

Task Force on Water and Climate

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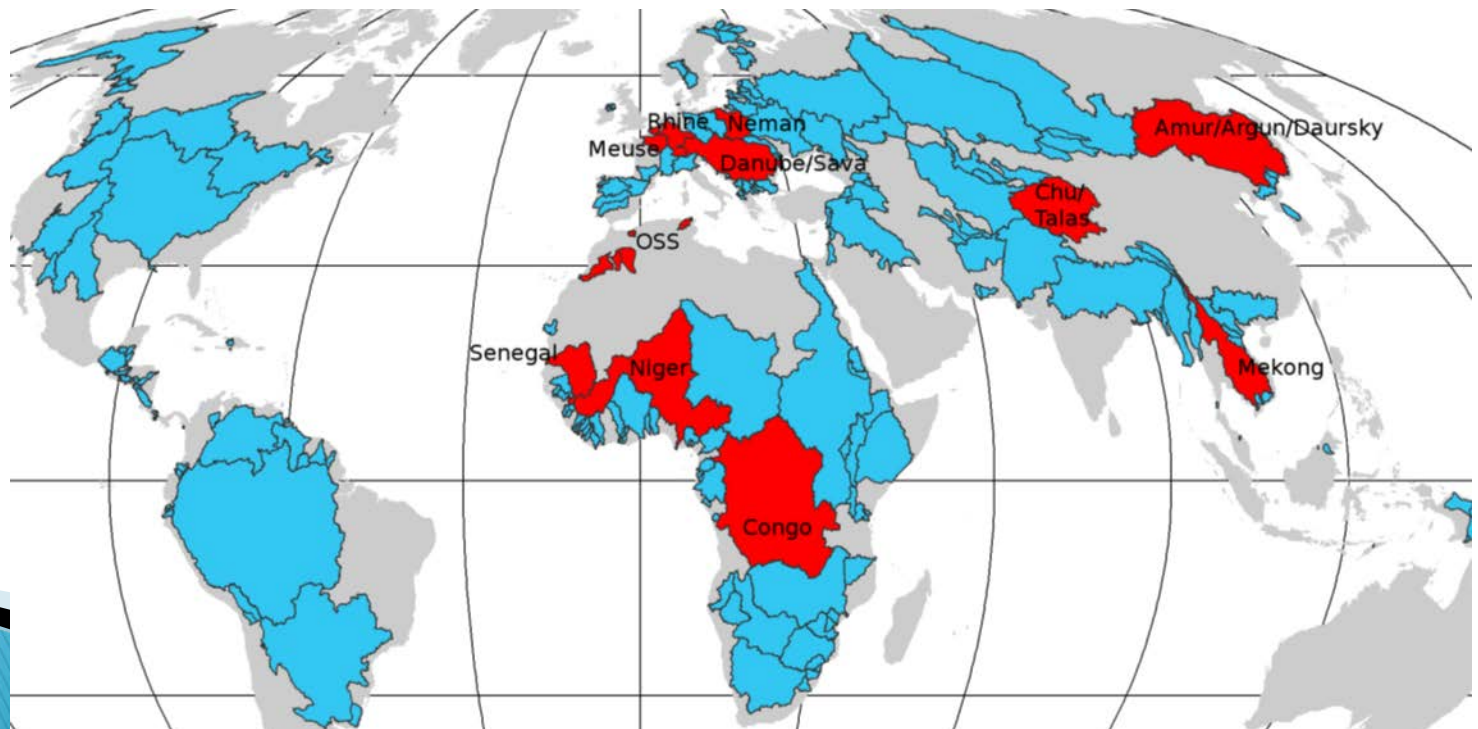
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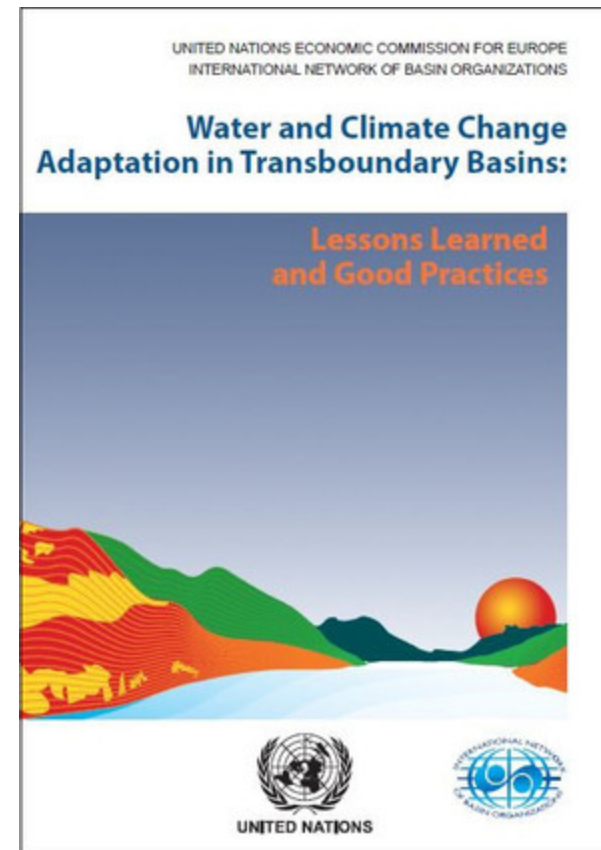
1. Main achievements in this area of work

