

**Eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Integrated
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Past Experiences Future Expectations



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“The UNECE Water Convention is an excellent basis for transboundary cooperation around the globe” *Austria*

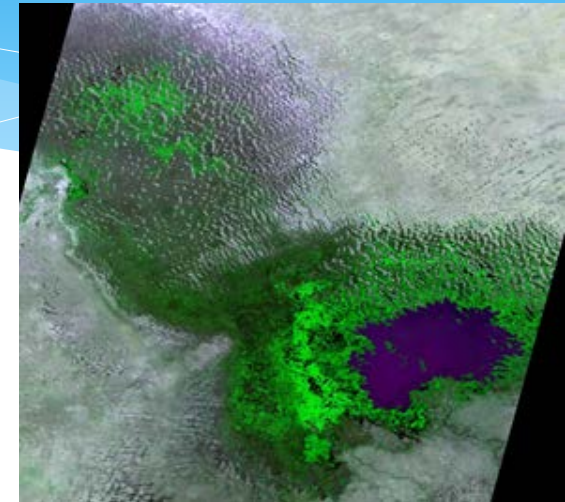
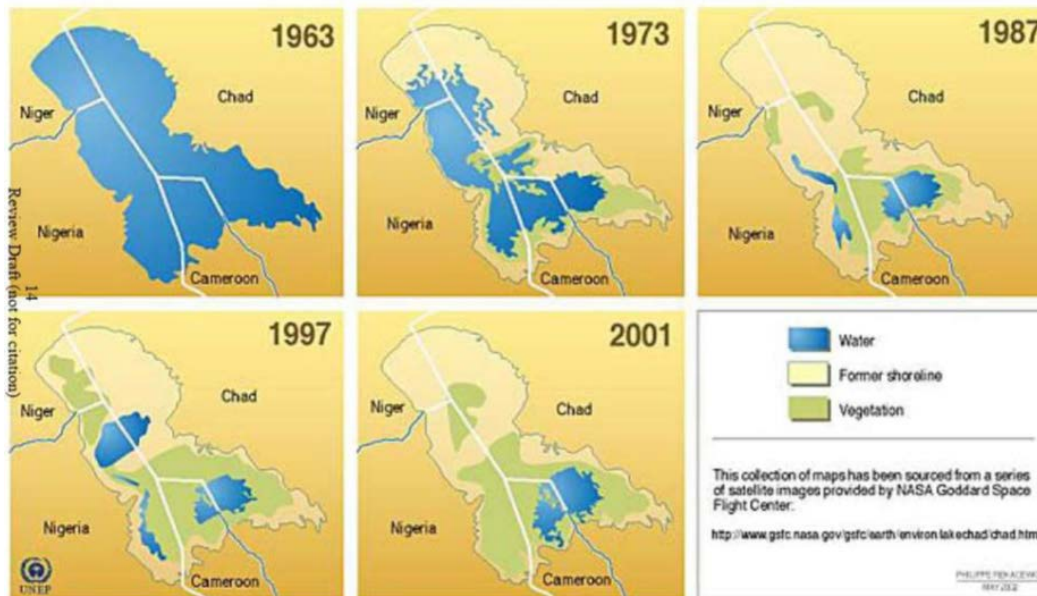


“...based on our excellent experiences with the Convention we can really recommend warmly its use” *Austria*



«Одним из наших основных достижений стало внедрение принципа бассейнового управления водными ресурсами, который предусматривает создание бассейновых советов и разработку планов управления речными бассейнами» *Республики Беларусь*

A Chronology of Change Natural and Anthropogenic Factors Affecting Lake Chad



1984 années sévères

De l'année d'abondance à l'année de sécheresse




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« La participation aux réunions du groupe de travail, et aux ateliers sur l'adaptation au changement climatique ... nous ont permis de comprendre et de connaître la convention » *Chad*




“In the context of opening the Convention to non-UNECE member states we ... [are] ready to share the experiences with the new members of the Water Convention family”

Czech Republic



« Son engagement en faveur d'une gestion intégrée des ressources en eau remplace l'approche précédemment utilisée, qui mettait l'accent sur les sources localisées de pollution et sur la gestion »

République démocratique du Congo



“We expect transboundary water cooperation to be strengthened in many regions where disputes on equitable use of shared water resources prevent socio-economic development...” *Finland*



