

## [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	(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						
$\hfill\Box$ 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	□ 2.3. Water and Cities					
☐ 3.1. Green Growth, Water Stewardship	and Industry					
□ 3.2. Managing and Restoring Ecosystems for Water Services and Biodiversity						
□ 3.3. Ensuring Water Quality from Ridge to Reef						
□ 3.4. SMART Implementation of IWRM						
☐ 4.1. Economics and Financing for Inno	vative Investments					
☐ 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)					
Laint Consider with different management	Regional Process (please specify:					
Joint Session with different processes	□ Political Process (please specify: ) □ Science and Technology Process (please specify: )					
Session title* (please kindly use media-f						

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

The water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus as a driver for realizing benefits of transboundary cooperation

Cooperation on transboundary waters often results in a wide range of benefits reaching well beyond the water sector. Common to most country development agendas are water-, food, and energy security and healthy ecosystems to provide for sustainable development and improved livelihoods. While country-by-country development across the water, agriculture and energy sectors is prone to sub-optimal solutions for riparian countries, cooperation can increase benefits to basin countries. For example, better management of shared waters has helped to limit human and economic losses from floods in the Rhine river basin, reduced the costs of generating electricity from hydropower thanks to energy trading in the Mekong River basin, and improved water quality through shared monitoring in the Danube River basin and eliminated dead-zones in the Black Sea.

The extent to which countries are willing to engage with co-riparians in transboundary cooperation is often determined by the perception by each country of the potential benefits of cooperation. In addition, the process of regional cooperation contributes to building trust among riparian countries (and vice versa), and facilitates broader regional integration, stability and the prevention of conflicts.

A nexus (or inter-sectoral) approach to managing the interlinked resources within a transboundary basin thus can enhance water, energy and food security by increasing efficiency, reducing trade-offs, building synergies and improving governance across sectors and

borders. The session will illustrate concrete examples of intersectoral cooperation to advance transboundary management of basin resources. It will also include interactive discussions.

Session Duration	*	□ 90min x 120min		
	Order	Estimated lead time (min)	Description of items/presentations	Confirmed speakers
	1	5 min	Introduction by UNECE and GEF	
Session schedule in detail (Insert as many items as you wish)	2	15 min	Teaser introductions setting the scene Two experts on the topic will in an interactive dialogue introduce the topic, raise questions and challenge each other	
	3	40 min	5 Speakers from different basins and/ or regional economic commissions will illustrate mechanisms to share benefits of transboundary cooperation in transboundary basins and regions.	Examples may include: Sava, Vuoksi <mark>,</mark> Senegal, Itaipu, Danube, Rhine, Mekong, Chu Talas, SADC, Stampiet Aquifer, Alazani, Diktas, ECOWAS, ECCA, etc.
	4	40 mins	Participants will discuss in small groups about different aspects related to the nexus and benefits of cooperation such as benefit-sharing, institutional issues etc. Each table will be introduced and led by an expert bringing forward a specific example or initiative in the area.	
	5	15 min	Bringing the outcomes back together and conclusions	
	6	5 mins	Concluding remarks by UNESCO	

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

- Increased understanding of the benefits of transboundary cooperation among basin organizations and policy-makers through optimizing water-food-energy-ecosystem needs in transboundary basins
- Exchange of experience and collection of good practice examples on how to engage and institutionalize cross-sector and cross-border cooperation in transboundary basins
- Exchange experience on assessing the benefits and costs of cooperation trough a Nexus approach

**Session Contribution\*** (How this session can contribute to the implementation roadmap?)

The session will provide examples and approaches for advancing transboundary cooperation through sharing of benefits across sectors and horders and advancing regional development integration, and stability

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Targeted audience in your session*					
x Government/Local government	x International Organization	□ Public Corporation	x Academia, Research Institute		
□ Industry (Enterprises, etc.) xC	SO (Civil Society Organizations, I	NGO)   Others(	)		

2.1 Session Convenor (Working group coord	inator)*		
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3. Session Format/Logistics	

Expected number of Participants(roor	m size) <sup>1)</sup> *			
□ Less than 50pax □ 50~100pax	x 100~150pax	□ 150~200pax	☐ More than 200pax (	pax)
Preferred Room Type <sup>2)</sup> *				
☐ 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	s(charged service	) <sup>3)</sup> *		
□ Yes x French ? Spanish □ Ara	bic 🗆 Chinese	□ Russian	<ul> <li>Other(Please indicate language(s)</li> </ul>	)
□ No				
1)The room size is subject to changes	·	·		

- 2) The room type is subject to changes.
- 3) The 7<sup>th</sup> 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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(Contact information is different depending on themes. Please refer to the contact information on the bottom of the page)

I agree with the terms and conditions as stated in this form on behalf of this group.

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