

Water Convention: 20 Years Anniversary

Convened by the Ministry of Interior, Hungary

and

the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Side Event - Budapest Water Summit 2016
29 November 2016, 13:30-14:30 - Tisza Gallery (Building D)

Thematic focus: *Transboundary Waters*

2016 marks an important milestone in the history of the Water Convention. The side event, held under the Hungarian presidency of the Water Convention, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of the Water Convention and its global opening.

This event will review the significant achievements over the past 20 years under the Water Convention as well as lessons learned and success factors, but also discuss future expectations and perspectives, in particular in the light of its opening to accession to all United Nations members States, since 1 March 2016.

Considering that more than half of all watercourses worldwide cross borders, this event will foster the achievement of SDG goal 6, target 5, which include transboundary water cooperation. Furthermore, the Water Convention is currently chaired by Hungary and the event will add a joyful celebratory tone to the Summit.