

# Words into Action Guide - Implementation Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation

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*Integrating disaster risk management with water  
management and climate change adaptation*

# Aims and scope

- \* Support to the implementation of the Sendai framework in (transboundary) basins
  - \* Ensure that IWRM issues are considered at all levels including the international level
  - \* Ensure that the role of water and basins is taken into account
- \* Taking into account various international commitments including the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

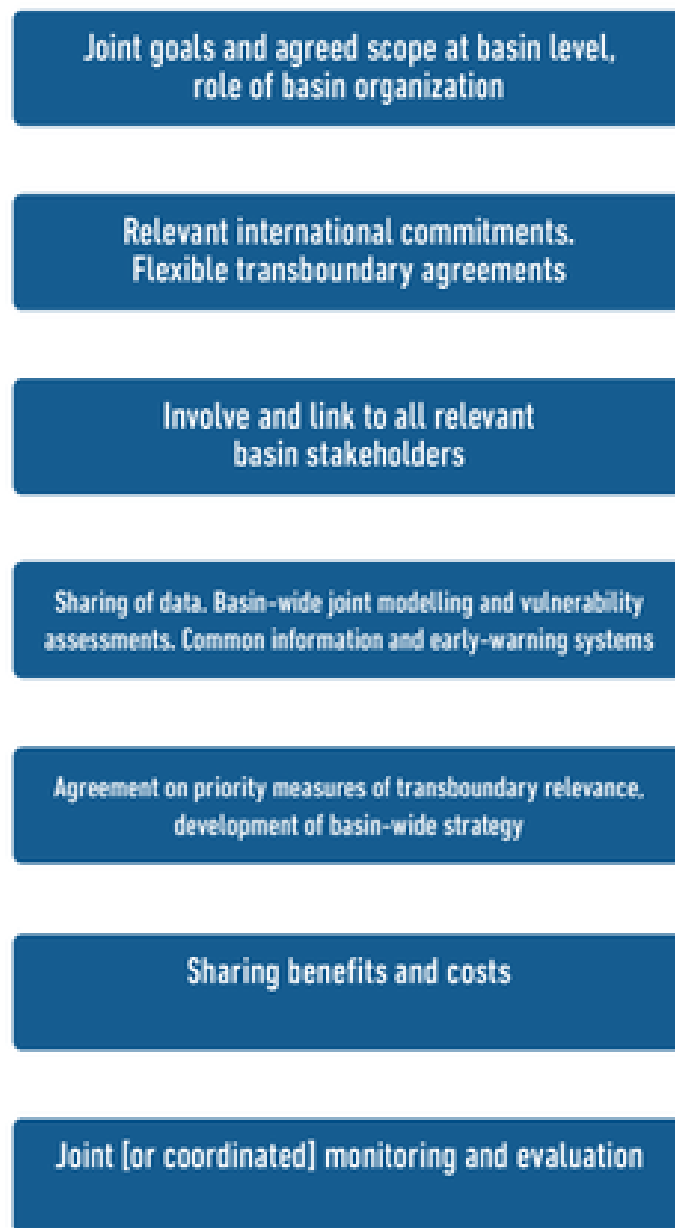
# Target audience

- \* Practitioners in DRR and water management
  - \* water managers and institutions responsible for water management
  - \* authorities and institutions responsible for DRR, at local, regional, national and international level
- \* Also relevant for, but not specifically target water users, a.o. from the industry, agriculture and energy sectors
- \* The guide will also be brought to the attention of the humanitarian sector and development aid.

## Typical steps



## Transboundary cooperation elements



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# Key messages for disaster risk management

- \* Water management can limit or enhance the risk of disaster in water-related sectors
- \* Transboundary cooperation is both necessary and beneficial
- \* Need for joint bodies and/or regional organizations
- \* Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is imperative
- \* Disaster risk management measures need to be flexible
- \* Data and information are crucial
- \* Uncertainty should never be a reason for inaction
- \* Need for coordination across all governance levels
- \* Need for a cross-sectoral approach
- \* Degrading ecosystems are often a contributing factor to the development of hazards

# Timeline

- \* First draft – December 2017
- \* Comments from TFWC – until January 2018
- \* External review – until February 2018
- \* Focal points review – until March 2018
- \* Edited version – May 2018
- \* ISDR peer review and external review – until 27 Juli 2018
- \* Final revision before MoP – until 30 August 2018