

Task Force on Water and Climate

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WATER
CONVENTION

14th meeting of the Working Group
on IWRM (Geneva, 22-24 October
2019)



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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



Words into Action

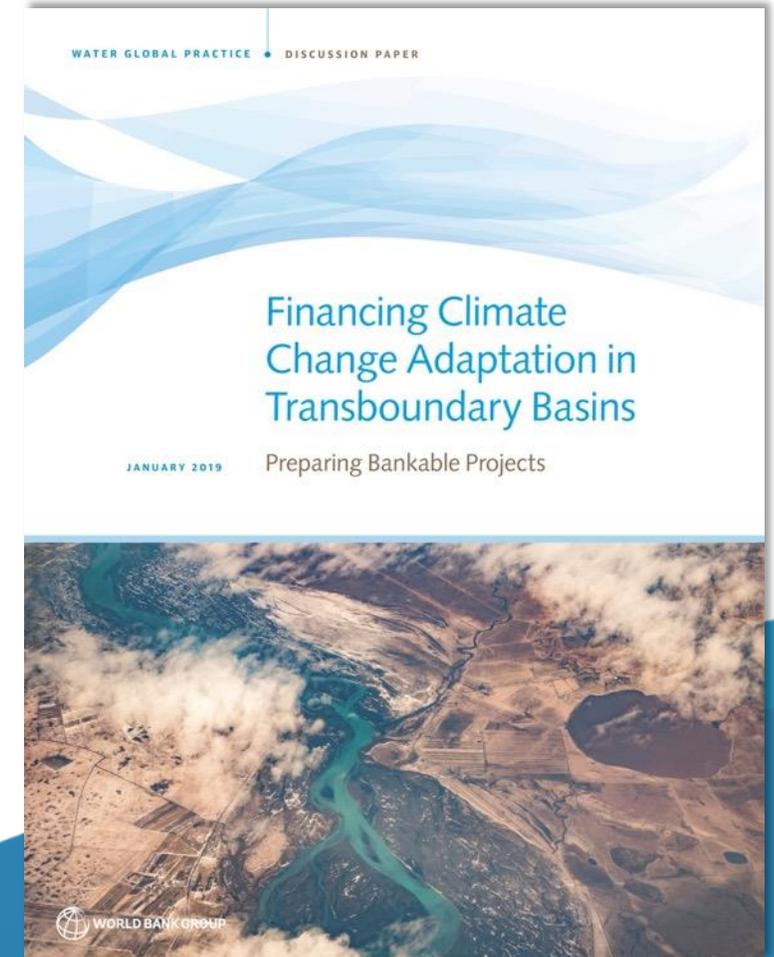
Implementation Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation- Integrating disaster risk management with water management and climate change adaptation

- Promotion together with UNDRR, a.o. Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (Geneva, 13–17 May 2019).
- <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=50093>



Financing climate change adaptation since MoP

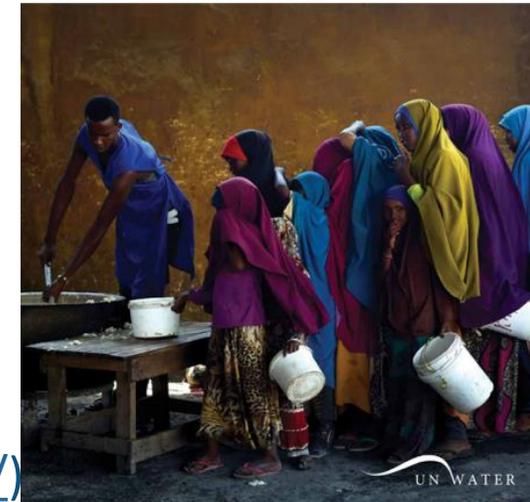
- Publication on bankable projects (World Bank)
 - Available in English, French, Russian and Spanish (<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/172091548959875335/Financing-Climate-Change-Adaptation-in-Transboundary-Basins-Preparing-Bankable-Projects>)
- Trainings on preparing bankable projects
 - Lake 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

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Building a Resilient Future through Water *accelerating action*



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THE CLIMATE IS
CHANGING
WHY AREN'T WE?



the Global Commission on Adaptation

launched in October 2018, and led by:



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

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

Managing partners:



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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.)

Partners





Thank you!