

Opening the Convention to countries outside the UNECE region

Capacity building activities



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Convention of the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes



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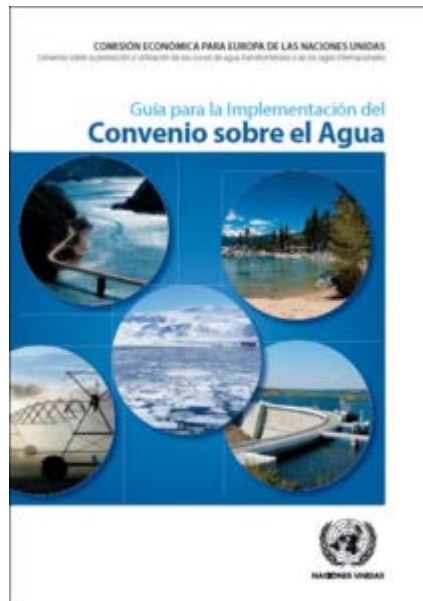


- * National capacity building workshops on the Water Convention, organized upon requests by countries:
 - Lebanon (Beirut, 4–5 February 2015)
 - Jordan (Amman, 10 March 2015)
- * Promotion of the opening of the Convention during events:
 - Ibero-American Water Directors Conference CODIA (Panama, 20 November 2014)
 - General Assembly of the African Network of Basin Organizations (Addis Ababa, 12–13 February 2015)



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- * Guidance documents and text of the Convention translated in Spanish and Arabic



2. Main results and lessons learned

- * Much interest from countries in the Convention but more promotion effort needed still
- * Importance of providing detailed information on complementarity between 2 Conventions and support through legal expertise and sharing of experience about Convention's implementation
- * Necessity to involve large range of stakeholders, including civil society, parliamentarians...
- * Request from countries outside the UNECE region to consider their specific needs in framing Convention's work
- * Importance of cooperation with regional partners – partnerships to be strengthened
- * Need for documents into national languages



3. Plans in this area in the draft programme of work for 2016-2018

- * Sub-regional and national workshops on the Water Convention (Mexico, Iraq, Tunisia, date tbc)
- * *Programme area 5: Opening, promotion and partnerships* to include activities on “Promoting accession by raising awareness about the Convention and developing capacity to implement its provisions”
 - National and regional events (upon request) -> awareness raising and capacity building on Convention
 - Guidance material and expert advice
 - Secretariat / Bureau... participation in relevant events
 - Invitation of representatives from non ECE countries in different meetings under the ECE Water Convention