Germany – in the middle of Europe




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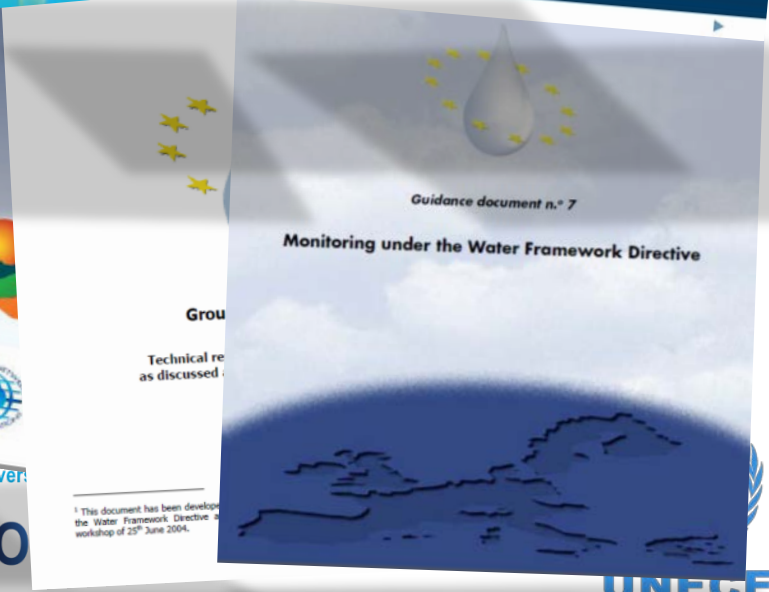




“The Water Convention’s working structure offers a unique platform for us to exchange knowledge and experience...” *Germany*




“I am excited on how the Water Convention will continue to tackle the current big issues and how we can contribute to implementation of the SDGs” *Germany*



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“The exchange of knowledge and experience helped us in improving the cooperation in our four transboundary basins as well as cooperating within the European Union...”

The Netherlands



“Water, adaptation and transboundary cooperation has gained attention in the international arena, among others due to the efforts performed under the Water Convention” *The Netherlands*

Commission d'élaboration des Règlements pour le Danube entre les Portes de Fer et Galatz
1880 - 1882.



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European Danube Commission has started work on November 4, 1856 in
Galați



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During of negotiation\harmonization of the technical regulations in bilateral RO-UA Agreement, Ismail, 2013

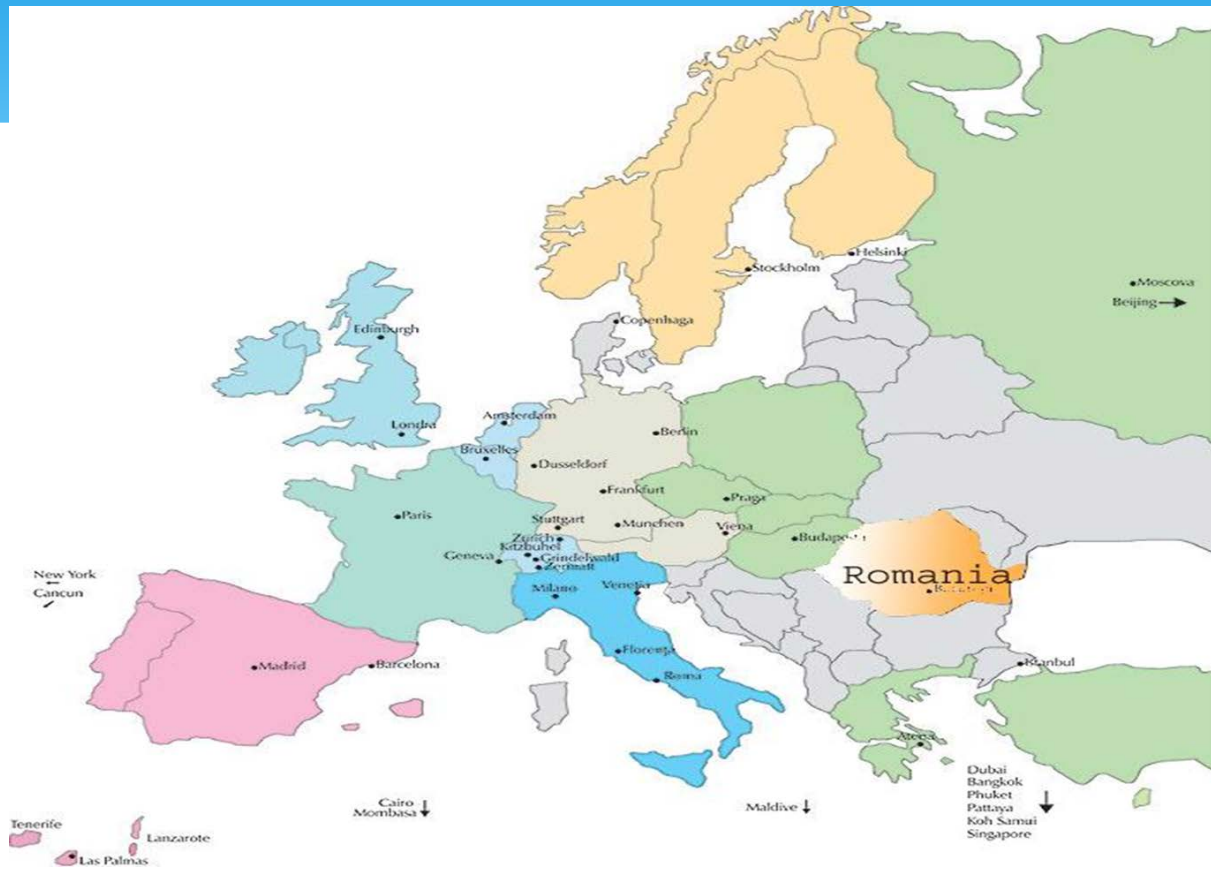


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Romania Worldwide




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“Our expectations for the future on the global opening of the Convention, is to enhance the cooperation between countries and regions around the world” *Romania*




“... we will be ready to share our experience
in management of the transboundary
watercourses and international lakes...”