- ▶ *Global network of basins*
 - *Created together with INBO in 2013*
 - *14 basins including 5 basins from outside the UNECE region.*
- ▶ *Programme of pilot projects*
 - *Support to countries in jointly adapting water management to climate change*
 - *Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC), UNDP, OSCE, UNEP*



1. Main achievements in this area of work

- ▶ *Adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins: lessons learned and good practices*
 - *63 Lessons learned*
 - *58 Case studies*
 - *Contributions from 80 experts worldwide*
- ▶ *Some lessons:*
 - *Proper institutional arrangements are essential for transboundary cooperation*
 - *Uncertainty about future impacts requires a flexible policy*
 - *Capacity development is needed for a common understanding*
 - *Decision makers need to be involved in the adaptation process from the beginning*



2. How was it achieved? Major milestones since 2013

- ▶ *Regular meetings and workshops*
 - *Two Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins*
 - *Two meetings of the global network of basins*
 - *Second Workshop on Transboundary Flood Risk Management*
- ▶ *Contributions to global processes:*
 - *UNFCCC : co-organizing side events at meetings and providing case studies*
 - *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction*
- ▶ *Numerous partnerships*
 - *a.o. UNFCCC, AGWA, SIWI, WMO, OECD, IUCN, UN-Water and many others.*



3. Lessons learnt for future work

- *Transboundary cooperation – more efficient and effective adaptation:*
 - *From technical to transboundary cooperation*
 - *Pooling resources*
 - *Enlarging the planning space for implementing adaptation measures*
- *Preparing an adaptation strategy is a long process involving many stakeholders*
- *Need to reach out to other sectors, but this is very difficult*
- *New emerging topics:*
 - *Interrelation adaptation vs mitigation*
 - *Disaster Risk Reduction vs adaptation*



4. Suggested future work in this area

What?

- ▶ *Raising the adaptative capacity and improved cooperation on CC in transb. basins worldwide*
- ▶ *Increasing recognition of the need for (water) transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction*
- ▶ *Mainstreaming climate change into the water community*
- ▶ *Replicating experience of the pilot projects*
- ▶ *Ensuring sustainability of the pilot projects*
- ▶ *Exchange and collection of experience*



4. Suggested future work in this area

How?

- ▶ *Pilot projects on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins: moving towards implementation, scaling up and mainstreaming*
- ▶ *Possibly: thematic twinning between the basins of the global network*
- ▶ *Regular thematic global workshops and meetings of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins*
- ▶ *Providing inputs to and promoting importance of water and transboundary cooperation in global processes **relating to CC***



4. Suggested future work in this area

- ▶ *Programme area 4*
- ▶ *Draft strategy for future work on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins under the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/2015/4)*

