

[Thematic Process] Session Proposal Form

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All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory

1. Session					
Reference theme*					
(Multiple selection is possible, in case of	the joint session with other themes)				
□ 1.1. Enough Safe Water for All					
□ 1.2. Integrated Sanitation for All					
☐ 1.3. Adapting to Change : Managing Ri	sk and Uncertainty for Resilience and Disaster Preparedness				
☐ 1.4. Infrastructure for Sustainable Wat	er Resource				
□ 2.1. Water for Food					
□ 2.2. Water and Energy					
☐ 2.3. Water and Cities					
☐ 3.1. Green Growth, Water Stewardship	and Industry				
☐ 3.2. Managing and Restoring Ecosyster	ns for Water Services and Biodiversity				
☐ 3.3. Ensuring Water Quality from Ridge	e to Reef				
☐ 3.4. SMART Implementation of IWRM	□ 3.4. SMART Implementation of IWRM				
☐ 4.1. Economics and Financing for Innov	vative Investments				
$\hfill 4.2.$ Effective Governance : Enhanced F	Political Decisions, Stakeholder Participation and Technical Information				
x 4.3. Cooperation for Reducing Conflict	and Improving Transboundary Water Management				
□ 4.4. Water Cultures, Justice and Equity					
□ 4.5. Enhancing Education and Capacity Building					
Session type*	□ Concluding Session (Design Group only) x Issue Session (Session Group)				
Joint Session with different processes	□ Regional Process (please specify: □ Political Process (please specify: □ Science and Technology Process (please specify:)				
Session title* (please kindly use media-f	riendly language)				

Session description* (180 words, please kindly use media-friendly language)

International water law and basin-level agreements

Sound legal frameworks at the global, regional and basin level are essential for stable and reliable cooperation and for preventing conflicts in shared basins. The majority of watercourses, however, and even more transboundary aquifers, still lack adequate legal frameworks.

The past two years have brought major developments in this regard. Two global legal frameworks are now in place to foster cooperation: the 1997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses (UN Watercourses Convention), which reached in 2014 the required ratifications threshold to enter into force in 2014, and the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (UNECE Water Convention or Helsinki Convention), which has been opened for accession worldwide. The session will celebrate these major steps forward in international water law and discuss how the two global treaties can be implemented in an effective, coherent and mutually supportive way.

In addition, cooperation examples from transboundary basins will illustrate how the legal frameworks help countries to create adequate river basin governance structures, assist in establishing new and in improving existing agreements, prevent conflicts and address other challenges such as balancing multiple water uses or climate change adaptation.

Session Duration*		□ 90min x 120min		
	Order	Estimated lead time (min)	Description of items/presentations	Confirmed speakers
	1	5 min	Introduction by the session convenors UNECE, GCI and IUCN	
	2	5 min	High-level message on the topic (e.g. video message by Ban Ki-Moon)	
Session schedule in detail (Insert as many items as you wish)	3	10 min	Keynote speech on latest developments in international water law	Possible speakers include J. Dellapenna, Attila Tanzi, Patricia Wouters, S. McCaffrey
	4	45 min	Panel/ short presentations from basins around the world on how international water law has facilitated transboundary cooperation in basins	Examples may include Dniester, Sixaola, SADC, local champions such as Jean Bosco Bazié from Burkina Faso, OMVS, ECOWAS, Chu Talas
	5	40 mins	Participants will discuss in small groups by region how international water law can be further promoted in their region/ basin	
	6	15 min	Reporting back and concluding panel	Representatives of Parties to one or two of the Conventions

Session objectives and outputs* (please kindly use media-friendly language)

- Demonstrate how global, regional and basin-wide legal frameworks promote transboundary cooperation on the ground
- Discuss how to use the momentum of the entry into force of the UN Watercourses Convention and the global opening of the UNECE Water Convention for motivating additional countries to accede to these frameworks
- Support those basins which do not have legal agreements and joint institutions yet in establishing them by sharing good practices and lessons learnt

Session Contribution* (How this session can contribute to the impleme	ntation roadmap?)
The session will provide examples and approaches for advancing to	ransboundary cooperation through legal agreements at the global,
regional and basin level as well as their implementation.	
Targeted audience in your session*	
x Government/Local government $$	Public Corporation x Academia, Research Institute
☐ Industry (Enterprises, etc.) xCSO (Civil Society Organizations, NGC	O) Others()



2.1 Session Convenor (Working group coord	inator)*		
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3.	Session	Format	/Logistics
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Expected number of Participants(room size) ¹⁾ *	
□ Less than 50pax □ 50~100pax 100~150pax x 150~200pax □ More than 200pax (pax)
Preferred Room Type ²⁾ *	
□ Theater Type □ Classroom Type x Roundtable Type □ Other()
Use of Translation English–Korean(FREE of charge) 3) *	
x Yes □ No	
Use of Translation for other languages(charged service) 3) *	
□ Yes x French ? Spanish □ Arabic □ Chinese □ Russian □ Other(Please indicate language	e(s))
□ No	
1) The room size is subject to changes.	

- 2) The room type is subject to changes.
- 3) The 7th World Water Forum Secretariat provides a simultaneous translation in English-Korean only. Please note that the use of translation service for other languages will be charged to the session convenors. The guidelines for the extra services for translation including the price and other details will be announced shortly.
- All rooms will be equipped with 1 computer, 1 video projector, 1 screen, 2 microphones and 1 staff.
- · Additional equipments or services(furniture, catering service, additional staff, etc.) will be charged to the session convenors. The guidelines for the extra equipment and catering services including the price and other details list will be announced shortly.
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I agree with the terms and conditions as stated in this form on behalf of this group.

Date	
Organization _	

Applicant _____

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