

Short Summary for Session 3.1.3

Sustainable and equitable cooperation on TB water bodies requires a clear legal and institutional framework, backed by political will of all participating levels of governments. Equally important is a national legislative/regulatory and policy supporting structure in each country allowing participating entities to fulfil their TB commitments and actively participate in the work of the TB institution. Given complex global changes, TB cooperation depends on a framework of adaptive management within which the TB institution established under the clear legal framework can operate. Joint monitoring and assessment systems for agreed joint action programmes allow informed decisions to be made while stakeholder participation plays a key role in strengthening the authority and representativeness of the TB institution and keeping political support high. External grant financing is a necessary condition to speed up multi-country sustainable and equitable cooperation followed by national financial commitments to sustain the institutions.