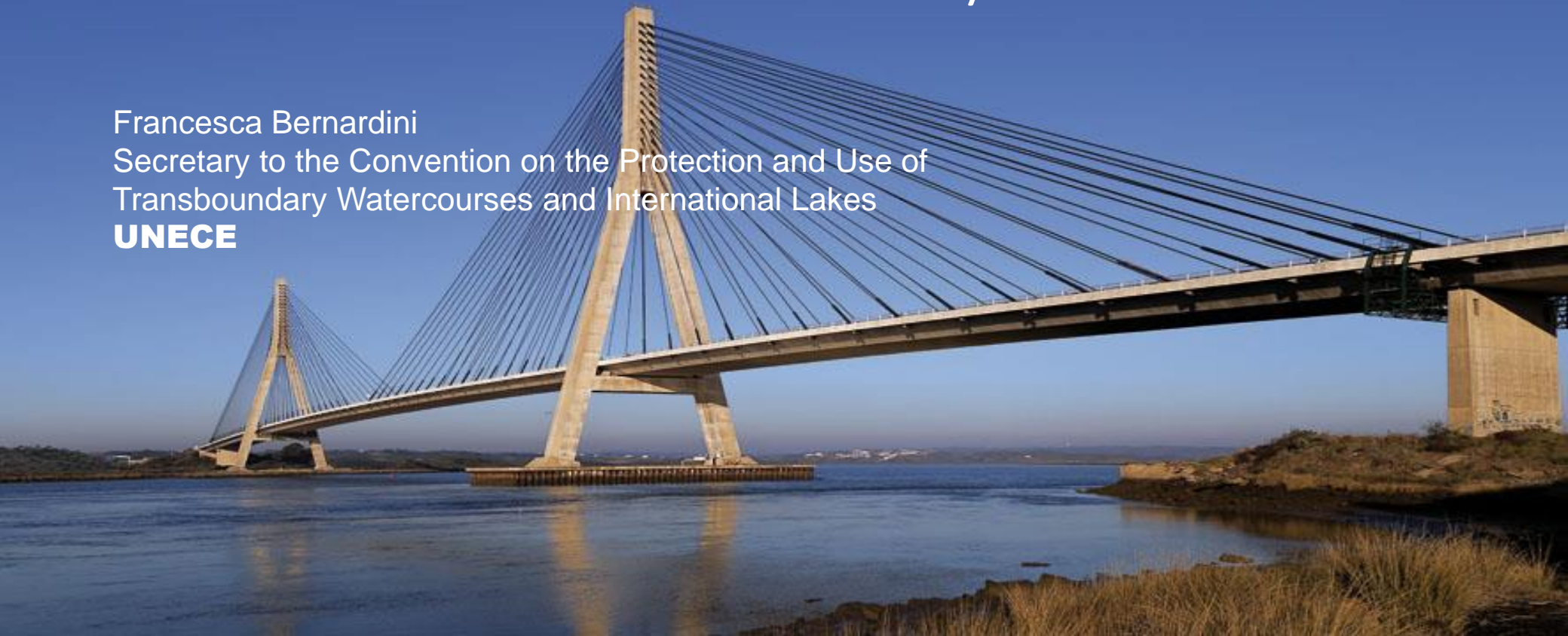


# Introduction to the aims and the programme of the workshop on water allocation in transboundary basins

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# How the Water Convention supports cooperation on transboundary waters

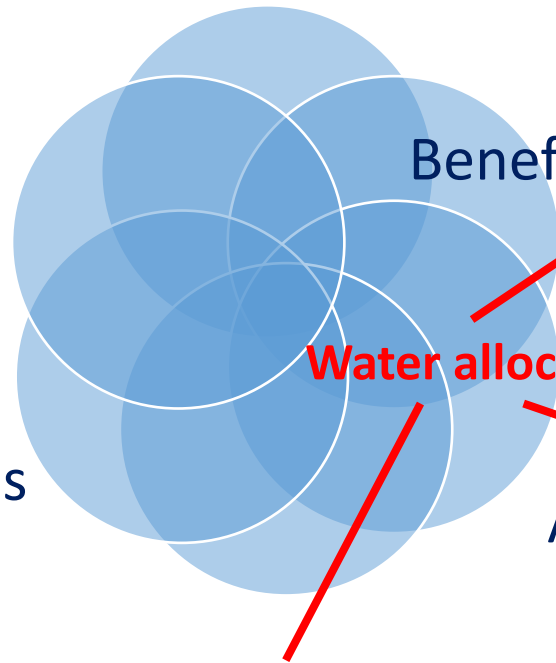
- The main objective of the Water Convention is to promote the sustainable management of transboundary water resources through cooperation and the prevention of conflicts
- The Convention's programme of work tackles emerging issues upon request by Parties and non-Parties
- Activities include capacity building, exchange of experience, development of soft law and projects on the ground

# Programme of Work 2016-2018

Support to implementation and application

Opening,  
promotion and  
partnerships

EU Water Initiative and  
National Policy Dialogues



Benefits of transboundary water  
cooperation

**Water allocation**

Adapting to climate change

Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus

# Process and related events

- Workshop on Water Scarcity: Taking action in transboundary basins and reducing health impacts (11 - 12 December 2017)
- Workshop on the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation (6 – 7 February 2018)
- Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (29-30 May 2018)
- Eight Session of the Meeting of the Parties Astana, 10-12 October 2018): adoption of the programme of work for 2019-2021

Development of the future programme of work



# Objectives of the workshop

- Support efforts to develop sustainable and equitable transboundary arrangements on water allocation that strike a balance between robustness and flexibility
- Increase understanding and knowledge of criteria, mechanisms and tools for water allocation in transboundary basins and aquifers
- Promote the exchange of experiences and good (and bad) practices

=> It's a technical, informal event, please be transparent, honest and candid

# Programme (Day 1)

- Session 1: Considerations for Water allocation  
Session objectives: Provide an overview of water allocation considerations in theory and practice.
- Small group discussions:
  - Experiences with water allocation;
  - Questions on water allocation
- Session 2: Informing Water allocation decisions to deal with conflicting interests and uses  
Session objectives: Understand the data needs and other requirements to inform water allocation decisions in the transboundary context, including modelling approaches and stakeholder participation.
- Expert Panel answering questions on water allocation

# Programme (Day 2)

- Session 3: Process of agreeing about water allocation  
Session objectives: Learn about different steps towards agreeing on water allocation, including building trust and addressing the joint management of infrastructure.
- Session 4: Implementation of water allocation arrangements; challenges, lessons learned and success factors  
Session objectives: Explore enabling factors and challenges in implementing water allocation arrangements, in particular in light of changing hydrological patterns.
- Session 5: Final reflections and Conclusions
- Small group discussions: What are countries' needs on water allocation in the transboundary context? How could the Water Convention respond to such needs?

# **Lunch break Monday, 16 October 2017**

## **Side event**

**2–2.50 p.m. :**

**The global water conventions: all your questions  
answered**

**(in French and English)**

**In Salle V (here!)**

**Organisers:** Republic of Chad, UNECE Secretariat to the  
Water Convention on the Protection and Use of  
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# Reception on Monday 16 October

- 6.30 p.m: Blue Peace Cocktail
- Bar du Serpent, Palais des nations
- At the kind invitation of the Geneva Water Hub
- Presentation of the Report of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace

**Lunch break Tuesday, 17 October 2017**  
**Closed informal meeting**

**2–2.50 p.m. :**

**Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in the  
NW Sahara Aquifer System: project  
consultation**

**(in French and English)**

**In Salle V (here!)**

Thank you!

