



Convention of the Protection and Use of
Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
Task Force on Water and Climate
Eleventh meeting
Geneva, Switzerland, 2 October 2020

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING

To be held virtually
starting on Friday, 2 October 2020 at 2.00 p.m.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda
2. Session on mainstreaming transboundary aspects of water management into climate-related documents
 - a. Introductory part
 - b. Good practices and lessons learnt from countries and basins
3. Discussion on further activities on climate change adaptation for the next Programme of Work under the Water Convention for 2022-2024
4. Closing

II. BACKGROUND AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Background

The Task Force on Water and Climate under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) serviced by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is responsible for activities related to adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins, including flood and drought management, in accordance with the programme of work for 2019-2021 of the Water Convention (programme area 4, see ECE/MP:WAT/54/Add.1). It has the following objectives:

- a) Increase adaptive capacity and improve cooperation in climate change adaptation and mitigation in transboundary basins;
- b) Increase funding for basin-wide or coordinated climate change adaptation measures in transboundary basins by facilitating access to climate funds and building related capacity;
- c) Increase awareness of the importance of water and transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction at the national and transboundary levels and in intergovernmental global processes, such as under the UNFCCC, UNDRR and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The eleventh meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate will mainly consist of the thematic session on mainstreaming transboundary aspects of water management into climate-related documents. This session is organised in partnership with AGWA, AWB, GWP, INBO, SIWI, UNDP, UNFCCC and WGF. It will aim to analyse how transboundary water cooperation can be mainstreamed into development, enhancement and implementation of Nationally Determined

Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) as well as national and regional adaptation strategies and river basin management plans.

The Task Force will also discuss further activities on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins, including flood and drought management, to be included into the next Programme of Work under the Water Convention for 2022-2024.

Practical information

The eleventh meeting of the Task Force will start at 2.00 p.m. and end at 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 2 October 2020. It will be organised virtually. The Task Force meeting will be preceded by the fifteenth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resource Management, which will be held on 30 September – 2 October in Geneva in a hybrid format. The working languages will be English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The meeting is open to experts representing governmental authorities, the private sector, non-governmental and international organizations as well as other interested stakeholders. Focal points are requested to disseminate information on the meeting and to facilitate the nomination of relevant representatives of their respective countries.

More information about the meeting of the Task Force is available here:

<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53335>

Please register for the meeting following the link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2zWeD09UYE-9zF6kFubccPWx9Lb8Ey1OjaF4ZP02MHZUMk1YQ0VOUkINVFIYMEgzVkNTWEwwQz1GQS4u>

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda (2.00 p.m. - 2.10 p.m.)

1. The co-Chairs will open and introduce the meeting.

Item 2.a: Session on mainstreaming transboundary aspects of water management into climate-related documents: introductory part (2.10 p.m. – 2.55 p.m.)

Background documents: Concept note for the session and background paper “Mainstreaming water and transboundary cooperation into climate related documents”

2. The Task Force will be informed about the latest developments on climate change adaptation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), with a focus on the ongoing preparation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans, the updating of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and related work under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.

3. The Task Force will be informed about the benefits, opportunities and available tools for mainstreaming water and transboundary cooperation into development and implementation of climate-related documents, such as NDCs, NAPs and others. The background paper *Mainstreaming water and transboundary cooperation into climate related documents* will be also presented and discussed in this respect.

Item 2.b: Session on mainstreaming transboundary aspects of water management into climate-related documents: good practices and lessons learnt from countries and basins (2.55 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.)

4. The Task Force will be informed about concrete examples from countries, such as Brazil and Moldova, focused on mainstreaming transboundary water cooperation into development, enhancement and implementation of NDCs, NAPs and national and regional adaptation strategies. It will also be briefed about the role of the river basin organisations in such basins as the Danube and the Niger in integrating transboundary climate change adaptation into river basin management planning and national climate policies.

Item 3: Discussion on further activities on climate change adaptation for the next Programme of Work under the Water Convention for 2022-2024 (3.45 p.m.-4.00 p.m.)

5. The Task Force will discuss further activities on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins, including flood and drought management, to be included into the next Programme of Work under the Water Convention for 2022-2024.

Item 4: Closing

6. The co-Chairs will close the meeting at 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 2 October 2020.
