## Task Force on Water and Climate

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### Progress and activities 2016

#### Third Meeting of the Global Network of Basins 6-7 April

- \* Progress of the basins, a.o.:
  - \* Mainstreaming of climate into the GEF project on the Chu Talas
  - \* Implementation plan in the Dniester
  - \* Strategic Framework published for the Neman
  - \* Launch of international research and nature conservation program in Dauria
  - \* Implementation of range of measures in Niger
  - Establishment of National and regional Dialogue Platforms for CICOS
- Water scarcity and droughts and the role of groundwater
- Financing basin-wide adaptation





## Some lessons learned and recommendations

- \* The climate change adaptation process at the basin level needs to be transparent, interactive and participatory and cross-sectoral
- \* Infrastructure development needs climate change into account and user-pay principle
- Information on risks of non cooperation and benefits of cooperation
- Promote ecosystem-based adaptation
- Importance of exchange of data and information
- Monitoring of effectiveness of measures
- Lack of financial means to implement measures and monitor progress





### Progress and activities 2016

6th Workshop on Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins, 13 - 14 September

 Financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

8th meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate, 15 September





## Some lessons learned and recommendations

- Political will -> awareness raising (politicians and public)
- Importance of domestic finance (Ministers of finance)
- Long term and short term financial strategy for CC
- Consider water in a wider economic outreach (jobs ecosystem services
  PES)
- \* Jungle of international funds (not all labelled CC): guidance is needed
- Need to convince with a business case- > bankable projects: need of capacity building
- \* Complexity of transboundary basins: Need a clear recipient for a bank
- Easier to finance if basin management plan
- \* Additionality: which proportion of measures is attributable to adaptation → needs a better definition

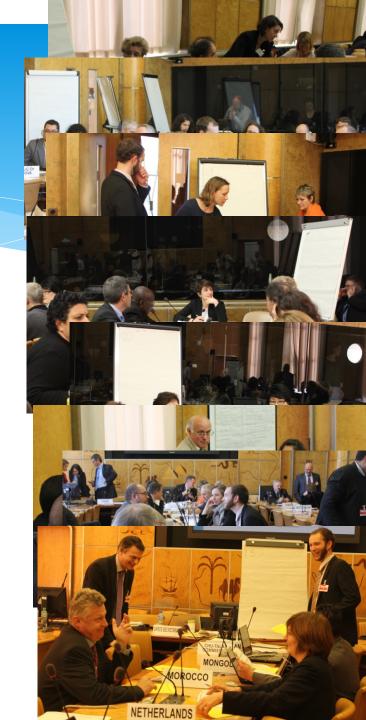




# Most significant achievements

- \* Increased transboundary cooperation and increased adaptive capacity in several transboundary basins
- \* Lessons learned publication
- \* Open atmosphere
- \* Lively discussions
- \* Strategy on future work developed





#### Planned future activities

- \* UNISDR "Words into Action" Implementation Guide for River Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation
- \* A possible sourcebook on sources of financing?
- \* Cooperation with the transport division of UNECE

#### -> -> -> Continue work on financing



