Promotion of the Water Convention

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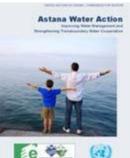
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2. Main activities

- International Year of Water Cooperation 2013
- Contribution to Environment for Europe process: Astana Water Action
- Co-chairing of UN-Water TPA on transboundary waters - collection of good practices
- Promotion of the Convention at:
 - Stockholm World Water Weeks (2013, 14,15), Africa Water Week, 7th World Water Forum
 - UNEP International environment forum for basin organizations, Nairobi (November 2014)
 - Legal workshops
 - Many other conferences, workshops etc.



3. Lessons learned

- Promotion becomes more important with global opening
- Increased involvement in international events and processes
- In many cases we promote the two global Convention
- Importance of cooperation with partners
- Important role also for countries and Bureau in the promotion
- Knowledge on the two Convention seems to have increased, but still a lot to do

4. Suggested future work in this area

- Part of programme area 5 presented earlier
- Continuation of past promotion efforts
- Celebration of 20th anniversary of Convention's opening in 2016
- Preparation of a publication or brochure on the achievements of the Convention and its global opening
- Contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international processes
- Cooperation with other international multilateral environmental agreements

