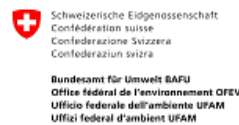




Global Workshop
on Droughts in Transboundary Basins
26-27 February 2024, Geneva

Introduction to objectives and programme

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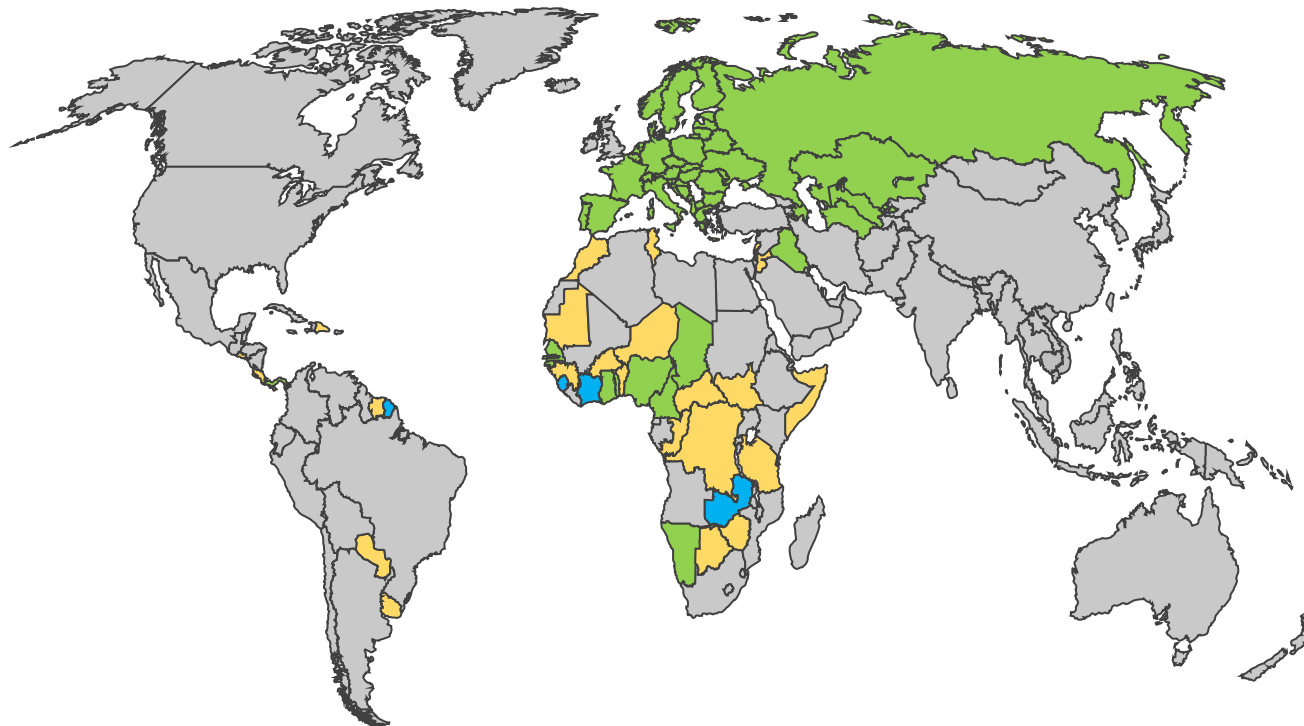
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Unique global legal and intergovernmental United Nations framework on transboundary cooperation



Global platform for capacity building, sharing knowledge and experience, guidance and projects on the ground under the umbrella of the United Nations



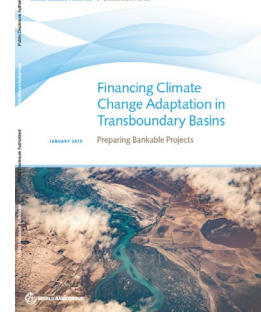
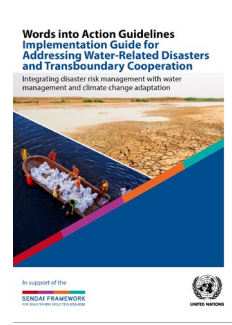
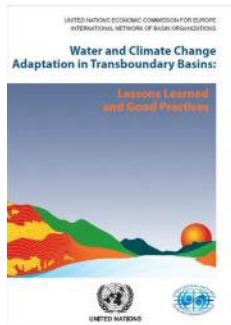
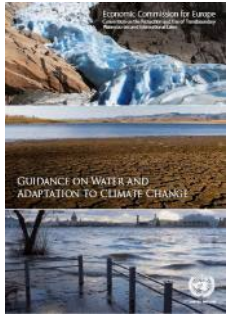
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The Gambia, Panama, Namibia, Nigeria
and Iraq (2023)**

**Countries very close to accession: Côte
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**Countries in the process of accession to
the Convention (>20)**

Water Convention work on climate change

- Task Force on Water and Climate since 2006
- Guidance and publications on water and climate



- Promoting water and climate in global processes
- Regular global workshops
- Pilot projects
- Global Network of basins working on climate change adaptation

Objectives of the workshop

- The workshop will bring together water, agriculture, climate and environment communities as well as drought experts to jointly discuss best practices and lessons learned in addressing droughts in transboundary basins.
- Topics to be addressed:
 - drought management planning in transboundary basins, integration of drought management into river basin management planning and national actions;
 - role and activities of transboundary basins organisations; how to consider drought and water scarcity in transboundary water cooperation agreements;
 - global and regional initiatives and policies on drought management under changing climate;
 - role of aquifers;
 - early warning, data exchange and monitoring of droughts in transboundary basins;
 - flood-drought interaction in the same shared basins incl. forecasting, assessment, planning and implementation of measures;
 - Measures such as land-use management and nature-based solutions; water allocation, green and grey infrastructure solutions for droughts etc.

Programme of the workshop

11:00 – 13:00 Session 1: Introduction to drought management: global and local context

15:00 – 17:00 Session 2: Early warning, data exchange and monitoring of droughts in transboundary basins

17:00-18:00 Interactive discussion in breakout groups

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DAY 2, 27 February

10:00 – 12:15 Session 3: Drought management planning in transboundary basins

12:15 – 13:00 and 15:00-17:45: Session 4: Solutions for drought management in transboundary basins, incl. launch of the summary handbook on water allocation in transboundary basins

17:45-18:00: Closure

28 February: 14th meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate

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