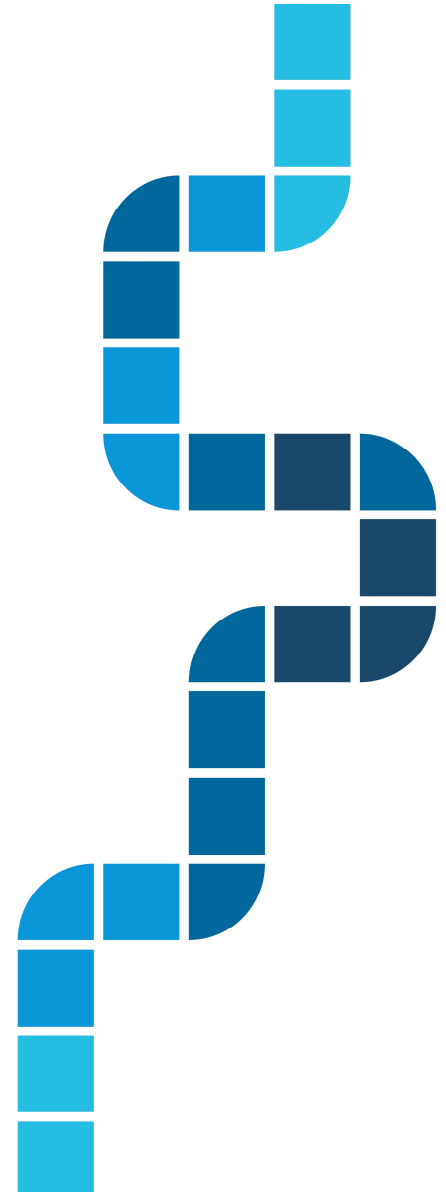


Transboundary water cooperation commitments

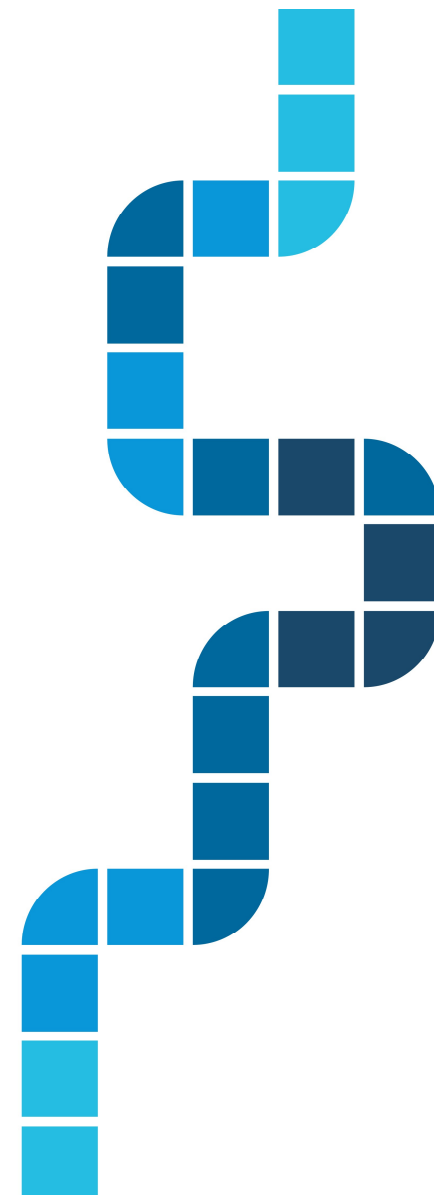
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What is the Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition?

- A **diverse, multi-stakeholder coalition** of actors from around the world with a wide range of functions and capacities, the Coalition will **inspire and foster equitable and sustainable cooperation on transboundary waters and provide support through its members.**
- The coalition will provide a **catalyzing framework for commitments and progress on transboundary water cooperation**, especially linked to the UN 2023 Water Conference and the call for voluntary commitments that will comprise one of the outcomes of the Conference, the Water Action Agenda.
- The Coalition objective is to **promote and support both the sustaining and the advancement of transboundary water cooperation in the context of the Water Action Agenda and SDG 6**, in light of growing risks, including those linked to climate change.



Who can make commitments to the Water Action Agenda of the UN 2023 Water Conference?

- **States** – including **national** basin and aquifer organizations
- **International organizations** (intergovernmental and hybrid) – including **international** basin and aquifer organizations
- **Non-governmental organizations** – think tanks, civil society, academia
- **Finance sector** – including investors, banks, insures, and stock exchanges

Commitments can be categories along four key pillars:

- **Legal and institutional dimension** of transboundary water cooperation
- **Data, information, knowledge and technical support** for transboundary water cooperation
- **Capacity development** for transboundary water cooperation
- **Funding and financing** for transboundary water cooperation

What commitments will you bring to the UN 2023 Water Conference?



Develop an assessment for your shared basin or aquifer



Integrate water cooperation into high school & university curricula



Improve data and information sharing



Coordinate your SDG 6.5.2 report with co-riparians



Set up a basin organization for a shared river or aquifer

Joint investment plan for your shared basin



Include youth and women in transboundary cooperation



Accede to global UN water conventions



Conclude a transboundary agreement



Make your basin organization financially sustainable



Did you know?

153 countries share transboundary waters.

Yet only **24** countries have **all** their transboundary waters covered by operational arrangements.

Your government can make a difference.

Submit your commitment on transboundary cooperation to the Water Action Agenda

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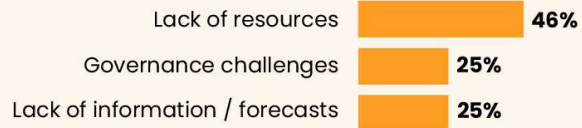


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Develop knowledge of links between armed conflicts, trans-boundary waters and health



Assess linkages between surface waters and groundwaters



Provide training for basin organizations



Research the state of a basin / aquifer



Develop a network of researchers



Establish an NGO network in a shared basin



Provide data and risk assessments to help resource mobilization

What commitments will you bring to the UN 2023 Water Conference?

Develop capacity for conflict prevention



Conduct research on water security



Did you know?

The world has **310** transboundary river basins and **468** transboundary aquifers

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