Programme area 1: Item 5(e)
The Implementation Committee

Dr. Dinara Ziganshina, Member
Objectives, nature and functions

In accordance with decision VI/1 of the MoP on support to implementation and compliance (28-30 Nov 2012), the Implementation Committee facilitates, promotes and safeguards the implementation and application of and compliance with the Convention.

**Nature:** Simple, non-confrontational, non-adversarial, transparent, supportive and cooperative in nature, building on the distinctive collaborative spirit of the Convention.

**Functions:** Considers (1) requests for advice (2) self-submission or Party-to-Party submission (3) undertaking a Committee initiative; it may also carry out any other functions assigned to it by the MoP, incl. examination of specific or general issues of implementation and compliance.
Composition:

• Serve in their personal capacity and objectively, in the best interest of the Convention
• Recognized expertise, including legal and/or scientific and technical expertise
• Geographical distribution of membership and diversity of experience and expertise
• Elected by the MoP among candidates nominated by the Parties (Signatories and NGOs may propose candidates to Parties)

Implementation Committee 2018-2021

- Attila Tanzi, Chair
- Kari Kinnunen (re-elected at MoP-8)
- Johan G. Lammers
- Stephen McCaffrey (re-elected at MoP-8)
- Anne Schulte-Wülwer-Leidig
- Ivan Zavadsky (re-elected at MoP-8)
- Dinara Ziganshina
- Martins Paparinskis (elected at MoP-8)
- Pedro Cunha Serra (elected at MoP-8)
Past activities in 2018-2019

• Reviewed the reports submitted by the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/2018/8) and currently involved in drafting the Guide to Reporting under the Convention

• Hold a joint session with the Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Water and Health
Communication and promotion

Public round-table discussion on the role of non-State actors in supporting implementation of and compliance with MEAs and human rights agreements (Geneva, 7 March 2018)

Side-event on the role of the Committee at MOP-8 (Astana, 10-12 October, 2018)

GWP Pan-Asia Training Workshop on Water Governance (Kunming, 13-15 December 18)
Within its mandate, the Committee will continue

• supporting countries in their efforts to implement and comply with the Convention, including through the provision of advice;

• promoting the implementation mechanism and its use by Parties and non-Parties through communication efforts and specific events:
  • roundtable on “Water disputes: how to prevent and solve them?” (Geneva 3 December 2019).
  • Conference “The implementation of international water law: global, regional and basin perspectives” (Geneva, 4 December 2019)

• supporting the Secretariat in answering questions from countries interested in accession;
• being engaged in the Drafting Group on the Guide to reporting under the Water Convention and on SDG indicator 6.5.2.
Thank you!

The Implementation Committee can be contacted by email through the Convention’s secretariat at water.convention(at)un.org.