Prioritization of needs for the future 2019-2021 programme of work of the Water Convention

Secretariat of the Water Convention
Aims of the programme of work

To promote implementation of the Convention and address priorities and challenges in transboundary water cooperation raised by Parties, other countries and concerned organizations

A combination of legal support, technical support and projects on the ground to answer to needs raised by countries

Inter-governmental meetings and global thematic workshops to report on progress and share experiences
Programme of work for 2016-2018

Support to implementation and application

Opening, promotion and partnerships

European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues

Identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary water cooperation

Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins

Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in transboundary basins
Process of development of the new programme of work

- On-line survey to consult with countries and organizations
- To be discussed at the 13th meeting of the Working Group on IWRM in May 2018
- For adoption by the Meeting of the Parties in October 2018
Identification of priority topics for future work

• Promoting and communicating the benefits of transboundary cooperation to support hydrodiplomacy through understanding the Convention
• Supporting the development of agreements (bilateral, basin, regional) and the establishment of joint bodies
• Promoting integrated water resources management in transboundary basins
• Promoting sustainable transboundary groundwater management
• Promoting the reduction of risks from industrial accidents in transboundary basins
• Supporting financing of transboundary water cooperation
• Raising awareness and developing capacities on the Convention and on international water law and supporting national processes towards accession
Identification of priority topics for future work

• Supporting reporting under the Convention and on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and using of the reports and their results for activities in the countries or under the Water Convention

• Supporting intersectoral dialogues and assessments in selected transboundary basins through a the Nexus approach

• Supporting sustainable water allocation in the transboundary context

• Promoting sustainability of investments through a nexus approach

• Supporting monitoring, assessment and information/data sharing in transboundary basins

• Promoting climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

• Facilitating access to climate finance from international and domestic sources for climate change adaptation measures in transboundary basins
Identification of possible activities

• Multilateral nature of the work under the Water Convention

• Might include:
  • capacity building at the basin, regional or global levels,
  • exchanges of experience (twinning, exchanges at the regional or global level),
  • development or revision of guidance documents or other tools,
  • demonstration projects at the basin or regional level, etc...