



Organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item of the agenda / Activity</i>
Wednesday 10 October 2018	
7:00 – 9:00	Registration and distribution of badges
9:00 – 9:30	Seating procedure at the main hall
HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT	
9:30-10:20	Item 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda. Cultural performance by the host country
10:20-10:30	Item 2. Status of ratification of the Convention and its Protocols and report on credentials
10:30-10:40	Item 3. Adoption of revised rules of procedure
10:40-13:00 & 15:00-17:00	Item 4. Special session: Transboundary water cooperation: Sharing water for people, planet, prosperity and peace
10:40-13:00	Part 1 – Transboundary water cooperation and water allocation: Preventing conflict and ensuring peace and stability
13:00 – 13.35	Press conference (for media representatives only)
13:00-15:00	Lunch break and side events
13:30-14:45	Side event: Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem Nexus: Benefits for resource security across borders (Room 1 Syr Darya, EFR ¹) <i>Organized by IUCN, CAREC and UNECE Water Convention Secretariat</i>
	Special Event: Learn more about the Water Convention (Room 2 Amu Darya, EFRS) <i>Organized by the UNECE Water Convention Secretariat</i>
	Side event: Opportunities for water diplomacy in conflict-prone regions (Room 3 Esil, ER), <i>Organized by SIWI</i>
15:00-17:00	Part 2 – Sharing waters in the context of growing water scarcity: How can transboundary water cooperation make a difference?
GENERAL SEGMENT	
17:00-18:30	Item 5. Reporting under the Convention and on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2
18:30 – 18:45	Group picture at the photo zone
18:45 – 19:00	Transfer to the reception
19:00 – 21:00	Reception on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan Restaurant "Astana Music - Hall", 1 Bauyrzhan Momyshuly Ave.

¹ Languages in which interpretation will be provided for side events: E- English ; F-French ; S-Spanish ; R-Russian.

For the main sessions (high-level and general segments), simultaneous interpretation in English, Russian, French, Spanish and Arabic will be provided.

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Thursday 11 October 2018	
8:30-9:45	Side event: Transboundary Water Governance in Africa (Room 1 Syr Darya, EF) <i>Organized by AfDB and ANBO</i>
	Side event: Transboundary Water Governance in Latin America (Room 2 Amu Darya, ES) <i>Organized by Peru</i>
	Side event: National Policy Dialogues under the EU Water Initiative – Achievement, lessons learned and benefits for transboundary cooperation and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Room 3 Esil, ER) <i>Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan, EU, UNECE, OECD, UBA and IoW</i>
10:00-10:45	Item 5. (cont.) Reporting under the Convention and on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2
10:45-13:00 & 15:00-15:30	Item 6. Opening of the Convention, promotion and partnerships
10:45:11:30	Part 1 – Assistance with countries’ accession to and implementation of the Convention through projects on the ground and capacity development
11:30-11:50	Part 2 – Strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level
11:50-13:00 & 15:00-15:30	Part 3 – Cooperation with partners
13:00-15:00	Lunch break and side events
13:30-14:45	Side event: The GEF7 Replenishment – Enhancing cross sectoral cooperation (Room 1. Syr Darya, ER) <i>Organized by the GEF</i>
	Side event: Hot topic – Sharing experiences on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins (Room 2 Amu Darya, EFR) <i>Organized by GAfWaC and the UNECE Water Convention Secretariat</i>
	Side event: Youth in transboundary cooperation (Room 3 Esil, ER) <i>Organized by the Kazakh German University</i>
	Side event: Results of the Summit of the Heads of State of Central Asia: Practical solutions and prospects for regional water cooperation (Main Room, ER) <i>Organized by EC-IFAS</i>
15:00-15:30	Item 6. Part 3 (cont.) – Cooperation with partners
15:30-16:00	Item 7. Implementation and compliance.
16:00-16:30	Item 8. Supporting implementation and application of the Convention through projects on the ground and capacity development
16:30-17:15	Item 9. European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues
17:15-18:00	Item 10. Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in transboundary basins
18:00 – 19:00	Transfer to the dinner venue
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner – “Buffet” for participants on behalf of the host country Restaurant Silk Way Service, Palace of Independence, Tauelsizdik Ave. 52

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Friday 12 October 2018	
8:30-9:45	Side event: Biodiversity and Transboundary Water Cooperation (Room 1 Syr Darya, ER) <i>Organized by WWF</i>
	Side event: Enhancing the implementation of the Water Convention - The role and relevance of the Implementation Committee (Room 2 Amu Darya, EFR) <i>Organized by the Water Convention Implementation Committee and the UNECE Water Convention Secretariat</i>
	Side event: Kick-starting Transboundary Cooperation: Establishing sound institutional and legal frameworks (Room 3 Esil, EFR) <i>Organized by INBO and the UNECE Water Convention Secretariat</i>
10:00-10:45	Item 11. Identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary cooperation
10:45-11:45	Item 12. Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins
11:45-12:30	Item 13. Water and industrial accidents
12:30-13:00	Item 14. International Water Assessment Centre
13:00-15:00	Lunch break and side events
13:30-14:45	Side event: Transboundary Water Cooperation and the Global Observatory on Water and Peace (Room 1 Syr Darya, ER) <i>Organized by the Geneva Water Hub</i>
	Side event: An impactful relationship: Fostering Source-to-Sea of Management of Transboundary Basins (Room 2 Amu Darya, ER) <i>Organized by GEF IW-Learn and SIWI</i>
	Side event for the Parties to the (1997) UN Watercourses Convention (by invitation only) (Room 3 Esil, EF) <i>Organized by Hungary, Jordan, Germany and the Netherlands</i>
15:00-16:30	Item 15. Programme of work for 2019–2021, terms of reference of the bodies established to implement it and resources needed for its implementation
16:30-16:45	Item 16. Election of officers
16:45-16:55	Item 17. Date and venue of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties
16:55-17:00	Item 18. Other business
17:00-17:45	Item 19. Presentation of the main decisions
17:45-18:00	Item 20. Closing of the session
18:00 – 18:20	Cultural closing performance by the host country
19:00 – 20:00	Astana excursion program for participants