Successful Negotiation and Implementation of Global, Regional and Bilateral Transboundary Cooperation Agreements

This session seeks to share and discuss recent examples and lessons learned of global, regional, bi- and multilateral legal agreements on transboundary water cooperation, approaches to water diplomacy and success factors for negotiating and implementing effective agreements.

**When?** Wednesday 21st March 2018
9:00 - 10:30

**Where?** Brasilia, Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center, Room 28

**Session objectives**

- Share how to make use of the global and regional legal frameworks for transboundary water cooperation in the negotiation and implementation of transboundary water agreements

- Exchange lessons learned and discuss success factors in developing and implementing transboundary agreements

How to make use of the global and regional legal frameworks for transboundary water cooperation?

Which are the latest lessons learned in developing and implementing transboundary agreements?

Which additional actions are needed to facilitate progress in this area?
Session description:

Legal frameworks and agreements on transboundary water cooperation at basin, regional and global level are paramount for the good governance of transboundary basins. Examples of these agreements include the UN Watercourses Convention, the UNECE Water Convention, the SADC Protocol on Shared Water Resources, the EU Water Framework Directive and basin-level agreements. However, negotiating successful agreements and ensuring their long-term effective implementation is challenging, for example due to lack of resources, lack of political will, increasing water stress and climate change, etc.

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Speakers:

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