

Water Convention MoP 20 21- Nexus Side event

Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus: Operationalizing solutions, strengthening transboundary cooperation

Date and time: Monday, 27 September, 14:00-15:30 (CET)

Organizer: Global Water Partnership (GWP)

Objective and Outline: Stories from practitioners and a panel discussion will bring up and share field experience regarding the results of and potentials in using the Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus approach to operationalise solutions for advancing transboundary cooperation and sustainable natural resources management.

Introduction

Undoubtedly, in transboundary settings, not addressing trade-offs and externalities may result not only in poor management of natural resources management but also in friction between countries and reduced trust, at best hindering regional development and at worst generating conflict. Conversely, a nexus (or cross-sectoral) approach to managing common resources could greatly enhance water, energy and food security in riparian countries, including by: increasing resource use efficiency, capitalizing on regional complementarities, and improving natural resource governance.

The Nexus approach introduces systems thinking in the analysis and management of natural resources.

Transboundary issues and their solutions transcend sectors (at national level) and covers water resources transcending national borders. The Nexus approach also transcends sectors (at national level) and covers water resources transcending national borders, thus, it could be used for the identification of transboundary issues and their solutions enabling cooperation.

Questions that the Side-event will address

- What is the added-value of Nexus Assessments in a transboundary water resources management context?
- Can the nexus approach lead to the initiation and enhancement of transboundary cooperation through the identification of
 - Transboundary issues also in the form of tradeoffs
 - Benefits of cooperation
 - Solutions and investments that address the causes of transboundary issues and generate multiple benefits?
- To what extent it is possible to use the above as
 - Entry points for initiating or enhancing cooperation
 - Means to enhance natural resources management?

Agenda

Time CEST	Agenda Item	Speakers
14:00 – 14:06	Welcome and Introduction Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aims and objectives of the event - structure of the event - ground rules 	- Julienne Roux, GWP - Dimitris Faloutsos, GWP
14:06 – 14:10	Welcome by Water Convention	- Lucia de Strasser, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE
14:10 – 14:20	Key note address on using the nexus approach for advancing transboundary cooperation	- M Abderahim Bireme Hamid, Executive Secretary of the Niger Basin Authority
14:20 – 14:55	Storytelling Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to breakouts 5 mins - Pitching: 5 mins (one minute per storyteller) - Breakout Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytelling: 10 mins • Discussion: 15 mins 	- Julienne Roux, GWP - Moussa Ibrahim, Niger Basin Nexus project, GIZ - Tassos Kromydas, Global Water Partnership Mediterranean - Cesar Carmona Moreno, European Commission – Joint Research Center - Gidon Bromberg, EcoPeace Middle East - Hastings Chibuye, Zambezi Watercourse Commission
14:55 – 15:05	Reporting back - Reflections and feedback	
15:05 – 15:25	Panel discussion	Moderator: Dimitris Faloutsos, GWP Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moussa Ibrahim, Niger Basin Nexus project, GIZ - Tassos Kromydas, Global Water Partnership Mediterranean - Cesar Carmona Moreno, European Commission – Joint Research Center - Gidon Bromberg, EcoPeace Middle East - Hastings Chibuye, Zambezi Watercourse Commission
15:25 – 15:30	Closing	- Julienne Roux, GWP - Dimitris Faloutsos, GWP