Task Force on Water and Climate

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Meetings in 2019

• Global network of basins working on climate change adaptation - Geneva, 14 - 15 February 2019 (17 basins in the network) together with INBO
  • Discussions on experiences and progress in the basins, addressing water-related disasters, and linking basin-wide efforts with national strategies and plans
• Global workshop on ecosystem-based adaptation in transboundary basins – Geneva, 29 - 30 April 2019
  • Value, limits and conditions for ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA)
  • EbA as a low or no regret measure, particularly in transboundary basins
  • Tools for EbA through interactive exercises and case studies
• Tenth meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate - Geneva, 1 May 2019
Implementation Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation - Integrating disaster risk management with water management and climate change adaptation

• https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=50093
Financing climate change adaptation since MoP

- Publication on bankable projects (World Bank)
  - Available in English, French, Russian and Spanish

- Trainings on preparing bankable projects
  - Lake Chad - N’Djamena, 19 - 20 November 2018
  - Drin - Tirana, 25 - 26 November 2018
Cooperation with global processes in 2019

• COP 24 - Katowice, Poland, 4 - 8 December 2018 – 4 sessions
  • Role of water in adaptation and disaster risk
  • Role of water in climate neutrality
  • Role of water in transboundary actions
  • Hydrological security
• World Water Week – Stockholm, 25 - 30 August 2019 – 8 sessions
• Climate Action Summit - New York, 23 September 2019
  • UN-Water Policy Brief on Climate Change and Water
    (https://www.unwater.org/unwater-policy-brief-on-climate-change-and-water/)
• “Year of Action” by the Global Commission on Adaptation
  • Support efforts in at least 100 river and groundwater basins to plan and finance climate adaptation and resilience measures from source to sea
Building a Resilient Future through Water

accelerating action
The climate is changing. Why aren’t we?
the Global Commission on Adaptation

launched in October 2018, and led by:

Managing partners:

Goals:

• Increase political will
• Champion bold solutions
• Accelerate adaptation action

33 commissioners include heads of state, local government leaders, international organizations, civil society organizations and private companies

Ban Ki-Moon
8th Secretary General of the United Nations

Bill Gates
Co-founder, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Kristalina Georgieva
CEO
World Bank Group
Year of Action Workstreams and Deliverables

1. **planning and partnership:** 2 convenings of leading partners for each of the 3 priorities (6 total) to align on common strategies and blend investments
   - Partnership Agreements; detailed Strategy to 2025 and Roadmap to 2030

2. **design and protocol development:** synthesis of current approaches and tools, develop protocols for project design, monitoring and management
   - Technical approach, tools and metrics; Profiles of country, basin, city work

3. **advancing prototypes:** invest in the refinement and replicability of models for undertaking the country, basin, city actions
   - Exemplary models

4. **policy and resource mobilization:** Commission engagement with IFIs and policymakers to inform Roadmap development and mobilize funding
   - Funding partnerships and financial plans to 2025 and 2030; IFI project pipeline and alignment of major climate finance
Planned future activities in this area in 2019-2021

• Meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate
• Global Workshop on climate change adaptation
  • Preliminary in the week of 11th May 2020
  • Potential topic is climate, water and health
• Meeting of the Global Network of basins working on climate change adaptation – Autumn 2021
• Continuation of activities in the pilot basins (the Dniester and the Neman-Bug)
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• Contribution to global policy processes on water, climate and disasters
  • Promote the importance of water and transboundary cooperation in adaptation within global policy processes (UNFCCC, UNDRR, SDGs, etc.) and at major conferences together with partners
• COP25, Santiago de Chile:
  • Water Day on 6th December
  • Side-event on SDG 6 on 9th December
  • UN-Water side-event on Climate-resilient water management approaches on 10th December
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Supporting transboundary basins in financing climate change adaptation

- Training on preparing bankable project proposals in transboundary basins for Asia, Central Asia and Eastern Europe – Autumn 2020
- Cooperation will be intensified with global climate funds to raise the importance of water and transboundary cooperation for climate funding mechanisms
- Contribution to development of the project proposals for climate change adaptation in the Lower Dniester basin under the GEF project
World Water Day 2020 - Climate and Water

• 22 March 2020
• 23 March - Event in Geneva (also World Meteorological Day)
• Possible activities in the campaign for countries/basins:
  • celebrations at basin/county levels
  • coordination of activities and making joint activities by water and climate stakeholders
  • art consents/start-ups between youth
  • awareness/scientific expeditions by youth on water and climate issues
  • press-tours for media on water and climate
  • preparation of articles on water and climate by journalists
  • practical actions (e.g. fish stocking, planting trees, etc.)
Thank you!