



Convention of the Protection and Use of
Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
Task Force on Water and Climate
Thirteenth meeting
Geneva, Switzerland, 19 October 2022

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTEENTH MEETING

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva with a possibility of remote participation,
starting on Wednesday, 19 October 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Recent activities on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins under the Water Convention
4. How to raise attention to transboundary and regional cooperation in global climate change processes?
5. Future work on climate change in transboundary basins under the Water Convention
6. Other business
7. Closing

II. BACKGROUND AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Background

The Task Force on Water and Climate under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) serviced by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is responsible for activities related to adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins, including flood and drought management, in accordance with the programme of work for 2022-2024 of the Water Convention (programme area 4, see ECE/MP:WAT/63/Add.1). It has the following objectives:

- a) Increase adaptive capacity and improve cooperation in climate change adaptation and mitigation in transboundary basins;
- b) Increase funding for basin-wide or coordinated climate change adaptation measures in transboundary basins by facilitating access to climate funds and building related capacity;
- c) Increase awareness of the importance of water and transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction at the national and transboundary levels and in intergovernmental global processes, such as United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The thirteenth meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate aims to discuss, plan and provide guidance to the implementation of the activities on water and climate under the programme of work for 2022-2024 of the Water Convention.

Practical information

The thirteenth meeting of the Task Force will start at 10.00 a.m. and end at 16.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 October 2022. It will be held in a hybrid manner in the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The Task Force meeting will be preceded by the global workshop on water, agriculture and climate change in transboundary basins, which will be held on 17-18 October 2022. The working languages will be English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The meeting is open to experts representing governmental authorities, the private sector, non-governmental and international organizations as well as other interested stakeholders. Focal points are requested to disseminate information on the meeting and to facilitate the nomination of relevant representatives of their respective countries.

To attend the meeting, whether virtually or in-person, please register using the following link by 10 October 2022: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002381/>

Please kindly find some links towards instructions on:

- 1) How to create an indico account: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GeZuft5xQ4U>
- 2) How to register for an online meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaEj3hShn6U>

For assistance with registration, please see the instructions on the meeting's web page or contact the secretariat by e-mail water.convention@un.org.

Further information and relevant material will be made available on the following website in due course: [Task Force on Water and Climate | UNECE](#)

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening (10.00 - 10.10)

1. The co-Chairs will open the meeting. The Task Force will be asked to elect its officers for 2022-2024. The co-Chairs will summarize the outcomes of the preceding workshop on water, agriculture and climate change in transboundary basins.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda (10.10 - 10.15)

2. The Task Force is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 3: Recent activities on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins under the Water Convention (10.15– 11.00)

Background document: Overview of the activities of the basins in the Global network of basins working on climate change adaptation (TFWC/2022/2)

3. The Task Force will be informed about the recent activities on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins namely the outcomes of the last meeting of the Global network of basins working on climate change adaptation (25 April 2022 in a hybrid format), results of the pilot projects as well as financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins.

4. Representatives of the pilot projects and other basins of the global network of basins working on climate change adaptation will briefly inform about their activities, challenges and lessons learned, followed by questions and comments.

Item 4: How to raise attention to transboundary and regional cooperation in global climate change processes (11.00 - 12.00 and 14.30 – 15.30)

5. The Task Force will be informed about the latest developments and important next steps with regards to water and climate under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris agreement, the Nairobi Work Programme, the Adaptation Committee etc. It will also be briefed about related processes such as the Marrakech Partnership, the initiatives Action for Water Adaptation and Resilience (AWARE) and Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST), the Water and Climate Coalition, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, etc.

6. The Task Force will discuss how it can provide input to the UNFCCC processes, in particular the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties to UNFCCC (Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, November 2022). In addition, participants will discuss how they can raise attention to the importance of water, regional and transboundary cooperation and accelerate action on water and climate when implementing and revising Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), other national climate strategies and plans, adaptation communications and in the global Stocktake.

7. Finally, the Task Force will discuss opportunities to integrate transboundary/regional perspectives into development and implementation of NDCs and NAPs, in particular in transboundary basins.

Item 5: Future work on climate change in transboundary basins under the Water Convention (15.30 - 16.20)

Background document: Strategy for future work on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins under the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/2015/4)

Programme of work for 2022-2024 (ECE/MP:WAT/63/Add.1)

8. The Task Force will discuss future activities on water and climate under the programme of work of the Water Convention for 2022-2024 (ECE/MP:WAT/63/Add.1). Participants will discuss the details of the future activities, for example, the topics of the next global workshops, on-line compendium of good practices in and financing for climate change adaptation in transboundary basins.

9. The Task Force will also discuss linkages with other related activities under the Water Convention, such as on the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus, and with the climate change activities under the Protocol on Water and Health.

10. Different partners will be invited to provide comments on linkages between the Water Convention and their work.

Item 6: Other business (16.20 - 16.30)

11. At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this item. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item should inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

Item 7: Closing

12. The co-Chairs will close the meeting at 16.30 on Wednesday, 19 October 2022.
