

Training workshop “From practitioner to practitioner:  
how to use the two global Water Conventions to promote cooperation on the ground”

# The Gambia's Accession Roadmap and Impact on Transboundary Cooperation in the Senegalo- Mauritanian Aquifer Basin

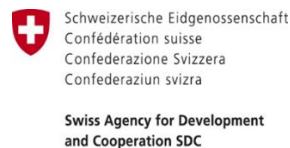
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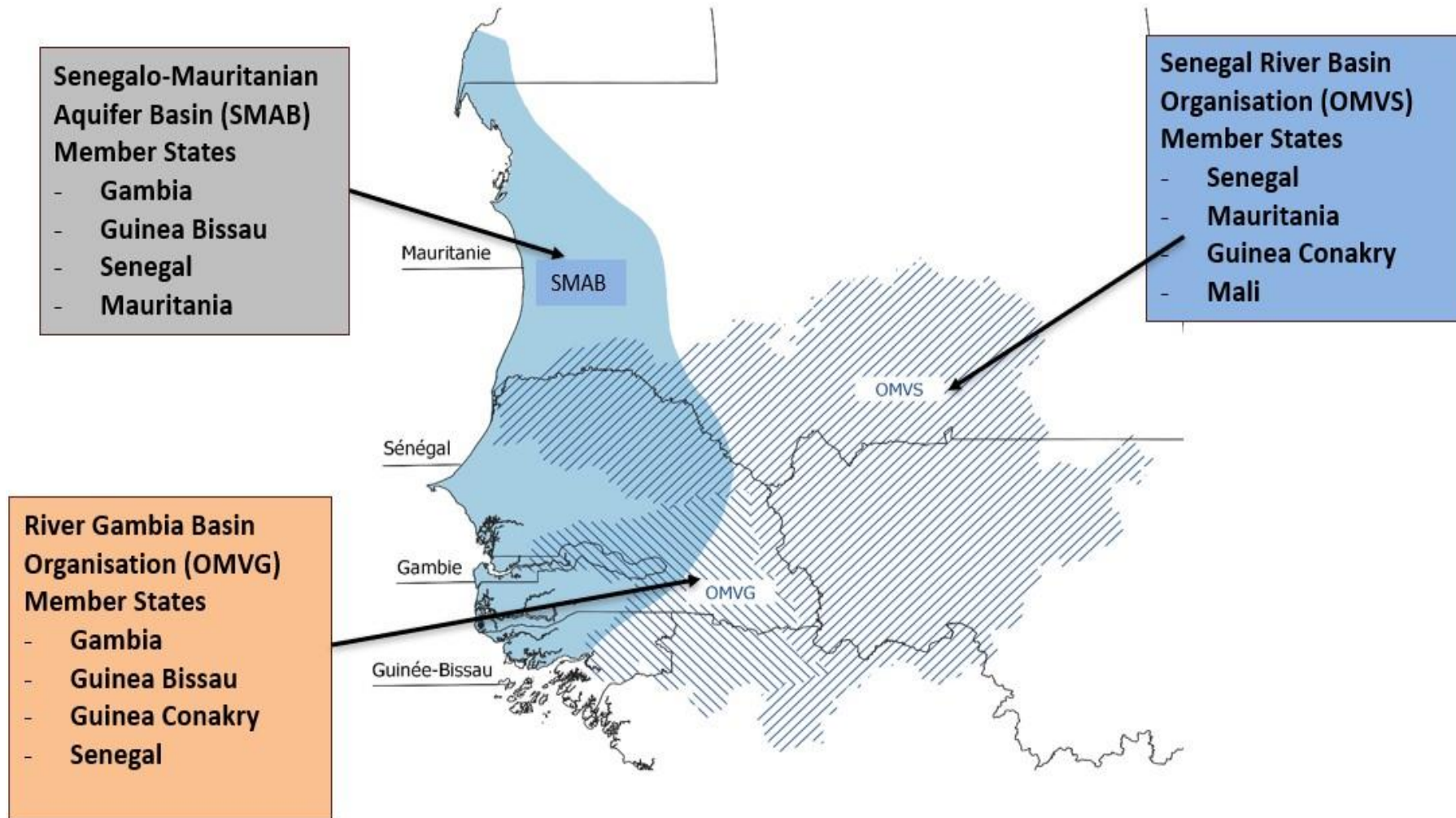
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# THE GAMBIA'S SHARED TRANSBOUNDARY WATER RESOURCES



# HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL INTERACTION WITH THE WATER CONVENTION SECRETARIAT AT THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE WATER CONVENTION

□ 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, **Geneva Switzerland**, Signing ceremony of the Ministerial Declaration by Ministers in charge of Water in the Senegalou-Mauritanian Aquifer Basin (SMAB), which was supported by the **Water Convention Secretariat with other technical and financial partners including EU**, in collaboration Basin Organisation (OMVG & OMVS).



