



Successful Negotiation and Implementation of Global, Regional and Bilateral Transboundary Cooperation Agreements

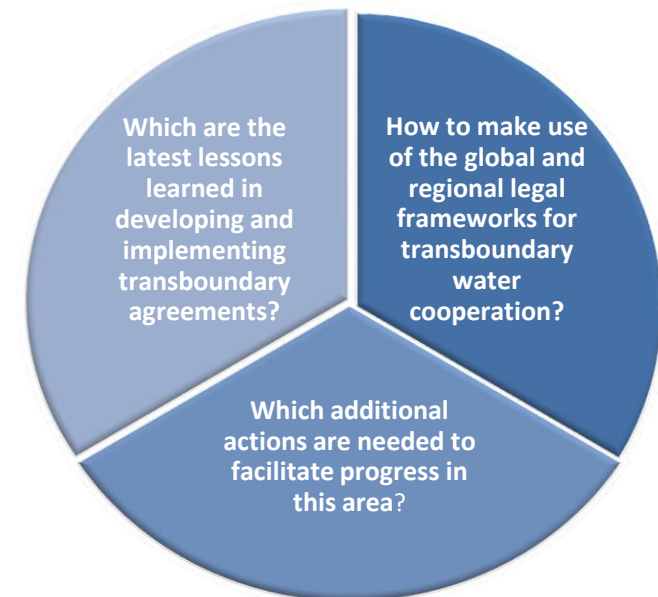
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When? Wednesday 21st March 2018
9:00 - 10:30

Where? Brasilia, Ulysses Guimarães
Convention Center, **Room 28**

Session objectives

- ✓ Share how to make use of the global and regional legal frameworks for transboundary water cooperation in the negotiation and implementation of transboundary water agreements
- ✓ Exchange lessons learned and discuss success factors in developing and implementing transboundary agreements



Session description:

Legal frameworks and agreements on transboundary water cooperation at basin, regional and global level are paramount for the good governance of transboundary basins. Examples of these agreements include the UN Watercourses Convention, the UNECE Water Convention, the SADC Protocol on Shared Water Resources, the EU Water Framework Directive and basin-level agreements. However, negotiating successful agreements and ensuring their long-term effective implementation is challenging, for example due to lack of resources, lack of political will, increasing water stress and climate change, etc.

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Speakers:

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Mr. Pedro da Cunha Serra, Adviser to the Board of TPF Planege Cenor, Portugal

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