



Mainstreaming Conservation into Transboundary Water Cooperation

Details:

- Date: 05 Sep 2021
- Time: 16:00 - 18:00
- Room: Virtual Channel 6
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Description:

Freshwater ecosystems are under increasing pressure around the globe. Population growth, pollution, climate change and weak governance are putting at risk the availability and integrity of waters worldwide. Weak governance in particular has the potential to generate high costs for humans and the environment due to inadequate policies, laws and institutions regulating their conservation and management. IUCN with the support of SDC and in collaboration with key strategic partners has developed a variety of approaches, training packages and tools that have promoted conservation and cooperation in transboundary rivers and lakes in Latin America, Africa and South East Asia.

In this session, participants will reflect on key approaches and tools to mobilise transboundary water cooperation, facilitate dialogues, support the development of agreements, strengthen water institutions and assess the benefits from cooperation required to secure the integrity and conservation of shared freshwater ecosystems.

Speakers will address on the importance of strengthening the capacities of key stakeholders on global legal and institutional frameworks for transboundary water cooperation as a means to ensure nature conservation.



Speakers:

- Maria Carreno Lindelien, Global Water Programme
- Alejandro Iza, Environmental Law Centre
- Hanna Plotnykova, UNECE Water Convention Secretariat
- Maria Apostolova, OTCA
- Michel Levi, Andean University
- Maria Teresa Ortega, CCAD
- Ernesto Steinvorth, UICN ORMACC
- Maria Laura Pineiros, UICN SUR
- Diego Jara, Environmental Law Centre

Agenda

Time	Activity	In charge
16:00 – 16:05	Welcoming words	IUCN Global Water Programme
16:05 – 16:15	The need to strengthen capacities for transboundary water cooperation and conservation	Environmental Law Centre
16:15 – 16:30	Frameworks and practical approaches for conservation in transboundary basins under the Water Convention	UNECE Water Convention Secretariat
16:30 – 16:45	Regional approaches for transboundary water cooperation under the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organisation	Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization
16:45 – 17:00	Questions and answers	Environmental Law Centre
17:00 – 17:40	Strengthening governance and diplomacy capacities in Latin America: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central American Diploma on Transboundary Waters • Andean Advanced Course on Governance of Transboundary Waters 	Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD) Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences Andean University Simon Bolivar
17:40 – 17:50	Launching of the Water Law, Governance and Diplomacy Learning Platform	IUCN
17:50 – 18:00	Questions and answers	Environmental Law Centre