

# Strategy for implementation of the Convention at the Global level

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# Background & Mandate

- \* 7th Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention adopted decision VII/3 on establishing a framework for the implementation of the Convention at the global level
- \* decision VII/3 entrusted the Bureau and the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, in cooperation with non-Parties, key partners and the secretariat, to develop a strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level for adoption at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2018.

# Process of development since 2016

- \* 11th IWRM WG (Geneva, 18–19 October 2016) discussed a paper with draft elements for a strategy.
- \* Based on the written and oral comments received, the Bureau with the assistance of the secretariat, prepared a draft strategy for the 12th IWRM WG meeting (Geneva, 5–6 July 2017).
- \* Discussion and written comments after the 12th WGIWRM
- \* Preparation of a revised ***Draft strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level*** by the Bureau with support from the secretariat see Doc n°4

# The Strategy's objectives:

- Objective 1:** Increased awareness and political support to transboundary cooperation and to the Convention
- Objective 2:** Increased accession to the Convention
- Objective 3:** Increased support to the implementation of the Convention and to transboundary water management
- Objective 4:** Increased support to water-related SDGs implementation, in particular target 6.5, through the Convention
- Objective 5:** Increased partnerships and synergies with other actors

# Objective 1: Increased awareness and political support to transboundary cooperation and to the Convention

- 1.1 Involving high-level and prominent actors in the promotion of the Convention and of transboundary cooperation
- 1.2 Increasing awareness among “multipliers”
- 1.3 Organizing events to raise awareness on the Convention
- 1.4 Preparing innovative promotional and communication material

# Objective 2: Increased accession to the Convention

- 2.1 Associating Parties to support accession processes at the technical and political level
- 2.2 Creating a pool of experts on the Convention
- 2.3 Exchanging experience and mutual learning between countries working on accession
- 2.4 Promoting regional approaches to accession

# Objective 3: Increased support to the implementation of the Convention and to transboundary water management

- 3.1 Strengthening capacity to accede to and implement the Convention
- 3.2 Using the Convention's reporting as a means to support implementation
- 3.3 Enhancing the impact of guidance material under the Convention
- 3.4 Support to negotiation of new agreements and improved implementation of existing ones through the Convention's network
- 3.5 Exploring new financing models for supporting implementation of the Convention

# Objective 4: Increased support to water-related Sustainable Development Goals implementation, in particular target 6.5, through the Convention

- 4.1 Monitoring and review of progress towards SDG target 6.5
- 4.2 Supporting achievement of SDG target 6.5

# Objective 5: Increased partnerships and synergies with other actors

- 5.1 Promoting a regional approach to the global implementation of the Convention
- 5.2 Strengthening the cooperation with the Global Environment Facility
- 5.3 Consolidating cooperation with long-established partners and enhancing their use of the Convention's framework
- 5.4 Reaching out to new partners: International Financial Institutions, civil society and the private sector

# Vision

Transboundary waters worldwide are managed in cooperation between riparian countries to promote sustainable development, peace and security

# Next steps:

## \* Before the MOP 8:

- \* To review the present **strategy** document (n°4), **make comments**
- \* **Finalization by the Bureau**
- \* Adoption by the Meeting of the Parties for adoption at its eighth session in October 2018.

## After the MOP:

- \* Most important: implementation of the strategy by all: Parties, secretariat, partners
- \* Regular review, eg by Bureau and at WGIWRM