

# Session 3 - Relationship with related materials, including step-by-step methodology for the calculation of SDG indicator 6.5.2

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# Proposed text on the relationship between reporting under the Convention and on SDG indicator 6.5.2

The introduction of reporting under the Water Convention coincided with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their targets in 2015, followed by the adoption of SDG indicator 6.5.2 to measure progress on transboundary water cooperation. ECE and UNESCO have been designated as “custodian agencies” for the indicator and, in order to maximise synergies between both processes, have sought to co-ordinate the reporting processes under SDG indicator 6.5.2 and the Water Convention.

## ⇒ Linkages of the 2 processes

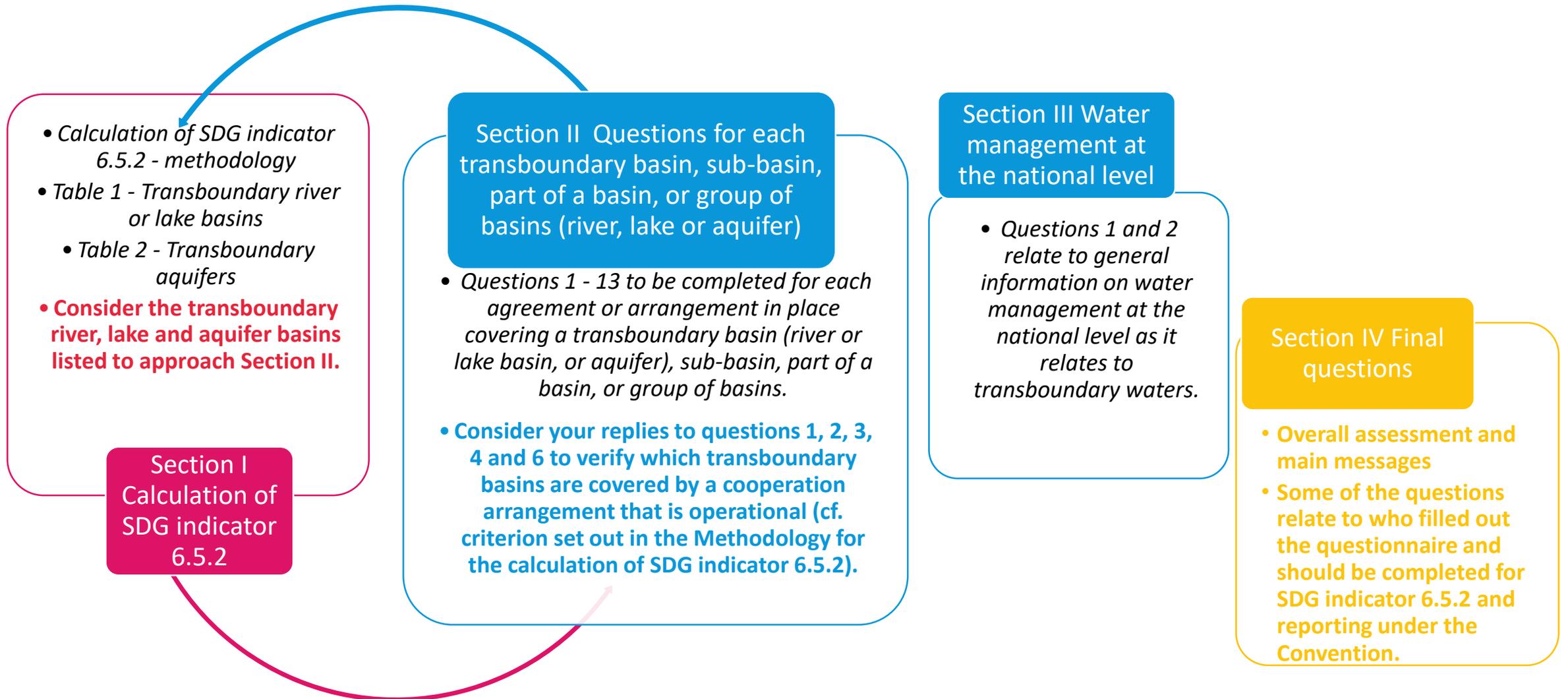
In completing the full reporting template, ie., Section I on Calculation of SDG indicator 6.5.2 and Sections II-IV below), Parties to the Water Convention have the benefit that they can use one reporting template to report both on SDG indicator 6.5.2, and on progress in implementing the Water Convention. Other countries sharing transboundary waters can also benefit from completing the full reporting template. Many of the questions contained in sections II-IV help to substantiate the calculation of SDG indicator 6.5.2, and the guide helps to explain some of the common terminology adopted, e.g. ‘agreement or arrangement’. In addition to supporting the calculation of the SDG indicator 6.5.2, ie., Section I, an further set of questions in sections II-IV help to ascertain the actions undertaken by countries in support of transboundary water cooperation, as well as the benefits and challenges in implementing those actions.

## ⇒ Rationale for a combined approach to reporting under the Convention and SDG 6.5.2

Given the complementarity between these two reporting exercises, this guide has been developed in co-ordination with materials that support the completion of SDG indicator 6.5.2, and in particular the *SDG indicator reporting: step-by-step methodology (revised version “2020”)*. Common definitions and explanations for key terminology contained in this guide and the latter publication will therefore assist countries in completing both the SDG indicator 6.5.2 (section I), and sections II-IV below.

## ⇒ Enhanced and coordinated reporting guidance under the Convention and SDG 6.5.2

# Structure of the reporting template and relationship between Section I, II, III and IV



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