How can the Water Convention support countries in the North Africa region?

- Institutional framework and platform for exchanging experiences
Water Convention

Institutional framework (I)

- Meeting of the Parties (every three years)
  - Main governing body
  - 41 Parties
- Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties (twice or more per year)
  - 12 Members at the moment
    - Steering body between the MOPs
    - Officers elected by the MOP
    - Chairpersons of working groups
- Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (once per year)
  - One of the two main subsidiary bodies
  - Discussion of the current programme of work, of products to be established etc.
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Institutional framework (II)

• Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment
  – One of the two main subsidiary bodies
  – Inactive at the moment
  – Assessments, guidance on monitoring issues

• Implementation Committee (twice per year)
  – Facilitates, promotes and safeguards the implementation and application of and compliance with the Convention
  – Established 2012
  – 9 elected members

• Legal Board
  – Inactive at the moment
  – Legal issues, e.g.
    • Preparing the establishment of the implementation committee
    • Model provisions e.g. on groundwater (smaller core groups to prepare draft documents)
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Institutional framework (III)

• Task Forces (once a year, workshops, pilot projects)
  – Water and Climate
  – Water-Food-Energy-Ecoystems Nexus

• Joint ad-hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (meets as needed)
  – Joint group of two conventions
  – Technical Guidelines e.g. on safety of pipelines or tailing dams

• International Water Assessment Center (IWAC)
  – Relaunch, Kazakhstan is new host

• UNECE secretariat!!
  – 12 persons (not all of them serving only the Water Convention)
Why joining?

• Efficient and adaptive institutional framework
• Combination of policy and technical work
• Unique platform
  – Exchange of knowledge and experience
    • Learning from each other
  – A lot of interesting workshops on
    • Benefits of transboundary water cooperation
    • Climate change and adaption
    • Water scarcity, water allocation etc.
• All meetings of the bodies open for non-parties, organisations and NGOs
  – Not Bureau meetings
  – Special provisions for the Implementation Committee