

STRATEGIC DIRECTION: **1. Ensure everyone's well-being**

PRIORITY for ACTION: **1.5 Contribute to cooperation and peace**

Draft Target 2: By 2020, 50% of the world's transboundary river and lake basins benefit from comprehensive cooperation and integrated management agreements signed by all riparian countries

	<u>DEVELOPMENT OF TARGET</u> Expected results	<u>PRACTICAL STEPS</u> Activities to be done/ indicators
<p>PHASE I : Recognition that cooperation and comprehensive agreements between riparian states are key to the peaceful, equitable, coordinated and efficient management of transboundary water resources</p>		
<p>WWF March 2009 + WWW 2010</p>	<p>There are 276 transboundary rivers in the world.</p> <p>Numerous bi or multilateral agreements exist in those international basins but very few are comprehensive; mostly, they are partial or sectoral agreements limited to navigation, hydro-electric power or flood protection issues.</p> <p>To ensure the development of transboundary water resource management, <u>comprehensive cooperation agreements must be set up between riparian countries</u> in a format appropriate to the regional context of each river basin. The implementation of those agreements has to be ensured within a joint basin organisation (secretariat, international commission, river authority) in which all relevant countries are collaborating.</p> <p><u>The Ministers present in the WWF 5 in Istanbul</u> have stated that « they will take, as appropriate, tangible and concrete measures to improve and promote cooperation on sustainable</p>	<p>Take into account the outcomes of activities developed within the 5 sessions of theme 3.1 of the World Water Forum of Istanbul " Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation" which have met more than 200 participants.</p> <p>Take into account the Istanbul Ministerial Declaration.</p>

	use and protection of transboundary water resources through coordinated actions of riparian States, in conformity with existing agreements and/or other relevant arrangements, taking into account the interests of all riparian countries concerned. They will work to strengthen existing institutions and develop new ones, as appropriate and if needed, and implement instruments necessary for improved management of transboundary waters ».	
KO Meeting June 2010	The cooperation between countries sharing the same water resource has been underlined as a key element. In a great number of transboundary basins, it is necessary to widen the existing sectoral water agreements. Better cooperation can be a way to facilitate comprehensive agreements.	
Fall 2010	Preparation Committee develops the draft target and its action plan. The documents will be circulated to the January 2011 2 nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting and will be discussed then	Prepare the draft target and its action plan
PHASE II: By 2012, x riparian countries have committed to the implementation of comprehensive cooperation agreements on transboundary waters, tending towards the integrated water resource management of transboundary waters		
January 2011	Target is refined at the World Water Forum's 2 nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting in Paris	Present and discuss the draft target and action plan at the meeting during a break-out session
2011	Regional Process : Identification of water cooperation status in the transboundary basins by identifying the basins without any agreement or joint cooperation	Set up an identification framework with the relevant partners (INBO, UNESCO ...) ; this framework has to be filled in through the regional process of the Forum and by other means; this framework will be elaborated under

	<p>structure or shared management mechanism, and the case of basins where a fragmented or sectoral cooperation already exist.</p> <p>Identification of cases of transboundary basins which did put in place a global cooperation including all aspects of the water management and <u>elaboration of case studies</u> for each of them</p> <p>Political process :</p> <p>Preparation of the commitment of the relevant riparian States to go towards a global cooperation on their transboundary waters, following the Ministerial Declaration</p>	<p>the umbrella of the Technical Permanent secretary of INBO and UNESCO, in relation with GEF</p> <p>The regional process pilots of the Forum seek getting necessary information with the support of regional partners, namely the 8 regional networks of INBO, NARBO, Development Banks, great Water and Environment NGOs, and the interested regional cooperation organisations.</p> <p>Elaboration of <u>a handbook on the integrated water resource management in transboundary basins</u>, which will be led by INBO, GWP, UNESCO, AfBD, AsBD...</p> <p><u>This handbook and the methodological guideline for aquifer management</u> (issued in December 2011 under umbrella of AFD with Water Academy, UNESCO, BRGM, INBO and IOW) will be useful as knowledge base in the awareness, communication, and capacity building processes (2011 and beyond)</p> <p>Elaboration of « solutions » to meet the target the global cooperation on water management in the different types of transboundary basins: those solutions will be thought in the 2nd stakeholder workshop and through the case studies coming from the identification process and the handbook writing process and thanks to the regional conferences of basin organisations and structures which are supporting the process (MENBO and EURO-INBO general assembly, INBO in Porto, LANBO in Cartagena</p>
<p>March 2012</p>	<p>To present results at the 6th World Water Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - examples of global cooperation and lesson learnt about the process followed to progress - cases of partial / fragmented cooperation 	<p>Guideline on the development of global cooperation to be used by policy decision makers</p> <p>Setting up the list of the bi or multilateral agreements between riparian countries of transboundary basin with content and by difference</p>

	<p>- outcomes for the basins without any cooperation approach</p> <p>Debate on the different « solutions » and the requirements for their implementation</p> <p>Political Process : Commitment of States to sign global cooperation agreements of water in their transboundary waters</p>	<p>the gaps (with Dundee UNESCO centre, Oregon State University ...)</p> <p>Communication about the State Commitments to implement global cooperation on water issues</p>
<p>PHASE III: Final target: By 2020, global agreements of water cooperation have been set up in 50% of transboundary rivers and lake basins</p>		
<p>2012 - 2020</p>	<p>Taylor-made institutional support to create or reinforce the transboundary basin organisations and to support the States in the elaboration of their cooperation agreements</p>	<p>Set up at regional level the basin priorities by combining the State willingness level, the conflict or non-conflict situation among countries, and the existing cooperation in other sectors (trade, economy, transportation, ...)</p> <p>Start from those existing agreements (even partial) for expanding their content and the number of country members</p> <p>Take into account the geography of the basins</p>