



Side-event on:

“Financing resilience projects at transboundary level as a tool to achieve SDG 6 and 13 in a coherent manner”

Saturday 12th of November, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

SDG Pavilion – Blue Zone

The event will be in English

Organized by:



Context

Transboundary cooperation in mitigation and adaptation is crucial as the impact of climate change knows no border, 60% of the world's freshwater flows is in shared basins and 153 countries worldwide share transboundary rivers, lakes and/or aquifers. Therefore, transboundary cooperation makes climate action more effective by reducing uncertainties through exchange of data, enlarging the planning space and guaranteeing the coherence of measures at the basin scale.

At the same time, climate financing is still primarily focused on the national level and funding opportunities are quite limited for transboundary basins organizations dealing with climate change adaptation in shared basins. Though, experience is accumulating about transboundary basin organizations serving as a facilitator to mobilize funding and to develop partnership between national stakeholders, donors and international organizations. The Water Convention provides a legal and intergovernmental platform for practical transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation.

The event, organised by UNECE and the International Network of Basin Organisations, aims to discuss the role of transboundary climate change adaptation as a tool to join forces towards the achievement of SDGs in a coherent manner. The opportunity represented by the 2023 United Nations water conference to accelerate actions on water and climate will also be presented.

Program

INTRODUCTION AND MODERATION (5 min)

Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

PANEL (30 min)

- **Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda**, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to the High-Level Panel on Water and Climate
- **Hon. Eng. Suleiman H. Adamu**, Honourable Minister of Water Resources of Nigeria (tbc)
- **Ms. Ana Sofia Ovalle**, Senior Advisor in adaptation for the Climate Change Council of the Dominican Republic
- **Ms. Coletha Ruhamy**, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC)
- **Mr. Mahamat Abakar Assouyouiti**, Senior Climate Change Specialist at the Adaptation Fund

QUESTION & ANSWERS (20 min)

CONCLUSION (5 min)

Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)