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# **Workshop on Legal, Institutional and Technical Aspects of Managing Transboundary Groundwaters: key outcomes (CWC Workshop on groundwater Almaty, 29-31 May 2012)**

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# Purposes



- Familiarize with existing processes, technical studies and legal frameworks
- Present the experience of countries and joint bodies on the management and protection of groundwaters
- Initiate dialogue and exchange of information on legal and institutional frameworks in EECCA
- Discuss the draft Model Provisions
- Develop recommendations for EECCA subregion

# Needs at national level

- Improve coordination of surface and groundwaters, and other areas
- Develop monitoring networks and enhance methodologies
- Reassessment of groundwater resources needed in some countries
- Raise awareness on the importance of groundwater
- Strengthen laboratory basis, build human capacity
- Groundwater experts to participate in water policies, legislation

# Needs at transboundary level

- Develop cooperation (exchange of information, joint delineation and status assessment, methodologies and programmes for joint monitoring)
- Analyze existing agreements (scope, obligations) in relation to groundwater, develop new / revise existing as necessary
- Involve groundwater experts in the work of existing joint bodies
- International organisations - useful to facilitate initial dialogue

## **Lessons learned**

- Role of the Convention as framework instrument
- Second Assessment reestablished contacts and increased the involvement
- Need to reach out to groundwater community (the geological services) – strengthening their participation in Water Convention's work
- Model Provisions welcomed and needed
- Further capacity building, dissemination of good practices

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