

Special session

Sharing experiences on taking steps towards accession to the two UN global Water Conventions

12 December 2017, 14:00 – 14:50, Room XII

Background

In 2014, the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses entered into force, and in 2016 the Water Convention was opened to all UN Member States. In recent years, many non-parties from across the world have participated in the meetings and activities under the Convention and several of them have started a national discussion on the Water Convention, the Watercourses Convention or both. The aim of this special session is to share the experiences of non-Parties in exploring the national relevance of the Water Conventions. In so doing, the session will benefit countries that have already initiated a process of accession, or countries that may have an interest in starting such a process. The session will consider both the challenges and opportunities associated with the accession process.

Programme

14:00 – 14:05: Brief introduction to the special session.

– Break into groups –

- *Group 1 – Spanish. Facilitator: Ms. Chantal Demilecamps*
- *Group 2 – French. Facilitator: Mr. Komlan Sangbana*
- *Group 3 – English. Facilitator: Ms. Francesca Bernardini/Alistair Rieu-Clarke*
- *Group 4 – Russian. Facilitator: Mr. Alisher Mamadzhadov*

14:10 – 14:20 Presentations in groups: Country examples of taking steps towards accession

- *Group 1 – Mr. Reategui Fernando: The experience of Peru*
- *Group 2 – Mr. Alifa Moussa: The experience of Chad*
- *Group 3 – Mr. Ngo Tuan Dung: The experience of Viet Nam*
- *Group 4 – Ms. Mariam Makarova: The experience of Georgia*

14:20 – 14:50 Group discussions

- (1) What is your national perspective on the Conventions?
- (2) Which steps have been taken so far in your country about studying / acceding to the Conventions?
- (3) Are there any lessons learned you would like to share?
- (4) Which actions are you planning to undertake once back home?