

27th UN-Water Meeting

Expert Group on Transboundary Waters

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2. If membership is already established, please list the Expert Group member organizations. Please also attach the Expert Group's mailing list.

The Expert Group on Transboundary Waters should build on the previous Thematic Priority Area on the same topic.

The following organizations have been involved in the work of the Thematic Priority Area on Transboundary Waters:

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Global Environment Facility (GEF)
Global Water Partnership (GWP)
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
RAMSAR Convention
Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
United Nations University (UNU)
World Health Organization (WHO)
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Not all members have been equally active, depending on the importance of the topic compared to their overall mandate. At the same time, other organizations active on the topic might wish to join the Expert Group.

To ensure effective functioning of the Expert Group, UN-Water members and partners should confirm/express their interest in participating in the Expert Group.

3. Please describe the Expert Group's proposed specific terms of reference.

Transboundary water issues are getting a growing attention by the international community and within the UN system. The adoption of the SDGs with a target on transboundary cooperation and its relevant global indicator, the entry into force at the global level of the two United Nations

conventions on transboundary water cooperation, the adoption of the UNGA resolution on the law of transboundary aquifers, the debates in the Security Council on water, peace and security and the work of the High-Level Panel on Water and Peace are driving political and technical attention on the topic.

The UN-Water Expert Group on Transboundary Waters is intended to provide a platform to:

- 1) Coordinate substantive inputs to policy processes related to transboundary waters (surface water and groundwater);
- 2) Coordinate promotion, awareness-raising and outreach efforts supporting transboundary water cooperation;
- 3) To promote coherence and coordination of activities by UN-Water members and partners in the area of transboundary waters, including on international water law, by facilitating exchange of information, experiences and lessons learned and by promoting joint efforts.

4. If the Expert Group is responsible for delivering an output as per the [UN-Water Work Programme 2016-2017](#), please provide a progress update.

Prepare a UN-Water policy brief on the two global Water Conventions

Initial ideas have been collected. The work will be mainly done in the second half of 2017 – beginning of 2018

5. Any other comments.

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