

Words into Action Guide - Implementation Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation

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*Integrating disaster risk management with water
management and climate change adaptation*

Aims and scope

- * Support to the implementation of the Sendai framework in (transboundary) basins
 - * Ensure that IWRM issues are considered at all levels including the international level
 - * Ensure that the role of water and basins is taken into account
- * Taking into account various international commitments including the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Target audience

- * Practitioners in DRR and water management
 - * water managers and institutions responsible for water management
 - * authorities and institutions responsible for DRR, at local, regional, national and international level
- * Also relevant for, but not specifically target water users, a.o. from the industry, agriculture and energy sectors
- * The guide will also be brought to the attention of the humanitarian sector and development aid.

Typical steps



Transboundary cooperation elements



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Key messages for disaster risk management

- * Water management can limit or enhance the risk of disaster in water-related sectors
- * Transboundary cooperation is both necessary and beneficial
- * Need for joint bodies and/or regional organizations
- * Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is imperative
- * Disaster risk management measures need to be flexible
- * Data and information are crucial
- * Uncertainty should never be a reason for inaction
- * Need for coordination across all governance levels
- * Need for a cross-sectoral approach
- * Degrading ecosystems are often a contributing factor to the development of hazards

Timeline

- * First draft – December 2017
- * Comments from TFWC – until January 2018
- * External review – until February 2018
- * Focal points review – until March 2018
- * Edited version – May 2018
- * ISDR peer review and external review – until 27 Juli 2018
- * Final revision before MoP – until 30 August 2018