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1. Session

Reference theme*

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- 1.1. Enough Safe Water for All
- 1.2. Integrated Sanitation for All
- 1.3. Adapting to Change : Managing Risk and Uncertainty for Resilience and Disaster Preparedness
- 1.4. Infrastructure for Sustainable Water 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 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 Innovative Investments
- 4.2. Effective Governance : Enhanced Political Decisions, Stakeholder Participation and Technical Information
- 4.3. Cooperation for Reducing Conflict and Improving Transboundary Water Management
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Session type*	<input type="checkbox"/> Concluding Session (Design Group only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Issue Session (Session Group)
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Session title* (please kindly use media-friendly language)

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

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

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



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