

Report on Implementing the Convention and Transboundary Water Cooperation – extended outline

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Aims and objectives of the report

- Share outcomes of the 1st reporting
- Summarize and analyze responses from Parties
- Share common challenges and achievements in implementation, particularly in relation to open ended questions relating to
 - Transboundary water cooperation generally
 - Agreements and arrangements
 - Joint bodies
 - Data and information exchange
- Draw upon experience and examples from the responses
 - Good practice and lessons learned
 - Difficulties and how overcome
- Identify
 - Positive trends/ areas of implementation
 - Gaps/ areas requiring more attention

Extended outline

Front matter (foreword, acknowledgements, etc)	(5 pages)
1. Introduction	(5 pages)
2. Transboundary water management at the national level	(5 pages)
3. Agreements and arrangements for transboundary waters	(5-10 pages)
4. Joint bodies for transboundary waters	(5 -10 pages)
5. Activities related to the implementation of agreements and arrangements	(10 -15 pages)
6. Major challenges and achievements in implementing the Water Convention and furthering cooperation	(5 pages)
7. Conclusion	(2 pages)
	<u>(42 – 52 pages)</u>

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1. Introduction

- Decision to introduce reporting mechanism
- Significance/ benefits of reporting
- Linkages with SDG indicator 6.5.2
- Reporting process
- Aims and objectives of Report
- Outline

2. Transboundary water management at the national level

- Overview of relevant Convention provisions
 - ‘Appropriate measures’ at the national level (Arts 2 and 3)
- Summary analysis of responses to key questions
 - National law and policies relating to transboundary water management
 - Overview of responses relating to licensing and permitting systems
 - Percentage of countries requiring EIAs; parties to Espoo Convention

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3. Agreements and arrangements for transboundary waters

- Overview of relevant Convention Provisions
 - Article 9 requirement to establish agreements or arrangements
- Summary analysis of responses to key questions
 - Differences in form, scope (geographic and functional) and content of agreements and arrangements
 - Topics of cooperation and sectoral scope
- Main challenges and achievements
 - Graph of common difficulties
 - Graph of common achievements
 - Mini-case studies/ examples

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4. Joint bodies for transboundary waters

- Overview of relevant Convention provisions
 - Article 9(2) requirement to establish joint bodies, and tasks of joint bodies
- Summary analysis of responses to key questions
 - Differences in form of joint bodies
 - Tasks of joint bodies
- Main challenges and achievements
 - Graph of common difficulties
 - Graph of common achievements
 - Mini-case studies/ examples

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5. **Activities related to the implementation of agreements and arrangements**

- Management plans and joint objectives
- Data and information exchange
- Joint monitoring and assessment
- Joint water quality standards
- Prevention of accidental pollution and impact of extreme events
- Stakeholder participation in a transboundary context

6. **Major challenges and achievements in implementing the Water Convention and furthering cooperation**

- Main achievements
 - Chart of cited achievements
 - Mini—case-studies/ examples
- Main challenges
 - Chart of cited challenges
 - Mini—case-studies/ example

7. **Conclusion**

Value added of the report

- Provide parties with an assessment of progress in the implementation of the Convention
 - Current status and gaps
 - Lessons learned and good practice
- Guidance for countries interested in acceding to the Convention
 - Demonstrate value added of Convention and key provisions
 - Examples of differing approach to implementation and benefits
- Inform future reporting
 - Guide Parties when completing reports by providing examples of range/ depth of responses in the pilot reporting exercise