

Water and cooperation

Objective

- Establish or strengthen joint water governing bodies/ institutions with a (international) legal basis encompassing all riparians in every water basin and aquifer

Rationale

- Ensure equitable and sustainable use for protection of basin ecosystems and well-being of people, including benefit-sharing

Actions/ Indicators

- Number of basins without a joint body/ institution
- An indicator showing involvement of major groups
- Number of joined/ collaborative projects
- Ecological flow
- Indicator for measuring the sharing of costs and benefits
- Status of water quality
- Existence of common database and joint monitoring system

Possible indicators for further debate

- Water per capita
- Income per capita
- Extent of permanent funding for the body by the riparian countries themselves
- Ecosystem services
- Water use efficiency
- Implementation rate, e.g. shown by annual report
- Existence of basin-wide warning and alarm system