



**Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary  
Watercourses and International Lakes**

**Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management**

Nineteenth meeting

**Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment**

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Item 17 of the provisional agenda

**Preparation of the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties**

## **Draft programme of the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties**

### **Note by the secretariat**

#### **Background**

The present document provides an overview of the provisional agenda of the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties scheduled to take place on 23-25 October 2024.

The Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment are invited to review the draft programme and provide comments.

The programme will be further elaborated by the Bureau, in cooperation with the secretariat, based on the comments received and other relevant developments and considerations.

### **I. OVERVIEW OF THE MEETING**

<b>Wednesday, 23 October</b>	Meeting of the Parties High Level Segment
<b>Wednesday, 23 October - Friday, 25 October</b>	Meeting of the Parties General Segment

### **II. DRAFT AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

#### **WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2024**

##### ***HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT***

#### **1. Opening and adoption of the agenda (10.00-10.50)**

- Opening speech and ceremony by Slovenia
- Opening speech by Estonia
- Statements by United Nations representatives
- Adoption of the agenda, rules for the meeting

## **2. Status of ratification of the Convention and its protocols and report on credentials (10.50-11.15)**

- Celebration of new accessions

## **3. Special session (11.15-13.00 and 15.00-17.15)**

- Presentation of the SDG indicator 6.5.2 report
- Moderated discussion "Our waters, our future: Transboundary water cooperation to power climate resilience"

*DURING LUNCH BREAK 13.00-15:00: SIDE EVENTS*

### ***GENERAL SEGMENT***

*The general segment will review progress under the different areas of work under the Convention and discuss future activities.*

## **4. Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins (17.15-18.00)**

- Review of progress achieved and discussion on future activities
- Interventions by some pilot project countries/ basins
- Intervention by UNFCCC and COP29 presidency

## **THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2024**

## **5. Reporting under the Convention and on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 (10.00-10.30)**

- Review of the 2023 reporting exercise under the Convention and on the SDG Indicator 6.5.2, together with a forward-looking discussion how to move from reporting towards improving transboundary water cooperation
- Discussion on future activities

## **6. Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation (10.30-13.00)**

- Progress in national processes towards accession and implementation of the Strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level
  - *Statements by countries in accession process*
  - *Discussion on past and future activities in this programme area*
- Launch of the third progress report on implementation of the Convention
- Supporting implementation and application of the Convention through twinning and projects on the ground
  - *Report from the matchmaking event*
  - *Progress of the twinnings between Finland-Namibia and Hungary-Ghana-Zambia and in activities in basins such as the Drin, Drina, Senegalo-Mauritanian aquifer, and other basins*

- *Discussion on future activities*
- Supporting the development of agreements and the establishment of joint bodies
  - *Report on the work to support legal frameworks for transboundary water cooperation*
  - *Interventions by some of the basins supported*
  - *Discussion on future activities*
- Implementation Committee
  - *Report by the Implementation Committee on the work to support Albania and Montenegro, Portugal and Spain.*
  - *Election of five Committee members*

*DURING LUNCH BREAK 13.00-15:00: SIDE EVENTS*

**7. Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in transboundary basins (15.00-15.30)**

- Review of progress achieved and discussion on future activities
- Interventions by 2-3 countries/ partners

**8. Supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation in the transboundary context (15.30-16.00)**

- Review of progress achieved and discussion on future activities
- Interventions by 2-3 countries/ partners

**9. Promote IWRM in transboundary basins (16.00-16.45)**

- Report on the work to foster source-to-sea management in transboundary basins
- Report on the work on conjunctive management of Surface Water and Groundwater
- Discussion on future activities

**10. Water and industrial accidents (16.45-17.00)**

- Review of progress achieved and discussion on future activities

**11. Financing of the Convention (17.00-18.00)**

- Reporting back on the last MOP decision on “Targets for financial sustainability of the work under the Water Convention”
- Presentation of the financial situation of the trust funds
- Discussion and pledges
- Presentation of the “Note on the usefulness of a more predictable and sustainable funding mechanism of the Water Convention”

**FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2024**

**12. Election of officers for the Convention for 2025-2027 (chair, vice-chairs and Bureau) (10.00-10.20)**

**13. European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues (10.20-10:50)**

- Discuss progress in implementation of EUWI NPDs
- Discuss future development beyond 2024
- Interventions by countries

**14. Financing of transboundary water cooperation (10.50-11.20)**

- Review of progress achieved and discussion on future activities
- Interventions by partners and Parties

**15. Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins (11:20-11.50)**

- Review of progress achieved and discussion on future activities

**16. Partnerships and contribution to global processes (11.50-12.25)**

- Cooperation with UN-Water, global and regional partners and other MEAs

**17. Communication and promotion (12.25-13.00)**

- Role of Focal Points

*DURING LUNCH BREAK 13.00-15:00: SIDE EVENTS*

**18. International Water Assessment Centre (15:00-15:30)**

- Review of progress achieved and discussion on future activities
- Discussion and adoption of IWAC workplan for 2025–2027

**19. Programme of work for 2025–2027, terms of reference of the bodies established to implement it and resources needed for its implementation (15.30-17.00)**

- Activities, objectives, lead Parties and financing
- Bodies to implement the programme of work

**20. Date and venue of the eleventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (17.00-17.10)**

**21. Other business (17.10-17.20)**

**22. Presentation and adoption of the main decisions (17.20-17:45)**

**23. Closing of the session (17.45-18:00)**