

Under the Water Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health we are finalizing an **action-oriented document on mainstreaming water supply, sanitation and transboundary water management and cooperation into NDCs and NAPs**. The issues of transboundary water management and water supply, sanitation have a direct link to droughts; thus, I would like to share more information today on this matter. This document can serve as a guidance for countries for integrating WASH and freshwater transboundary actions prominently in their NDCs and NAPs. The document showcases best practices from countries in mainstreaming TWMC and WASH into development and implementation of NDCs and NAPs, including examples on how transboundary basin organizations can support development and implementation of NDCs and NAPs.

Less than 2% of NDCs integrate TWMC and around 13% of NAPs do so. There is room for improvement considering that TWC makes climate mitigation and adaptation more efficient.

I would encourage you to have a look at the **action-oriented document on mainstreaming water supply, sanitation and transboundary water management and cooperation into NDCs and NAPs** and to promote it among the countries which you are working with so that they apply them for NDC and NAP development.

The part of this document focused on TWMC was presented and welcomed by the 10th session of the Meeting of the Parties of the Water Convention on 23-25 October in Ljubljana, 2024 and is available in Engl, FR, SPA and RUS. Actually, it was presented at the high-level segment special session *“Our waters, our future: Transboundary water cooperation to power climate resilience”*. There was a lot on

droughts and water scarcity. Materials and key-message are available at our website.

The full document was presented at the launch of the COP 29 Baku Dialogue on Water for Climate Action on 21st November in Baku. This Baku Dialogue is part of the COP 29 Presidency Water for Climate Action initiative developed together with UNECE, UNEP and WMO. This dialogue aims to keep water in climate agenda from COP to COP. This Baku Dialogue also launched the COP29 Declaration on Water for Climate Action which about 60 countries already endorsed. If your countries are interested in joining this Declaration, I am happy to share more information.

The recent UN-Water report by UNECE and UNESCO on the [Progress on Transboundary Water Cooperation: Mid-term Status of SDG Indicator 6.5.2, with a Special Focus on Climate Change](#) provides national experiences on transboundary cooperation incl. in drought management as well as case-studies on CCA incl. drought management from transboundary basins.

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<https://unece.org/environment/documents/2024/10/working-documents/mainstreaming-transboundary-water-management-and>

[https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2024-11/Action oriented document Transboundary%20and%20WASH advanced draft 14Nov2024.pdf](https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2024-11/Action%20oriented%20document%20Transboundary%20and%20WASH%20advanced%20draft%2014Nov2024.pdf)

Progress on Transboundary Water Cooperation – 2024 Update

<https://www.unwater.org/publications/progress-transboundary-water-cooperation-2024-update>

Tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention

<https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Water-Convention/events/387291>