

## **LEGAL FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT FOR TRANSBOUNDARY AQUIFER MANAGEMENT**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Substantial amount of groundwater are found in transboundary aquifers far from political, scientific and development discussions and have not been given attention by policymakers and decisionmakers. Transboundary aquifers could only be effectively cared for if there are responsive legal arrangements for their management. This requires, among, others, (i) management plans prepared for each side of the border; (ii) establishment of a joint working-level consultative committee; (iii) harmonized law enforcement regulations; (iv) provision for a sustainable financing scheme. Care should be taken that the agreement will, in no way, imply relinquishment of control over national territory.

**PALAVRA-CHAVE: legal framework development, integrated management, joint consultative committee, harmonized regulations, financing scheme, management plan**