Romania



“The Convention provides the time-proven framework for multilateral cooperation on rational use and protection of transboundary water resources.” *Russian Federation*



« L'adhésion à la convention ... pourrait ...
clarifier l'application du principe d'utilisation
équitable et raisonnable des ressources en
eau partagées... » *Sénégal*



“Implementation of the Water Convention
...resulted in improved transboundary
cooperation and strengthening of relevant
institutional capacities...” *Serbia*



The working rules of the Finnish-Russian transboundary Water Commission were signed in 1966 by Eero Manner from Finland and by K.S. Kornev from Soviet Union.




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“Transboundary water cooperation has brought concrete mutual benefits us and our neighbours” *Finland*




“The global opening of the Water Convention
will bring a vast array of fields together, with
many new experiences”

International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine



“... Integration of climate change into ongoing and future cycles of river basin management planning, would be of considerable value for further improvement...”

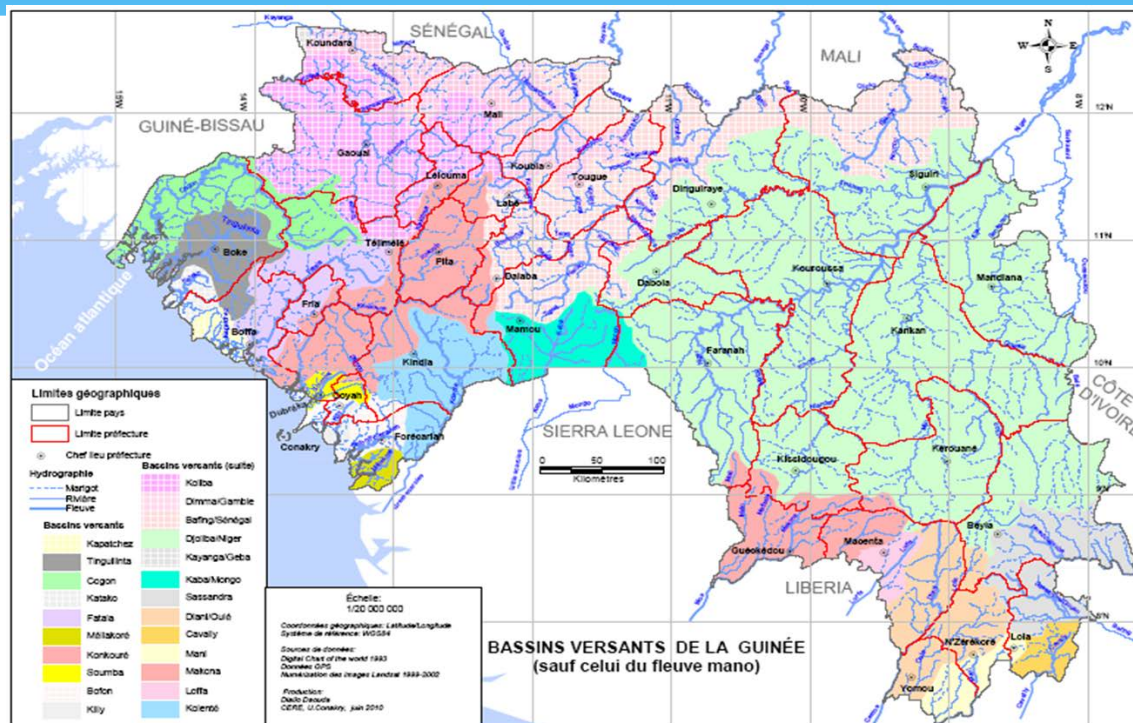
International Sava River Basin Commission



“We use the Helsinki Convention as an efficient and useful tool which facilitates transboundary water cooperation...” *Bulgaria*



“The global opening ... is a significant international instrument ... for creating global coalitions for water policy” *Bulgaria*



Carte des bassins versants de la Guinée



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« Nos attentes se résumeront à ... bénéficier de l'appui technique et financier des Institutions responsables de cette convention afin de la prendre en compte dans l'élaboration des Politiques et des Programmes de développement de l'ensemble des bassins transfrontaliers »

Guinea



“In the beginning phase of the implementation..., activities under the umbrella of the Water Convention have helped us to compare own knowledge and experience in the international context.”

Slovakia

Thank you for your
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