

Future work on water and climate under the UNECE Water Convention

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Draft strategy on future work on water and climate

- Policy work:
 - Increasing recognition of the need for transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation and DRR
 - Mainstreaming climate change adaptation and mitigation in work of water community
- Upscaling of pilot projects:
 - Replicating experience of pilot projects
 - Ensuring sustainability of pilot projects
 - Exchange and collection of experience

Suggestions for the future work

- Policy work:
 - update of the Guidance
 - Development of words into action
 - Input to global processes on water and climate
- On financing together with IFIs:
 - Organize workshop with practical exercises/ training, on project cycle
 - Fostering financing of adaptation measures contained in a transboundary adaptation strategy
 - Prepare a checklist for financing steps or a sourcebook of funding options
- New topics:
 - Integrating climate change adaptation into river basin management plan
 - Workshop on drought management with the Protocol on Water and Health
- New locations and modalities:
 - Organize a meeting of the Task Force together with the European Commission e.g. in Brussels
 - Organize a meeting of the Task Force/ global network elsewhere, e.g. outside UNECE region
 - New locations and focus of pilot projects
 - Twinning between pilot projects

Upcoming events of the Task Force (all tbc) *and other major climate events*

- *7-18 November 2016: COP22 in Morocco*
- 1-3 March 2017: next meeting of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation
- *November 2017: COP23*
- 11-13 December 2017: Next global workshop on water and climate (tbc)
- March 2018: 8th World Water Forum in Brazil
- *November 2018: COP24*
- November 2018: MOP8 of the Water Convention in Kazakhstan

Questions to discuss

- Considering the list of proposed activities what are the priorities for action?
- How to remain relevant for basins and countries from all over the world, including more advanced basins and countries, e.g. EU countries?
- Do we want to update the Guidance and if yes when and how?
- Do we want to provide input to global processes such as under UNFCCC and ISDR and if yes how?
- How to continue the work of the pilot projects?
- How to intensify the exchange of experience between the basins?