The eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (The Water Convention)

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The 8th session of the Meeting of the Parties

The only UN intergovernmental forum focusing on transboundary water cooperation

Discussion of progress, common challenges and actions

📅 10-12 OCTOBER 2018

📍 Astana, Kazakhstan

More than 400 participants from ministries responsible for water, international relations and development, representing both Parties and non-Parties to the Water Convention, joint bodies, international and non-governmental organizations and academia from many regions of the world.
Actions taken by the MOA of RK to hold the Meeting of the Parties


draft decree of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan on organizing and holding the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes in Astana on 10-12 October 2018.
Programme of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties

9 October
High-level workshop on financing transboundary basin development

10 October
High-level segment
Cooperation on water allocation in transboundary basins in the context of growing water scarcity

10-12 October
Main discussions of activities carried out under the Water Convention, and adoption of various decisions, including the new programme of work of the Convention for 2019-2021

Thematic side sessions on 10-12 October!
High-level workshop on financing transboundary basin development
9 October 2018

Object: to promote knowledge exchange and learning about raising funds for developing transboundary basins and increasing their financial stability

Organizers:
→ The Asian Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, the Global Environment Facility, the World Bank, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Kazakhstan, the UNECE Secretariat of the Water Convention

Target participants:
→ Ministers and other high-level officials (state Secretary, permanent Secretary) of countries sharing transboundary water resources
High-level segment
10 October 2018

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Topic for discussion:
Joint water use in the context of growing scarcity, its impact on development, peace and stability. How can the Convention promote reasonable, equitable and sustainable water allocation and benefit-sharing
General segment
10-12 October

- Discussion of outcomes of the programme of work for 2016-2018 under the Convention
- Progress in transboundary water cooperation in the world
- Global opening and further realisation of the Convention
- Benefits of transboundary water cooperation
- Water and adaptation to climate change
- Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus
- Adoption of the programme of work for 2019-2021 under the Convention.
The Meeting of the Parties will be held in the Congress Center located on the territory of the International Exposition Center EXPO-2017 in close proximity to the 5* Hilton hotel, shopping and entertainment center, and the Sphere “Nur Alem” - symbol of EXPO
VIEW ON THE LOBBY AND REGISTRATION ZONE OF THE CONGRESS CENTER
**THE CONGRESS CENTRE**
**WELL THOUGHT-OUT DESIGN**

**Halls**
- Main hall - 2659 m², with 2192 seats
- 4 conference halls = 700 m², up to 500 seats
- VIP-hall “Aspan” - 230 m²
- Lobby - 2305 m²

**Facilities**
- Offices
- Buffet
- Meeting rooms
- Storage space
- Dressing rooms
- Kitchen
- Ticket office

**Parking**
- Indoor Parking
- 179 m/place
The main hall is equipped with telescopic seats that allow for modifying space, shifting scenery.

Modern design, suited for various events.

- Telescopic stages - 1610 seats
- Mobile seats: 492
- VIP chairs: 60 seats
- VIP box (level of 3rd floor): 30 seats
THE CONGRESS CENTRE
EQUIPPED CONFERENCE HALLS

- 4 conference halls with 350-500 seats, each hall is 700 m²
- Possibility to divide halls by 350 m²
- Equipped with furniture and basic technical equipment (LDP projector, mobile podium for the Bureau)
- Ceiling height: first floor-5.2 m, second floor-3.8 m
THE CONGRESS CENTRE
VIP-hall "Aspan"

- VIP-hall "Aspan" for official receptions - 430 m²;
- Floor covering - high quality carpet;
- Cozy atmosphere, large two-tier buffet table, panoramic balcony
THE CONGRESS CENTER AND AUXILIARY FACILITIES

- Kitchen area
- Buffet bar
- Negotiation rooms
- Ticket office
- Office and storage space