → 3rd assessment
3. Introduction of the reporting

* Core group has prepared a template for the reporting (taking into account constructive comments and suggestions from parties)

* Core group recommends:
  * A pilot (?) exercise in 2016-2017
  * Analyse the possible needs for revisions
  * Allowing input to the preparation of the 3rd Comprehensive Assessment
  * Prepare a draft decision on reporting for the Meeting of Parties in 2018
  * Reporting frequency: three years?
Process of preparation

* The Core Group has met twice, December 2014 and March 2015
* After the 1st meeting a draft was sent to Parties for comments, suggestions and questions
* Major issues:
  * Country specific questions vs. basin specific questions
  * How to handle different arrangements:
    * One agreement covers several basins
    * A large basin covered by several agreements
  ➢ The Template is divided to country specific and basin/group of basins sections
Structure of the template

* Consists of three Sections

1. Transboundary water management at national level
   * National legislation
   * Economic and financial measures
   * Technical measures

2. Questions for each basin (or a group of basins)
   * Status and content of agreements
   * Status and activities of joint bodies
   * Other questions concerning different articles of the Convention

3. Final questions: general verbal comments + technical information

Convention of the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
SDG goals are still under negotiations

If we will get a goal concerning transboundary waters (with reporting requirements) our reporting mechanism may be of help

This may also increase the acceptability of this specific SDG goal