The (International) Architecture for Transboundary Water Management

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Institutions: ‘rules of the game’
• Principles, policies, regulations, legislations and social norms etc

Organisations: ‘players or actors’
• Government departments (national, provincial, local), NGOs, CBOs, civil society etc

Ref: North, 1990
Intergovernmental and Regional Institutions

River Basin Organisation Agreements

Eg SADC Revised Protocol on Shared Watercourse Systems

Multilateral Agreements

Bilateral Agreements

Eg EU Water Framework Directive
National Institutions

- Water Law and Policy
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Mining Law and Policy
- Forestry Law and Policy
- Agricultural Law and Policy
- Built Environmental Law and Policy
**Issue based Governance Mapping – Domestic and Stock dams in State of Victoria, Australia**

**Global**
- International Agreements eg Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

**Federal**
- Constitution
- Council of Australian Governments
- Dept Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population & Community
- Commonwealth Water Act 2007
- National Water Initiative
- National Water Commission
- The Living Murray

**Basin**
- Murray Darling Basin Authority
- Guide to Basin Plan
- Basin Plan
- Water Resource Plans

**State -Victoria**
- Department of Sustainability and Environment
- Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994
- Our Water Our Future
- Statement of Obligations
- Department of Health
- Legislative Regulation - Stock and Domestic Dams
- Temporary Qualification of Rights
- Planning & Environment Act 1987

**Regional**
- North Central Catchment Management Authority
- Goulburn-Murray Water Corporation
- Coliban Water Corporation
- Water Supply - Demand Strategies
- Regional River Health Strategy
- Catchment Management Plans

**Local**
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Local Planning Policy Framework
- Municipal Strategic Statement
- Bendigo Planning Schedule
- Lake Eppalock Special Area Plan
Challenges

- Co-ordination
- Overlap
- Divergence
- Mismatches
- Implementation

Question: How can the two global conventions help reduce these challenges for transboundary water management?
Thank You

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Module A - What are the benefits of having two water conventions operating at the global level?, 10:30-12:00

Chair: Ms Zaki Shubber, UNESCO IHE-Delft

Setting the scene: The international architecture for transboundary water management – a complex web of related instruments and Institutions, Dr Marian Patrick, Stockholm International Water Institute

Panel discussion
• Comparing the content of the UNECE Water Convention and UN Watercourses Convention – key similarities and differences, Professor Attilla Tanzi, University of Bologna
• How might institutional co-ordination foster synergies between both global water conventions? Mr Remy Kinna, Oxfam
• Can transboundary aquifers benefit from having two global water conventions and how to connect? Dr Alice Aureli, UNESCO
• Financing transboundary water cooperation – does the presence of two global water conventions help? Dr Christina Leb, The World Bank

Q&A

Module B - Perspectives on membership of the UNECE Water Convention and the UN Watercourses Convention?, 12:00-13:30

Chair: Dr Francesco Sindico, University of Strathclyde

Panel discussion
• An overview of reasons given by States on their joining of the UN Watercourses Convention, Dr Alistair Rieu-Clarke, University of Dundee
• Regional perspectives on joining the UN Watercourses Convention, Professor Gabriel Eckstein, Texas A&M University
• How does the UNECE Water Convention support transboundary water cooperation on the ground, Mr Alexandros Kolliopoulos, UNECE Water Convention, Vice-Chair of Legal Board, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece
• Entry into force of the UNWC – why should it matter?, Dr Salman Salman, IWRA Fellow
• The implications of joining either or both Conventions, Professor Stephen McCaffrey, University of the Pacific

Q&A moderated by Ms Lesha Witmer, WWF

Wrap up, Dr Alistair Rieu-Clarke