



Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary  
Watercourses and International Lakes

**Second Joint meeting of the Working Groups on Monitoring and Assessment and on Integrated  
Water Resources Management**

**Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management  
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**Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment  
Fourteenth meeting\***

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Item 16 of the provisional agenda

**Programme of work for 2019-2021 and preparations for  
the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties**

**Draft programme of the eighth  
eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties**

Prepared by the secretariat

The present document gives an overview of the provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Astana 10-12 October). The Working Groups on Monitoring and Assessment and on Integrated Water Resources Management at their second joint meeting are invited to review the draft programme and provide comments, including on the high-level segment and possible side events to be included in the programme. In addition, delegations are invited to indicate their country's expected level of participation in the meeting in order to facilitate planning of the high-level segment and preparations of the host country.

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\* Second joint meeting of the two working groups.

**I. OVERVIEW OF THE MEETING**

<b>Programme from 9/10 to 12/10:</b>	
<i>Tuesday 9 October</i>	<i>Back-to-back high-level workshop on financing transboundary basin development</i>
<b>Wednesday 10 October</b>	Meeting of the Parties High Level Segment
<b>Wednesday 10 October p.m. - Friday 12 October</b>	Meeting of the Parties General Segment

**II. DRAFT AGENDA MEETING OF THE PARTIES****WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018**

- 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda (10.00-11.00)**
- 2. Status of ratification of the Convention and its protocols and report on credentials (11.00-11.10)**
- 3. High Level segment (11.10-13.00 and 15.00 – 16.30)**

The high-level segment will discuss the following topic:

Cooperating to allocate water in transboundary basins in the context of growing water scarcity: sharing benefits, promoting sustainable development and preventing conflicts.

The outcomes of the high-level workshop on financing transboundary basin development (9 October) will also be presented.

*DURING LUNCH BREAK 13.30-15:00: SIDE EVENTS*

***GENERAL SEGMENT***

*The general segment will review progress under the different areas of work under the Convention and discuss future activities.*

**1. Reporting under the Convention and on SDG indicator 6.5.2 (16.30-18.00)**

- Presentation of the SDG 6 synthesis report
- Joint presentation of the SDG indicator 6.5.2 report jointly prepared by UNECE and UNESCO
- Presentation of the Convention's implementation report
- Presentation and discussion of the revised template and adoption of decision on reporting

**In the Evening:  
RECEPTION ORGANIZED BY THE HOST COUNTRY**

**THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER**

*MORNING 8.30-10.00: SIDE EVENTS*

**2. The global opening of the Convention (10.00-11.30)**

- Presentation and adoption of the strategy for implementation of the Convention at the global level
- Adoption of the decision on focal points and of the revised rules of procedure

**3. Implementation and compliance (11.30-12.15)**

- Presentation of the report by the Implementation Committee
- Adoption of a decision on general issues of implementation
- Election of five Committee members. Parties are invited to send to the secretariat nominations of candidates for the implementation committee, including their CVs, **by 18 July 2018.**

**4. Assistance supporting implementation and application of the Convention through projects on the ground and capacity development (12.15-13.00)**

*13:30-15:00 DURING LUNCH BREAK: SIDE EVENTS*

**5. European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues (15.00-15.45)**

**6. Identifying, assessing and communicating benefits of transboundary water cooperation (15.45-16.30)**

- Presentation of the brochure: Identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary water cooperation: lessons learnt and recommendations

**7. Water and adaptation to climate change (16.30-17.15)**

- Presentation and endorsement of the Words into action Implementation Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation

**8. International Water Assessment Centre (17.15-17.30)**

**9. Water and industrial accidents (17.30-18.00)**

- Presentation and endorsement of the Draft safety guidelines and good practices for the management and retention of firefighting water

*SOCIAL EVENT*

**FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2018**

*MORNING 8.30-10.00: SIDE EVENTS*

**10. Thematic assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus (10.00-10.45)**

- Presentation of the synthesis document on assessing the water-food-energy ecosystems nexus

**11. Future programme of work for 2019-2021 (10.45- 13.00)**

Discussion and adoption of the programme of work

*8:30-10:00: LUNCH BREAK: SIDE EVENTS*

**12. Cooperation with partners (15.00-16.00)**

**13. Status of ratification of the Convention and its protocols and report on credentials (continued if needed) 16.00-16.15**

**14. Election of officers (16.15-16.30)**

The Meeting of the Parties is expected to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs as well as the remaining members of the Bureau.

**15. (b) (continued if needed) Implementation Committee (16.30-16.45)**

- Election of members of the Implementation Committee (if not done on the first day).

**16. Date and venue of the ninth meeting of the Parties (16.45-17.00)**

**17. Other business (17.00- 17.20)**

**18. Adoption of the report and presentation of the main decisions (17.20-17.50)**

**19. Closing of the meeting (17.50- 18.00)**

**III. BACK TO BACK EVENT ON 9 OCTOBER:  
HIGH LEVEL WORKSHOP ON FINANCING TRANSBOUNDARY BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT**

A high-level workshop on financing transboundary basin development (targeted at Ministers, state secretaries etc.) will be organized by Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the World Bank, GEF IW:LEARN, the Asian Development Bank and other international financial institutions, and the Water Convention secretariat. The workshop will facilitate knowledge sharing and peer learning on raising funds for transboundary water cooperation and enhancing its financial sustainability.