(from left to right)

1. Republic of The Gambia: H.E. Mr. James Furmos Peter Gomez
2. Republic of Guinea Bissau: H.E. Mr. Orlando Mendes Viegas
3. Islamic Republic of Mauritania: H.E. Mr. Mohamed El Hassen Boukhreiss
4. Republic of Senegal: H.E. Mr. Serigne Mbaye Thiam



## **13 December 2021**

**A National Stakeholder Awareness Creation and Briefing on The Gambia's accession process to the two UN Water Conventions was held in Banjul, The Gambia**

**It was organised by the Water Convention Secretariat with political support from the Republic of Estonia, the Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention and with Financial support from European Union.**



*Meanwhile, this created an opportunity for the Ministry to network and exchange contacts with Mr. Luca PALAZZOTTO, the representative from Delegation of the European Union to The Gambia at the meeting.*

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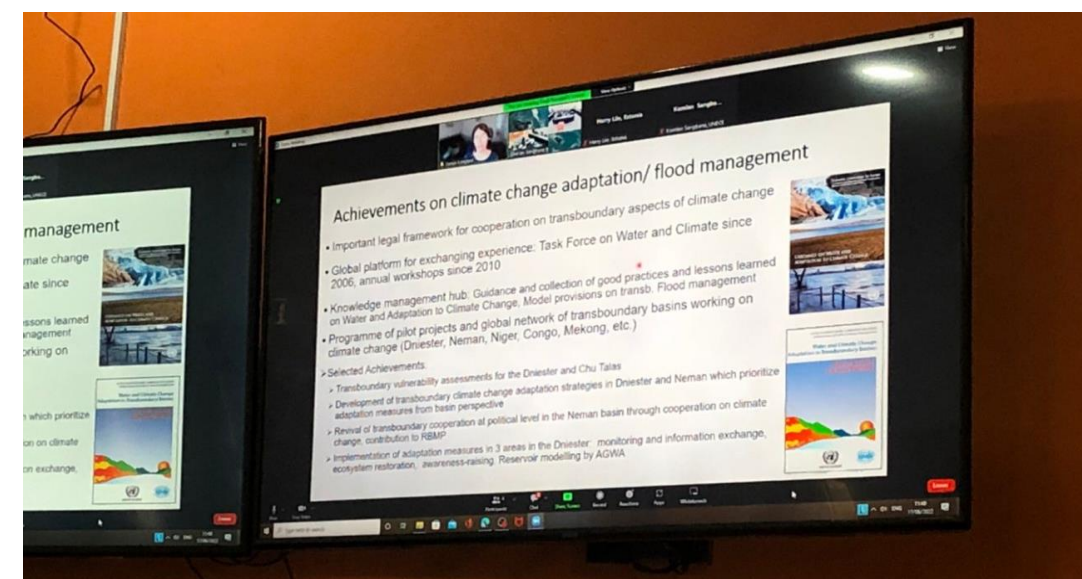
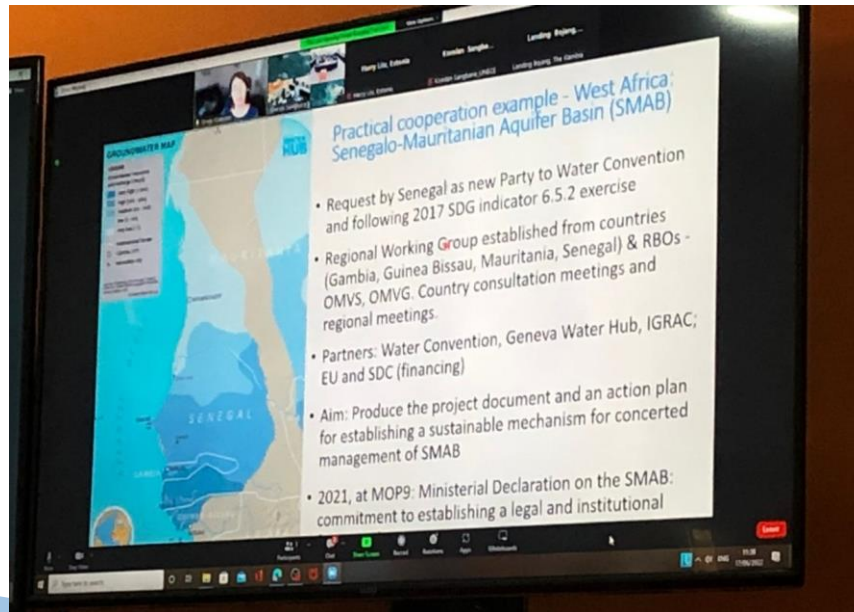
- ❑ **15 December 2021 – 5 January 2022**, drafting and reviewing of Cabinet Paper by the ministry and relevant stakeholders, which was ultimately endorsed by the Honourable Minister and submitted to Cabinet on the **6<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**
- ❑ **13<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**, Cabinet approved the accession to the two (2) UN Water Conventions paving the way for ratification by the National Assembly,
- ❑ **17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**, Official request for an audience with the Delegation of the European Union to The Gambia, to discuss on the roadmap of The Gambia's accession process,
- ❑ **1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022**, the EU Delegation granted audience to the Ministry, where a roadmap was outlined. Part of which, was the organization of the sensitization workshop for the National Assembly members on the provisions, obligations and benefits of the two Conventions.





# The hybrid Sensitization Workshop

- 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2022, organization of a hybrid workshop on the Sensitization and Awareness Creation for the National Assembly Members, drawn from the Environment and Agriculture Committees and their support staff, on the provisions, obligations and benefits of the two (2) UN Water Conventions,



# Ratification by the NA of The Gambia

**16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**, Honourable Musa S Drammeh, the Minister for Fisheries, Water Resources and National Assembly Matters, tabled the two UN Water Conventions before the National Assembly Plenary which were ultimately ratified



**23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023**, Signing of the two Instruments of Ratification by H.E. President Adama Barrow, President of The Republic of The Gambia



# DEPOSITION OF THE TWO INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION

**The Gambian Permanent Mission in New York, has requested for a Treaty Ceremony on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, through the office of Legal Affairs**



**To be Presided over by**

**Hon. Musa S Drammeh, Minister for Fisheries, Water Resources and National Assembly Matters**





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION**

