

Thematic Session 4.3.5 Reporting (v.20 April 2015)	
Session Title	Sharing benefits of transboundary waters across sectors and countries
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What are the most Critical enabling elements to achieve success in this issue?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Water/Food/Energy/Ecosystem Nexus provides countries with a tool to improve transboundary cooperation. • Recognizing the value of ecosystems services and interlinkages between them, that can be derived from cooperation across sectors and national borders. • Stimulating a common framework for assessing the cumulative impacts of the countries' national intersectoral plans are central. • Basin organisation rae needed to provide a forum to facilitate discussion on benefits and intersectoral opportunities. • Encouraging common fact finding followed by a shared visioning process, including investment plans • Data sharing agreements on the status of the transboundary water resource • Continuously updated scenario assessments based on sound science, of benefits, costs, impacts, risks leading to more substantiated development plans • Donor funding to initiate the shared visioning process is essential towards creating financial and political capable corporation arrangements.
What are the key global and local action ideas from your session?	<p>Global To include a stronger consideration to transboundary cooperation and cross sectorial dialogue in the global water discourse.</p> <p>National To increase the capacity of political leaders of the necessity and the wide range of benefits that can be gained from transboundary water cooperation by recognizing IWRM and the NEXUS</p> <p>Local To ensure a stronger public and private stakeholder engagement in applying IWRM and NEXUS principles in transboundary contexts and in contributing to the benefits identification.</p>
What activities/ processes do you propose on the implementation roadmap and what further action is needed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding agencies such as the Global Environment Facility with targeted funding available for stimulating transboundary Water Corporation will be essential for countries to initiate/continue the process of understanding and managing transboundary waters across sectors and countries. • Understanding of the stress on the shared water systems is important to inform management decisions. The upcoming launch of the Transboundary Water Assessment Project, will provide a science-based set of indicators to measure stress on transboundary Ecosystems (Rivers, lakes, aquifers, Large Marine Ecosystems and Open Oceans) • Political leaders need to confirm the importance of transboundary and intersectoral approaches into the post 2015 agenda.