



Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and  
International Lakes

## MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Seventh session

Budapest, 17-19 November 2015

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

### REVISED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

#### Note by the secretariat

<i>Date and approximate time</i>	<i>Item of the agenda/activity</i>
<b>Tuesday, 17 November 2015</b>	
<b>High-level segment</b>	
10–10.50 a.m.	1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
10.50–11 a.m.	2. Status of ratification of the Convention and its protocols, and report on credentials
11 a.m.–4 p.m.	3. Special session on the global opening of the Convention and its contribution to the post-2015 sustainable development agenda and other global commitments
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	3 (a) Part 1: The global Water Convention
<b>1–3 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch break and side events</b>
1.30 p.m.–2.45 p.m.	<i>High level side event on the EU Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues with signature of agreements</i>
1.30 p.m.–2.45 p.m.	<i>Side event “Cooperating in transboundary basins- what are the benefits?”</i>
3 p.m. –4 p.m.	3 (b) Part 2: the Water Convention in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
<b>End of the high-level segment</b>	
<b>4 p.m.- 4.20 p.m.</b>	<b>Paris Pact on water and adaptation to climate change in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers: short celebration with countries and basins that have already signed it or will sign it in Budapest</b>
<b>General segment</b>	
4.20 p.m.– 6 p.m.	<b>4. Review of past activities and discussion of future activities in the different areas of work</b>
4.20 p.m.– 4.50 p.m.	4 (b) Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins
4.50 p.m.– 5.30 p.m.	4 (a) Assessing the benefits of transboundary cooperation
5.30 p.m.– 6 p.m.	4 (c) Implementation Committee
6:45 pm.	<i>Departure of busses from the Congress Centre for the boat tour (at the invitation of the host country)</i>

7:30 p.m.	<i>Dinner on a boat</i>
<b>Wednesday, 18 November 2015</b>	
8.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<i>Side event: “UNECE tools and approaches for preventing accidental water pollution and its transboundary consequences”</i>
8.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<i>Side event: “Can transboundary issues be resolved in a non-confrontational manner? An ambitious agenda for the Implementation Committee of the Water Convention”</i>
8.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<i>Special event for countries outside the UNECE region</i>
10 a.m. –10.50 a.m.	4 (d) Support to implementation through capacity-building and assistance on the ground
10.50 a.m.–11.10 a.m.	4 (e) Exchange of experience of joint bodies
11.10 a.m.–11.55 a.m.	4 (f) Consideration of the need for reporting under the Convention
11.55 a.m. –12.40 p.m.	4 (g) European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues
12.40 p.m.–1 p.m.	4 (h) Water and industrial accidents
<b>1–3 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch break and side events</b>
1.30 p.m.–2.45 p.m.	<i>Side event “The UN Watercourses Convention – Next steps”</i>
1.30 p.m.–2.45 p.m.	<i>Side event “Nexus and water allocation in transboundary basins”</i>
3.00 p.m.–4 p.m.	4 (i) Thematic assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus
4 p.m.–4.20 p.m.	4 (j) Monitoring of transboundary waters and future comprehensive assessments of the status of transboundary waters
4.20 p.m.–5.20 p.m.	5 Opening of the Convention
5.20–6 p.m.	6. Cooperation with partners
6.30 p.m.	<i>Wine tasting reception (at the invitation of the host country)</i>
<b>Thursday, 19 November 2015</b>	
8.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<i>Side event “Frequently Asked Questions concerning experiences in river basin management - Example: International Rhine Commission (1950-2015)”</i>
8.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<i>Side event: “Principles of international water legislation and their application in Central Asia”</i>
10 a.m. –10.30 a.m.	7. Cooperation with the Protocol on Water and Health
10.30 a.m.–10.45 p.m.	8. International Water Assessment Centre
10.45 a.m. –1 p.m.	9. Programme of work for 2016-2018, terms of reference of bodies established to implement it and resources needed for its implementation
<b>1 p.m.–3.00</b>	<b>Lunch break and side events</b>

<b>p.m.</b>	
1.30 p.m.–2.45 p.m.	<i>Side event “Focus on Groundwater in the 2030 Agenda: Key messages, priorities for action and role of the Convention ”</i>
1.30 p.m.–2.45 p.m.	<i>Side event “Climate change adaptation and flood risk management in transboundary basins”</i>
3.00 p.m. –3.45 p.m.	10. Election of officers
3.45 p.m. – 4 p.m.	11. Date and venue of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties
4 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	12. Other business
4.30 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.	13. Presentation of the main decisions
5.15 p.m. –5.30 p.m.	14. Closing of the session