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To: Authors, focal points and other points of contact for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

Dear colleague,

It gives me a great pleasure to present you the publication "*Water and climate change adaptation in transboundary basins: lessons learned and good practices*".

The publication was produced by the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) and many other partners. It was developed as an outcome of the Sixth World Water Forum (target 3.3.2) and launched at the Seventh World Water Forum in the Republic of Korea (Daegu, 13 April 2015).

The publication analyses important principles, lessons learned and good practices for developing climate change adaptation strategies in basin or transboundary context. It draws on the experience of UNECE pilot projects, the UNECE/INBO global network of basins and numerous other organizations and initiatives. The 58 case studies and 63 lessons learned presented in the publication cover a variety of subjects, such as legal frameworks for adaptation in transboundary basins, information and data needs, impact and vulnerability assessment, developing and prioritizing adaptation measures, financing, evaluation, communication, capacity-building and stakeholder involvement.

I hope that this publication will contribute to understanding the importance of and facilitate further cooperation on climate change adaptation in transboundary and national basins.

The publication will be made available in French and Russian later this year. Additional information and the electronic version of the publication are available on the Water Convention's website at http://www.unece.org/env/water/climate_change_publication.html.

Sincerely yours,

Francesca Bernardini
Secretary of the Meeting of the Parties to the
UNECE Water Convention