

Water Allocation in Transboundary Basins: *Tools, approaches & lessons learned under the Water Convention*

Water Convention Secretariat

Handbook On Transboundary Water Allocation (Published Oct 2021)

Aim = practical guide, overview of the key elements, frameworks and modalities

A compendium style Handbook, covering the major topics
46 exemplar case studies

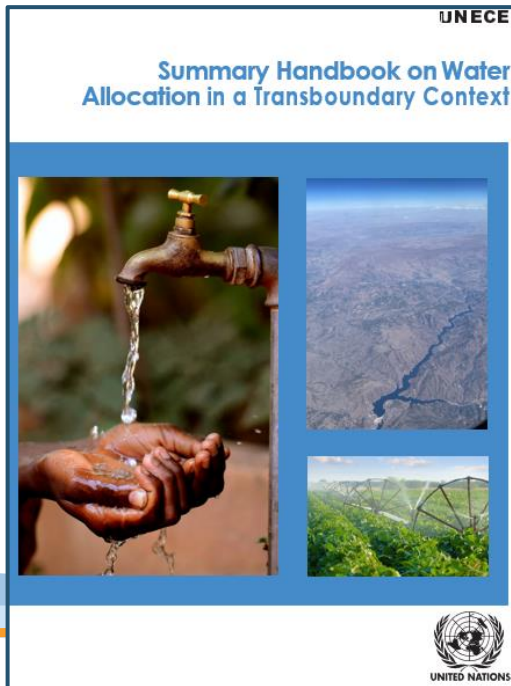
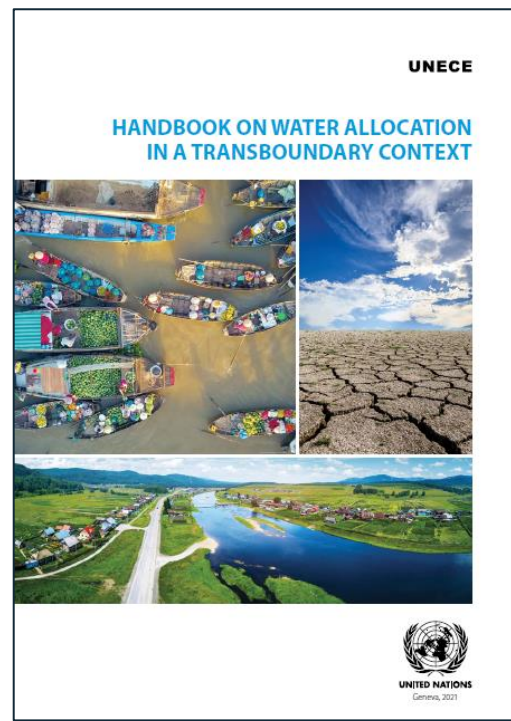
First global overview of water allocation agreements in transboundary waters

Intergovernmental process =

Participation of >100 countries, 70 international organizations, 20 river basin organizations = Adopted at MOP 9 in 2021

>50 experts selected for expertise, regions & diversity => balanced composition

Provide general technical oversight, advice & inputs on structure & content



Tools & Publications

Summary Handbook On Water Allocation (Published Dec 2023)

A timely update to the Handbook given the increasing prevalence of water scarcity and drought since the Handbook was adopted at MOP9

A shorter, targeted practical resource for policy / decision-makers featuring snapshot of key elements, frameworks, modalities to consider

Reference to full Handbook Case studies + New case studies highlighting emerging initiatives and practices

Water Allocation in Transboundary Basins

- Water allocation - the allocation in terms of quantity, quality or timing of water resources between and within different sectors and for different uses - is one of the biggest challenges in water management and protection.
- In a transboundary context – this involves 2 or more states
- Increasing demands on water from different sectors, growing water scarcity and climate variability have led to a growing global interest in the topic of water allocation, particularly in a transboundary context, as competition over shared water resources rises.
- **Objective:** Raise capacity on development of equitable and sustainable transboundary arrangements on water allocation based on increased understanding and knowledge of the possibilities and limitations of water allocation in transboundary basins and aquifers, including mechanisms, tools and practices.

ACTIVITIES

- Regional, basin or bilateral workshops, workshop session, webinars etc
- Promoting use of the Handbook on Water Allocation in a Transboundary Context and its Summary Handbook
- Promoting related tools (ie Development of Agreements, WEFE Nexus), exploring practical synergies and linkages between national and transboundary allocation approaches.

MORE INFORMATION

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