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?

- Coordinate your SDG 6.5.2 report with co-riparians
- Accede to global UN water conventions
- Set up a basin organization for a shared river or aquifer
- Conclude a transboundary agreement
- Develop an assessment for your shared basin or aquifer
- Integrate water cooperation into high school & university curricula
- Joint investment plan for your shared basin
- Include youth and women in transboundary cooperation
- Improve data and information sharing
- 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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What commitments will you bring to the UN 2023 Water Conference?

Support negotiations of an agreement
Develop capacity on data and tools for cooperation
Fund research on conflicts, water and peace
Support setting up a basin or aquifer organization
Support source-to-sea approach
Ease access to finance for implementation
Support interested countries to accede to water conventions
Promote access to finance for basin organizations
Fund joint infrastructure in shared basins

Did you know?
Joint bodies face many operational difficulties.

- Lack of resources: 46%
- Governance challenges: 25%
- Lack of information/forecasts: 25%

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- 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
- Develop knowledge of links between armed conflicts, transboundary waters and health
- Conduct research on water security
- Develop capacity for conflict prevention

Did you know?
The world has 310 transboundary river basins and 468 transboundary aquifers

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Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition
Get inspired and make your commitment towards the UN 2023 Water Conference

The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) is committed to supporting governments and basin organizations with tailored capacity development and dialogue support for a wide range of activities related to cooperation over shared water resources. SIWI is further committed to support inclusive transboundary processes with knowledge development, including research on water cooperation, water diplomacy, and water governance.

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